

Dialogue Science/Society about Natural Risks in the Alpine Region

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Alpine Natural Hazards and Risks

Specificity of mountainous territories:

- **Natural hazards**

- multiple, high-energy, high-speed
- cumulative (domino effects)
- ongoing and future CC impacts

- **Vulnerabilities**

- highly exposed (critical) infrastructures / networks / mobility
- high vulnerability of exposed buildings/humans

- **Catastrophic events**

- a long history of alpine natural disasters (high costs, fatalities)



Complexity



No zero risk

NHM Governance

- Multiple stakeholders

The State



Mayor



Elected Politicians



Private sector



Citizens



Juge



Spatial planning



Engineers



Foresters



Road managers



Experts

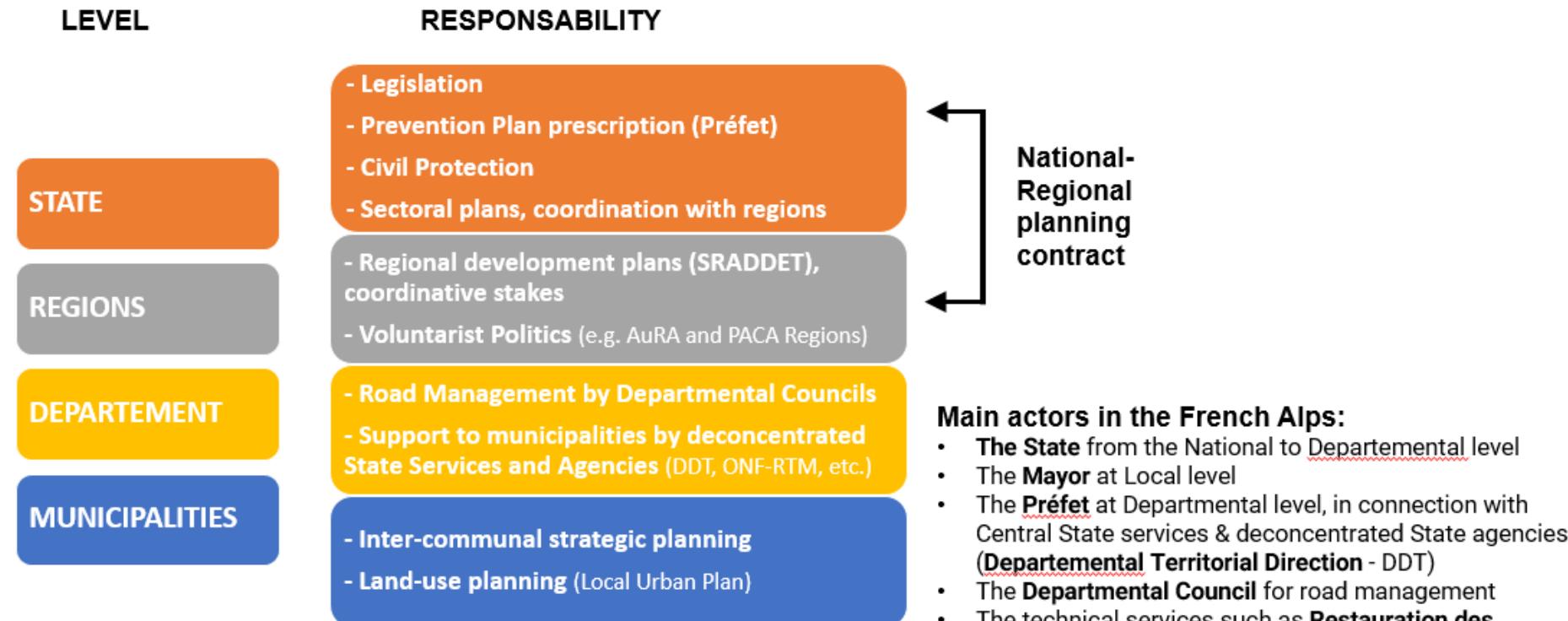


Architects



Natural Risk Prevention in France

Multi-level Governance: Who does What?



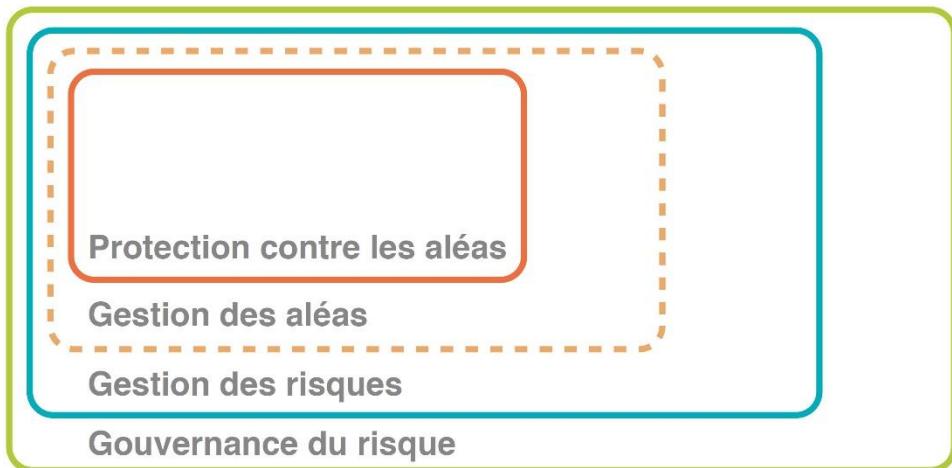
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- Main actors in the French Alps:**
- The **State** from the National to Departemental level
 - The **Mayor** at Local level
 - The **Préfet** at Departmental level, in connection with Central State services & deconcentrated State agencies (Departmental Territorial Direction - DDT)
 - The **Departmental Council** for road management
 - The technical services such as **Restauration des Terrains en Montagne** (RTM) and expertise centers (Cerema, Irstea, Météo-France, etc.)
 - **Private sector**
 - **Citizens**

