



ANNUAL FORUM 2021
EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGY FOR THE ALPINE REGION (EUSALP)
CLOSING EVENT OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY 2020-2021

Nice-Acropolis

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December 2021
(Hybrid format – on site and virtual)

Tuesday December 14th, 2021

First part of the Annual Forum

Coffee reception

8:00 – 9:00

9:00 – 12:00: General Assembly

Under specific invitation

Interpretation in 5 languages: French, Italian, Slovenian, German, English

For the members of the GA	For the other participants
Opening and visit of the exhibition - Village of initiatives 12:00-12:15	Coffee reception for participants of the Annual Forum 12:00-14:00
Official Photo 12:15-12:30	
Press conference 12:30-13:00	
Lunch 13:00-14:00	

14:00 – 18:00: Launch of the EUSALP Annual Forum

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14:00 – 14:25: Welcome session

- Welcome by **Christian ESTROSI**, Mayor of Nice, President of the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis, Delegate President of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region
- **A look back at the 2020-2021 Presidency**: Cooperation in the Alpine region to face climate change, promote adaptation to its effects and resilience (4-5 minutes)
- **Nicolas PLAIN**, main witness of the French Presidency (10 minutes)



14:25 – 15:00: Opening session – Achievements and highlights of EUSALP in 2021 for the French presidency – Outlooks for 2022 with the future Italian presidency

- **Renaud MUSELIER**, President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, Deputy President of Regions de France
- **Marie-Guite DUFAY**, President of Bourgogne-Franche-Comté Region
- **Laurent WAUQUIEZ**, President of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region
- **Sławomir TOKARSKI**, Director, European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programme Implementation I, DG REGIO, European Commission
- **Joël GIRAUD**, Secretary of State in charge of Rurality
- **Raffaele CATTANEO**, Minister for Environment and Climate of the Lombardy Region – Italian Presidency 2019
- **Arno KOMPATSCHER**, President of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen–South Tyrol (videoconference) and **Mirko BISESTI**, Deputy for Education and Culture of the Autonomous Province of Trento – Italian Presidency 2022

15:00 – 17:00: Round tables – The ecological transition to face climate change: EUSALP in action for a sustainable and resilient Alpine region

✓ Panel 1 : EUSALP acts in the face of climate change in the Alpine region

15:00-15:40

- **Hugues FRANCOIS**, Research Engineer (University of Grenoble-Alpes/ INRAE LESSEM)
- **Ingrid FELIPE**, Vice-President for Transport, Waste management and Sustainable development of Tyrol (videoconference)
- **Representative of the French State** [tbc]
- **Leandra KREISSER**, Youth Council member, Tyrol
- **Philippe ALPY**, Mayor of Frasne, Vice-President of the Doubs department in charge of territorial development, attractiveness and European and cross-border affairs
- **Claus HABFAST**, City Councillor in charge of Europe, Mountains and Architectural Heritage, City of Grenoble

✓ Panel 2 : EUSALP acts for the attractiveness of the Alpine region

15:40-16:20

- **Luca GIUPPONI**, Researcher, UNIMONT, University of Milan
- **Matteo MARNATI**, Minister for Environment, Energy, Innovation, Research of the Piedmont Region
- **Fabrice PANNEKOUCKE** [tbc], Deputy regional Adviser of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region
- **Sophia KIRCHER**, First Vice-President of the Tyrol Regional Parliament



- **Stefano TRAPLETTI**, Youth Council member, Lombardy
- **Miro KRISTAN**, Vice-President of CIPRA International

✓ Panel 3 : EUSALP acts for the resilience of the Alpine region

16:20-17:00

- **Wolfgang CRAMER**, Professor-Dr- CNRS, Mediterranean Institute for Biodiversity and Ecology (IMBE), Aix-en-Provence
- **Jean-Pierre HALKIN** [tbc], Head of Unit Macro-regions, Transnational / Interregional / External Cooperation, Enlargement, DG REGIO, European Commission
- **Thorsten GLAUBER**, Bavarian State Minister for Environmental and Consumer Protection Affairs
- **One Austrian or Slovenian representative** [tbc]
- **Timothy SUNG**, Youth Council member, Salzburg
- **Fiona MILLE**, President of Mountain Wilderness

17:05 – 18:20: Youth sequence: encouraging youth initiatives in the Alps – Final of the Pitch Your Project competition

Presentation of the five finalist projects and vote by all participants for the three best projects, followed by the awarding of the prizes:

- **Marie-Guite DUFAY**, President of Bourgogne-Franche-Comté Region
- **Sławomir TOKARSKI**, Director, European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programme Implementation I, DG REGIO, European Commission

18:20: Conclusion of the day

Welcome

19:00-19:30

Seated dinner

19:30-21:30

Show

21:30

Wednesday December 15th, 2021
Second part of the Annual Forum

8:00 – 8:30: Coffee reception

8:30 – 9:45	Thematic workshop 1 Exploring the potential of smart specialisation	Thematic workshop 2 The contribution of multifunctional forests and wood resources	Thematic workshop 3 Year-round sustainable tourism	Thematic workshop 4 Education, work and jobs market in the Alpine region. Level
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	partnerships in the Alpine Region	to greater sustainability and resilience of territories in the Alpine region: from recommendations to territorial projects		of criticality and possible solutions
9:45 – 11:00	Thematic workshop 5 Railway, hydrogen and alternative fuels in the Alpine region	Thematic workshop 6 Cooperation between the different youth networks in the Alpine region	Thematic workshop 7 Territorial brands, UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage recognitions, and FAO Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems as instruments to promote sustainable territorial development	Thematic workshop 8 Spatial planning: for a fair and green Alpine region

11:00 – 12:00: Closing plenary session of the Annual Forum

- **Christiane BARRET**, General Delegate of the French Presidency
- **Fabrice PANNEKOUCKE**, Deputy regional Adviser of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region
- **Patrick MOLINOZ**, Vice-President of the Bourgogne-Franche-Comté Region
- **Renaud MUSELIER**, President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, Deputy President of Regions de France
- **Elisa FERREIRA**, European Commissioner in charge of Cohesion and Reforms (videoconference)
- **Joël GIRAUD**, Secretary of State in charge of rurality
- **Video clip of the Italian presidency and presentation of the official logo**
- **Mara CARFAGNA**, Minister of Territorial Cohesion, **Arno KOMPATSCHER**, President of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen-South Tyrol and **Mirko BISESTI**, Deputy for Education and Culture of the Autonomous Province of Trento – Italian Presidency 2022 (videoconference)

Buffet lunch

12:00-14:00

Visit proposed on the territory of Nice Côte d'Azur Metropole

Visit of the exhibition “Albert Camus” (in French, Italian and English)

14:00-17:00



During the whole event, participants will be able to walk through the village of initiatives: around 35 exhibition panels dedicated to the work of the action groups, cross sectoral initiatives, EUSALP general thematic, youth.shaping.EUSALP and the Communication campaign during COVID-19 pandemic.