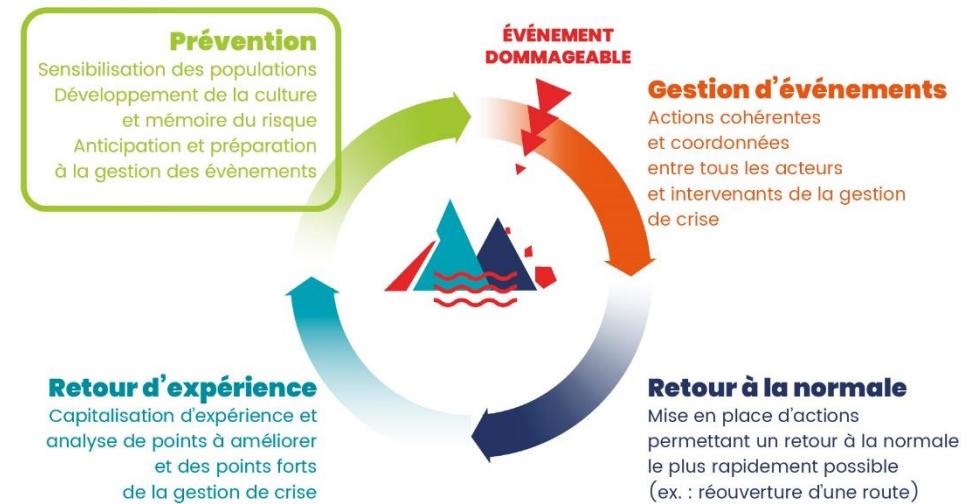
La Gestion Intégrée des Risques Naturels (GIRN) Integrated Natural Risk Management (INRM)



From hazard control to risk governance



Action programs covering all phases of Risk Management



Source photos : france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr & freneydoisans.com

International university partnership seminar

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Natural Hazards Events in the French Alps

- Socio-Economic and political impacts

Ex. of Chambon Landslide-induced valley isolation crisis



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→ Needs for multirisk/socio-economic approaches at different scales (data/methods/tools)

The PARN

Alpine Center for Natural Hazards and Risks Prevention



Pôle Alpin Risques Naturels

The PARN association

- created in 1988 to make an effort in the field of research to develop more effective and less expensive methods
- gathers **9 member organizations** (research centers and universities) which have an activity of study and research on natural hazards



Objectives

- Bring together organizations with an activity of study and research in the field of natural hazards in order **to develop coordinated research programs** and so remedy the fragmentation of efforts in this area
- **Support development of efficient scientific and technical tools** and **make them available** to public authorities and operational services to improve the prediction and prevention of natural hazards

→ Interface
between
scientists,
practitioners
and decision
makers

Action frame



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Local

- Territoires de projet
- Grenoble-Alpes Métro

Régional

- Région AuRA
- Région SUD PACA

La Région
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

RÉGION
SUD
PROVENCE
ALPES
CÔTE D'AZUR

GRENOBLE ALPES
MÉTROPOLE

Interrégional

- CIMA/POIA
(GIRN & SDA)
- Alpes-Climat-Risques

National

- CGET/Commissariat
de massif des Alpes
- MTES/DGPR

MINISTÈRE
DE LA COHÉSION
DES TERRITOIRES
ET DES RELATIONS
AVEC LES COLLECTIVITÉS
TERRITORIALES

cget
Commissariat
à l'énergie
et au climat

MINISTÈRE
DE LA TRANSITION
ÉCOLOGIQUE
ET SOLIDAIRE

l'Europe
s'engage
sur
le Massif Alpin

Européen

- Projets Interreg
- SUERA (EUSALP)
- Convention Alpine

International

- GIEC
- FAO
- Interpraevent

Interreg
ALCOTRA
Fond européen de développement régional
Fonds européen de développement régional

Interreg
Alpine Space
EUROPEAN UNION

EUSALP
EU STRATEGY FOR
THE ALPINE REGION



Main activities



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- 1. Integrated Natural Risks Management in the Alps (INRM): technical coordination (project management) of the territorial dynamics**

Technical and methodological support to the Alpine territories in the development and implementation by local authorities of multi-year GIRN action programs at local / inter-municipal level
- 2. Animation of a "Science-Decision-Action" interface dynamics for the prevention of natural risks in the Alps**

Accompaniment of scientific carriers for the incubation of partnership research-action projects (FEDER Massif des Alpes, Interreg, etc.) and the valorization of the results in relation with the end-user managers
- 3. Alpes-Climat-Risques : Climate Change and Natural Risks in the Alps**

Scientific watch, synthesis and dissemination of knowledge (Portal & Newsletter "Alpes-Climat-Risques")
Support to partners (operational, scientific or associative) in the area of adaptation
- 4. Support to EUSALP Action Group 8 on Natural Hazards Management and Climate Change Adaptation**

Representation of the French stakeholders of the natural risks, participation and support to the AG8 Work Programme (on behalf of the ANCT)

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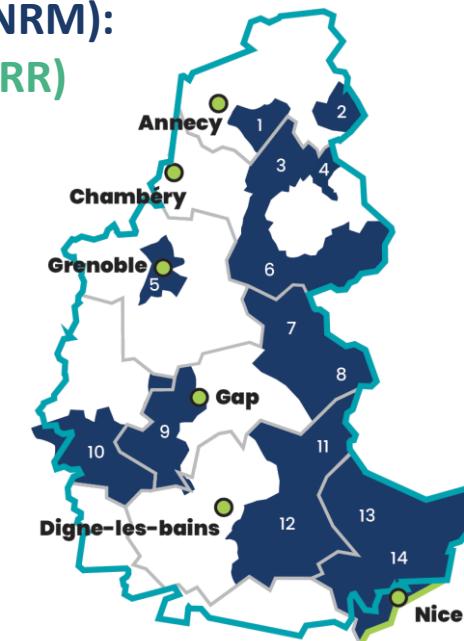
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• (1) Integrated Natural Risks Management in the Alps

Integrated Natural Risk Management (INRM):
a toolbox for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)



Alpine Network of INRM Territories:
<https://risknat.org/girn-inrm-alps/?lang=en>



- 1. CC Vallée de Thônes
- 2. CC Vallée de Chamonix Mont-Blanc
- 3. Arlysère
- 4. Bourg-Saint-Maurice
- 5. Grenoble-Alpes Métropole
- 6. Syndicat des Pays de Maurienne
- 7. PETR Briançonnais, Ecrins, Guillestrois, Queyras
- 8. PNR du Queyras
- 9. SMIGIBA(Buëch)
- 10. PNR Baronnies Provencales
- 11. CC Ubaye Serre-Ponçon
- 12. CC Alpes Provence Verdon
- 13. CC Alpes d'Azur
- 14. SMIAGE (Alpes Maritimes)

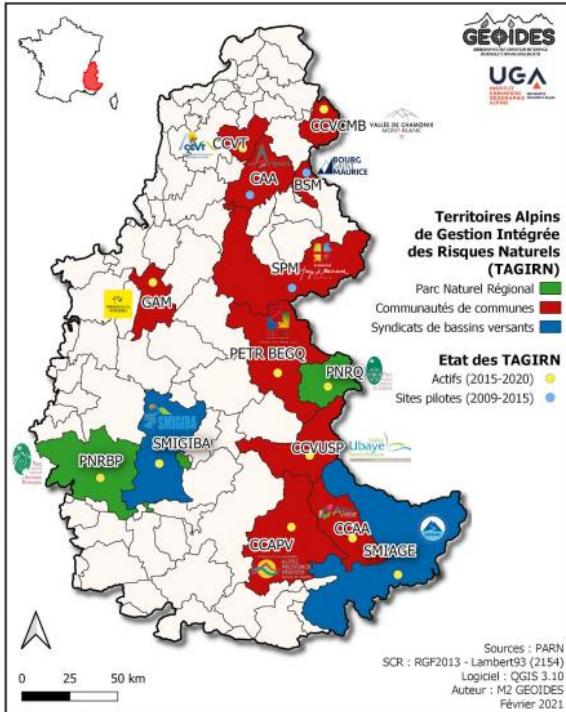
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le Massif Alpin



UNION EUROPÉENNE
Fonds Européen de
Développement Régional



Le réseau alpin des territoires de GIRN



Catégories d'actions mises en œuvre :

- Connaissance des risques et diagnostic territorial
- Organisation de la gestion intégrée des risques
- Systèmes de suivi et de surveillance
- Gestion des dispositifs de protection
- Systèmes d'alerte et dispositifs de gestion de crise
- Information, communication, formation, pour sensibiliser et préparer la gestion de crise
- Développement et diffusion de pratiques et d'outils sur l'ensemble du massif alpin via le réseau des TAGIRN



Boîte à outil et Catalogue d'expériences

- [Portail GIRN risknat.org/girn](http://risknat.org/girn)
- [Vidéo sur la GIRN](#)
- [Brochure sur les TAGIRN](#)



Main activities

- (2) Science-Decision-Action INRM Alpine Network



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- **Research-action projects** co-built with stakeholders to support INRM strategies at local level in Alpine territories → New knowledge, methods and tools
- **Multi-stakeholders workshops** on specific subjects, bringing together elected officials, scientists and technicians → Local risk dialogue



Co-construction

Questionnements
Connaissances Méthodes Outils



SCIENCE



Coordination

Projets
Démarches



ACTION

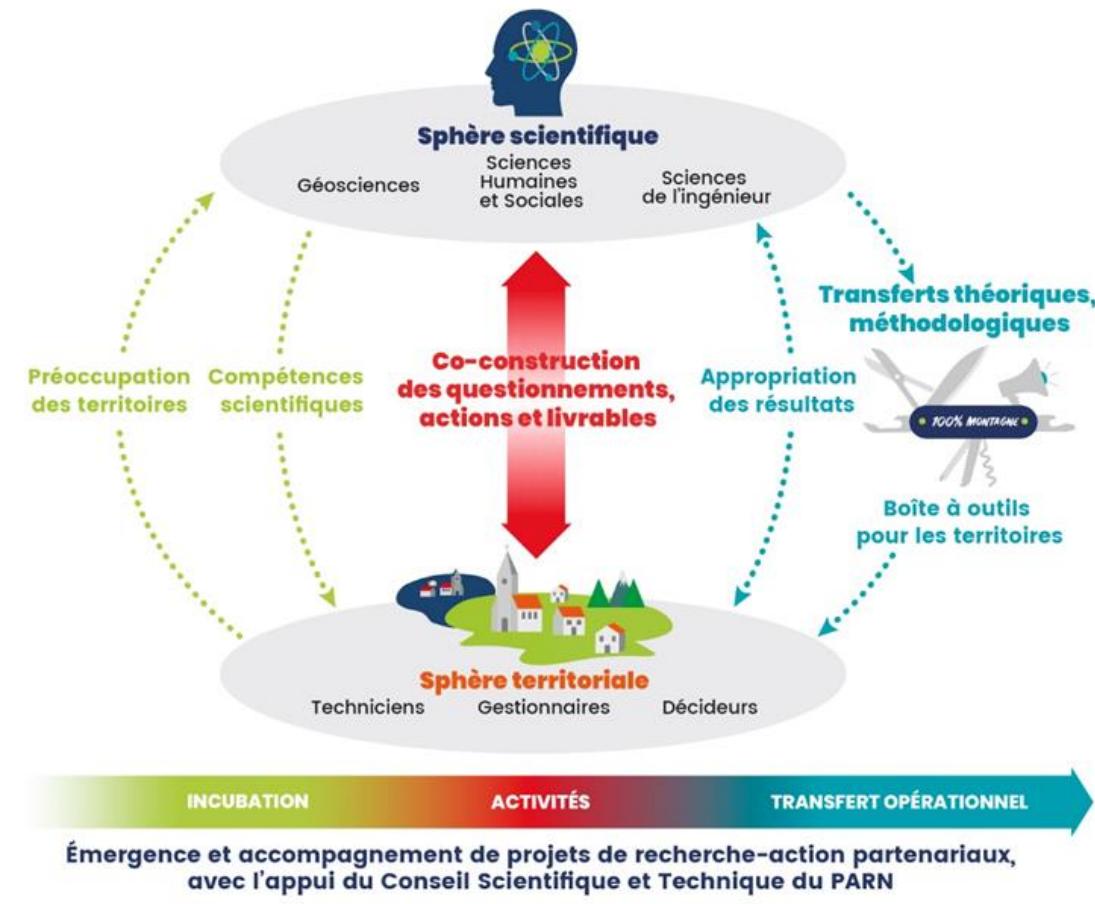


DÉCISION

Aide à la décision

Appui technique

Le réseau Science-Décision-Action pour la prévention des risques naturels



Projets de recherche-action partenariaux SDA, sur une grande diversité de risques naturels (crues torrentielles, mouvements de terrain, essaims de séismes, feux de forêt), les facteurs limitants ou aggravants (forêts de protection, dégradation du permafrost) et des démarches innovantes de prévention (résilience territoriale, information préventive, communication sur les réseaux sociaux)

Séminaires transversaux SDA réunissant élus, scientifiques et techniciens sur des sujets spécifiques (risque rocheux, risque hydrométéorologique, enclavement des vallées alpines, événements de jan. 2018 Alpes du N., essaims de séisme, forêts de protection & risque rocheux, risque torrentiel, risques et changement climatique sur la métropole de Grenoble)



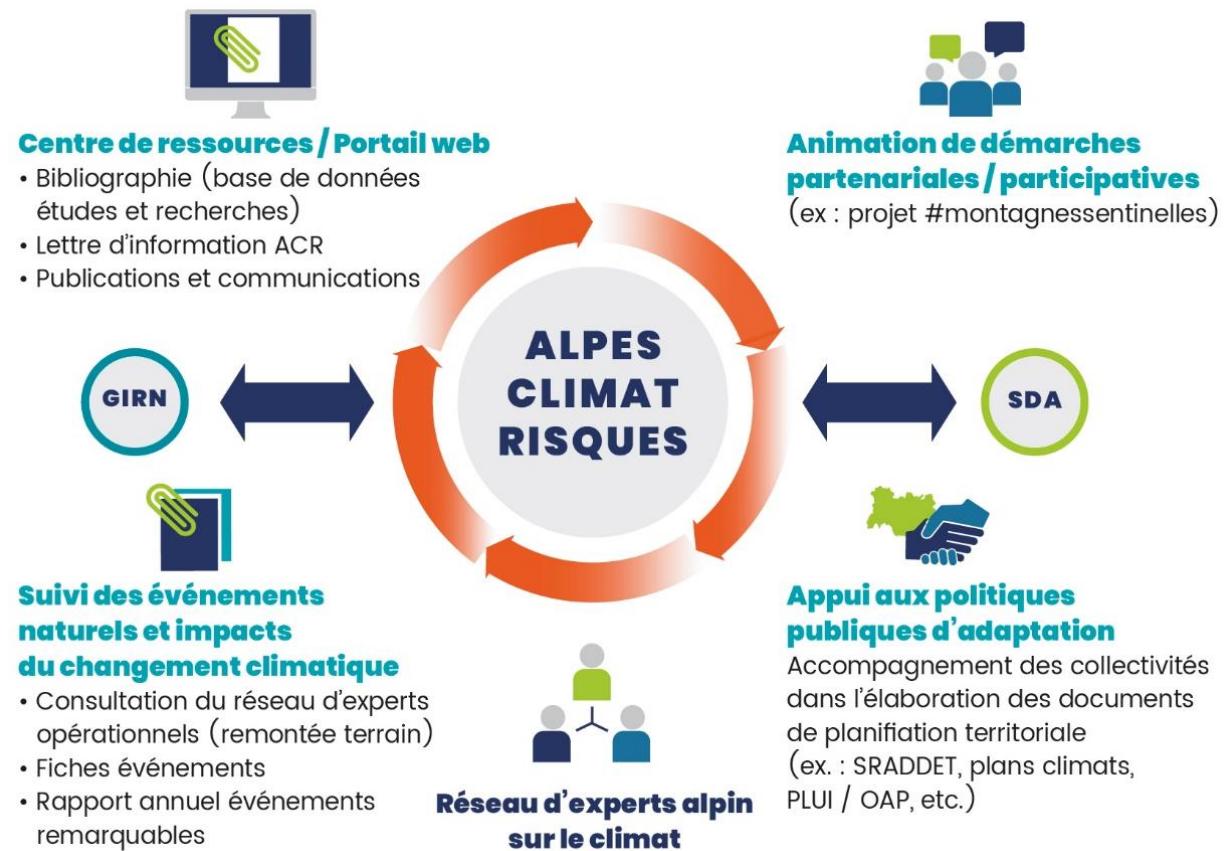
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- (3) Platform Alps-Climate-Risks



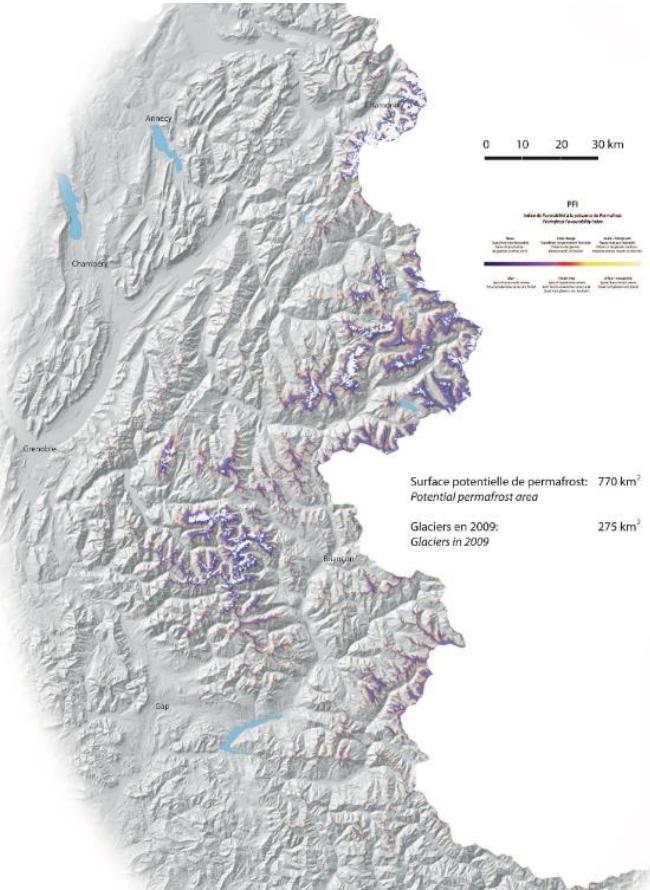
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- Impacts of climate change on natural risks and adaptation strategies for Alpine regions
- Expertise platform and resource center to support Alpine regions in adapting to climate change

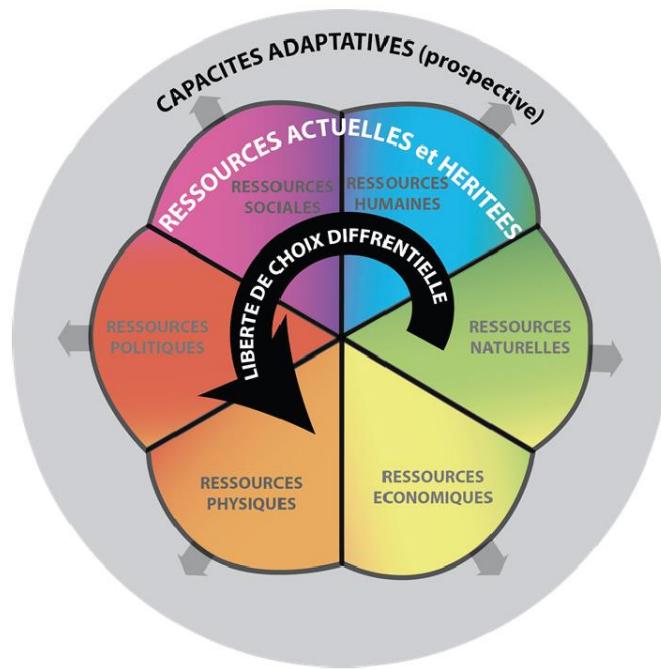




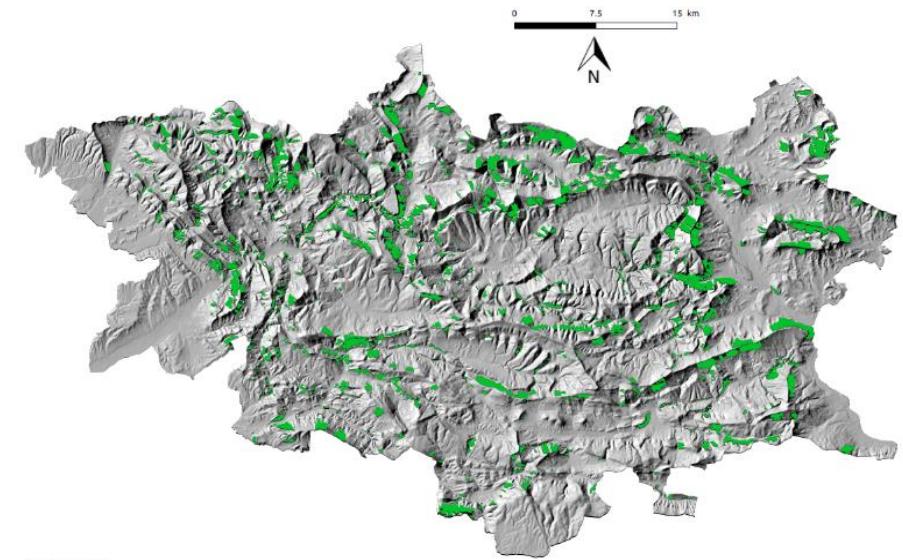
How Scientists support Local NH Managers?



Permafrost Map of the French Alps – PermaRisk project



Resilience Index – CO-RESTART project



**Protective Forest Mapping in
Baronnies Provençales Regional
Natural Park – VERTICAL project
(RockTheAlps Methodology)**





Centre d'études et d'expertise sur les risques
l'environnement, la mobilité et l'aménagement



Partenariats



Auvergne
Rhône-Alpes
Énergie Environnement



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Réseau d'experts alpin sur le climat

Supporting an
alpine network of
climate experts for
exploring impacts
on natural hazards



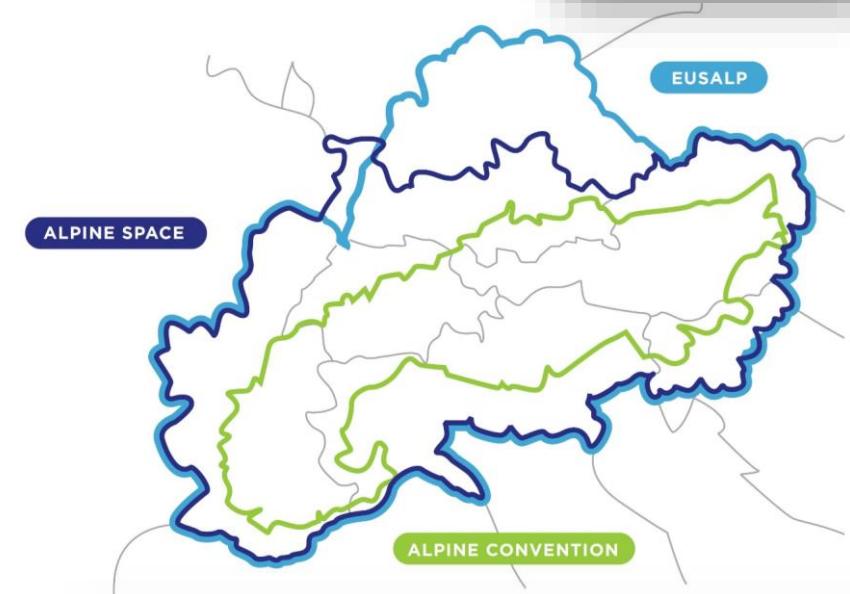
Transnational cooperation on risk management and risk governance



EUSALP + Interreg Alpine Space Programme:

- **Groupe d'Action 8** « Améliorer la gestion des risques et mieux gérer le changement climatique, notamment par la prévention des risques naturels de grande ampleur »
 - Rapports sur la gestion des risques (risque résiduel, gouvernance, adaptation au CC, feux de forêt)
 - Outils (plateforme CAPA, diagnostic local, maquette 3D)
 - Conférences internationales (impacts du CC, forêts de protection, Climat-Risques-Energie)
- **Présidence française 2020-21** « Préserver la biodiversité et prévenir les risques naturels »
 - Promotion de la GIRN et des SFN (forêts multifonctionnelles)
 - Projet AlpGov2 : « Mainstreaming » GIRN basée sur les écosystèmes (capitalisation GreenRisk4ALPS)
- **Présidence italienne 2022 puis suisse 2023**
 - Faire progresser la coopération en matière de gestion des risques naturels et d'aménagement du territoire

Alpine Convention / PLANALP



Tools and serious games developed with the university

- (1) GesCoCrise

Déroulement du jeu de rôle

Chaque groupe joue le rôle d'un acteur

- Population
- « Collectif Chambon »
- Maires
- Autorités nationales et départementales
- Experts techniques



Procédure

1. Présentation d'informations
2. Chaque groupe détermine des actions à réaliser
3. Chaque groupe présente aux autres
4. Présentation de ce qu'il s'est réellement passé



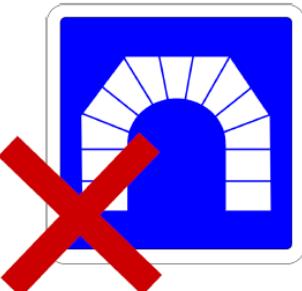
Scénario basé sur 3 points pivots

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CLOSURE OF THE CHAMBON TUNNEL

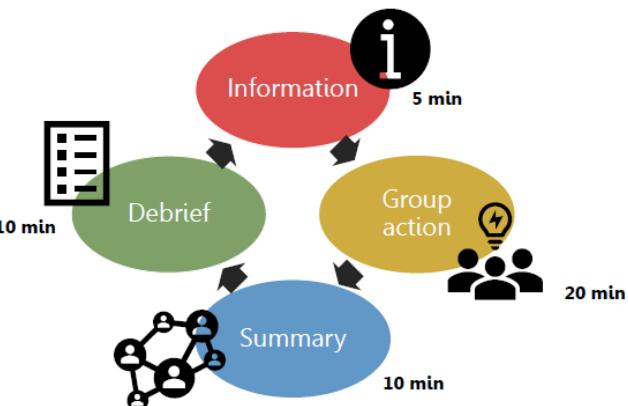
A VERY SERIOUS GAME



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PROCEDURE



INSTRUCTIONS

- Each group represents one stakeholder



collective



local
politicians



population

INSTRUCTIONS

- Each group represents one stakeholder



technical expert



public
officials

Procedure ➔

- Each information leads to a group action
- Each group action is followed by a restitution phase
- A presentation of real-life facts takes place after each restitution phase

i Tunnel Closure (1)



- CONCRETE BLOCKS FALLING DOWN
- TUNNEL VAULT THREATENS TO COLLAPSE



Debrief 1 – Tunnel Closure



Population hikes through the forest and asks for an alternative route on the other side of the lake

4



Collective invites the media, demonstrates and addresses an open letter to the government

5



Local politicians offer open meetings with the population and ask for national help concerning the alternative route

6



Public officials meet the collective and offer water taxis to cross the lake

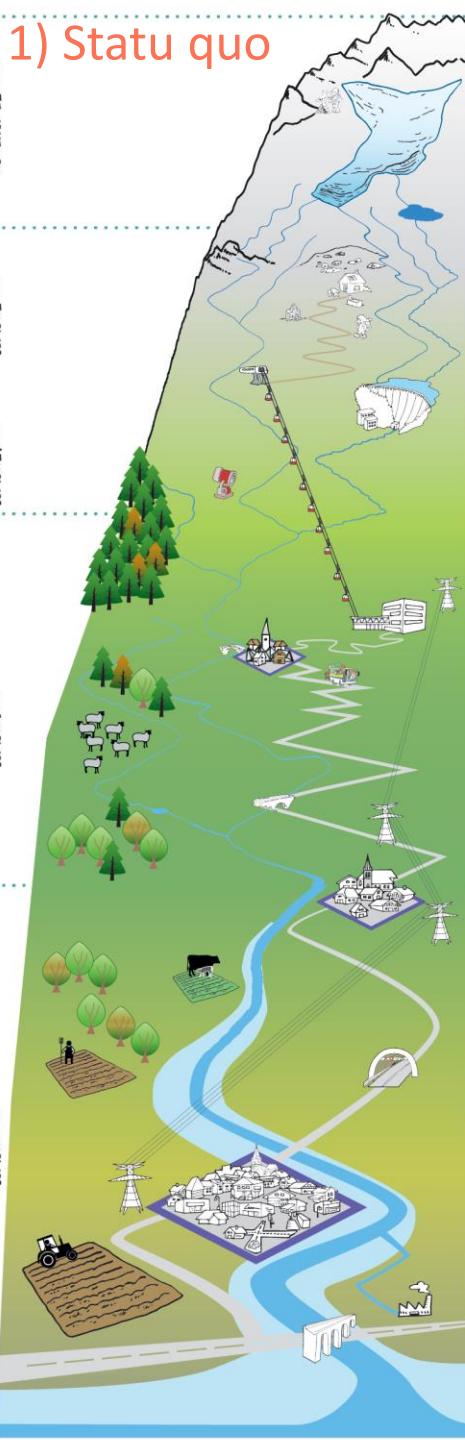
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Experts warn about the alternative route due to landslide and avalanche risk

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1) Statu quo



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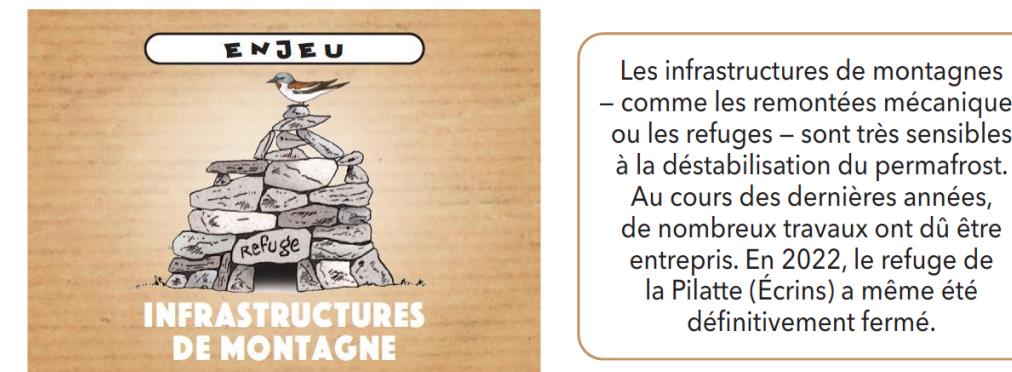
- (2) Fresco on natural hazards

Phenomenon Cards



PERMAFROST

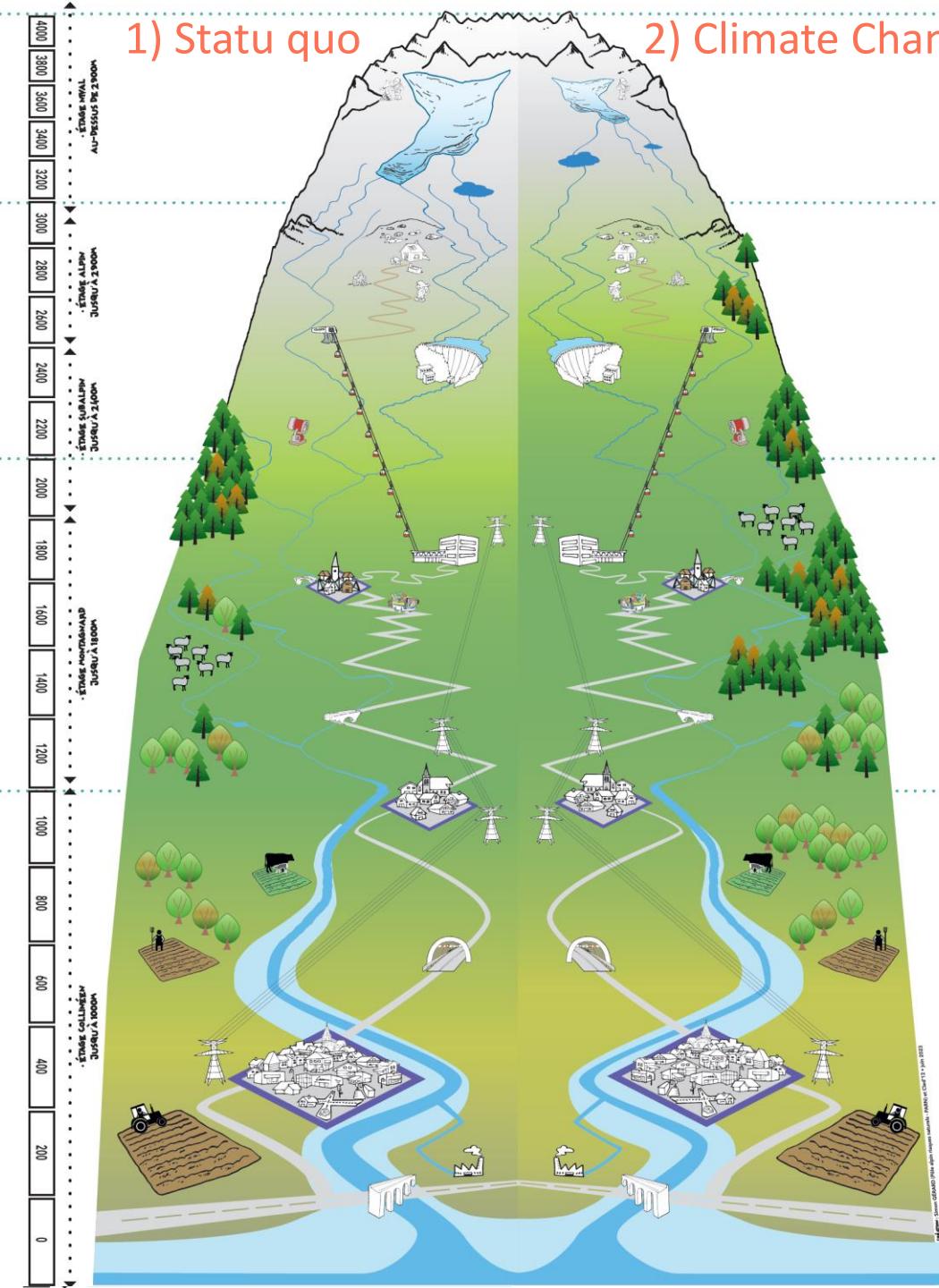
Stakes/Vulnerability Cards



INFRASTRUCTURES DE MONTAGNE

1) Statu quo

2) Climate Change



Change Cards



HORIZONS POSSIBLES

- Pics de chaleur possibles de l'ordre de 50°C
- Sécheresse accentuée
- Imperméabilisation des sols



HORIZONS POSSIBLES

- Difficulté d'accès pour les pompiers
- Fragilisation du couvert forestier et perte du rôle de protection
- Déstabilisation des sols
- Augmentation des phénomènes de ruissellement et d'érosion

→ Local Dialogue on Climate Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction strategies

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Thank you for your attention!

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