

EUSALP – EU STRATEGY FOR THE ALPINE REGION

EUSALP ANNUAL FORUM 2023

19th October 2023, Bad Ragaz

Background:

The Annual Forum will be an occasion to review the Swiss Presidency in 2023 together with the political representatives of the four guest cantons and to discuss the new cross-cutting priorities developed jointly by the EUSALP action groups.

The cross-cutting priorities concentrate on digitalisation, energy transition, water management and the circular economy. Extreme weather events, the energy crisis and the global competition facing the Alpine region are daily reminders of just how crucial these issues are.

These priorities enable action groups to intensify their cooperation and to be more creative and innovative by adopting a cross-disciplinary approach. Lastly, there will be opportunities to elaborate on how the EUSALP should move forward so that the strategy can be consolidated and streamlined in the longer term.



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AGENDA

Wednesday, 18 October

Venue: Mehrzweckgebäude, Fläscherstrasse 10, 7310 Bad Ragaz

From 19.00 **Welcome Dinner and Reception, Mehrzweckgebäude
Bad Ragaz**

Thursday, 19 October

Venue: Hotel Grand Resort, Bernhard-Simonstrasse 20, 7310 Bad Ragaz

Moderation: Roger de Weck, former Director-General of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation

8.30 **Welcome Coffee**

9.00 **Welcoming Words**
Markus Dieth, President of the Conference of Cantonal Governments and State Councillor Canton of Aargau

9.10 **Review and Outlook by the Political Representatives of the Host Cantons**

- » Sylvie Bonvin-Sansonnens, State Councillor Canton of Fribourg (CH)
- » Martin Bühler, State Councillor Canton of Grisons (CH)
- » Norman Gobbi, State Councillor Canton of Ticino (CH)
- » Marc Mächler, State Councillor Canton St. Gallen (CH)

9.30 **Promoting Digitalisation for the Alps**

Mapping the scene: Prof. Tobias Chilla, Universität Erlangen (D)


followed by a discussion with:

- » Luciano Caveri, Regional Councillor of the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta (IT)
- » Konrad Kienle, Mayor Balderschwang, Digitale Hörnerdörfer (D)
- » Cassiano Luminati, Polo Poschiavo (CH)
- » Christina Bauer, Managing Authority Alpine Space Programme (A)



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10.00 Accelerating the Energy Transition for a Carbon-Neutral Alpine Region

Mapping the scene: Prof. Tobias Chilla, Universität Erlangen (D)

followed by a discussion with:

- » Laurence Boetti-Forestier, Regional Councillor for Provence-Alpes Côtés d'Azur in the Alpes-Martimes department (FR)
- » Davide Marconi, Co-Founder and Partner Mobitrends SA (CH)
- » Helen Lückge, Climonomics (D)
- » Flavio Ruffini, Head of Environmental Agency of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano (IT)

10.30 Break

11.00 Promoting a Joint Water Management Transition

Mapping the scene: Prof. Tobias Chilla, Universität Erlangen (D)

followed by a discussion with:

- » Alenka Smerkolj, Secretary General Alpine Convention
- » Fabrizio Pittoni (IT) and Niklas Graf (A), EUSALP Youth Council
- » Markus Dieth, President of the Conference of Cantonal Governments and State Councillor Canton of Aargau (CH)
- » Miro Kristan, Soča valley development centre (SI)

11.30 Boosting Circular Economy

Mapping the scene: Prof. Tobias Chilla, Universität Erlangen (D)

followed by a discussion with:

- » Aleš Pevc, Technology Park Ljubljana, University of Ljubljana (SI)
- » Clarissa Rhomberg, Stiftung Lebenswertes Liechtenstein (FL)
- » Michael Keller, College of Engineering and Architecture of Fribourg (CH)
- » Sonja Eser, Sinnenswandel (A)

12.00 Political Answers! Call for cooperation and streamlining of EUSALP

- » Martin Bühler, State Councillor Canton of Grisons (CH)
- » Marko Štucin, State Secretary for European affairs (SI)
- » Graziella Marok-Wachter, Minister of the Principality of Liechtenstein (FL) tbc
- » Anton Mattle, Governor Tyrol (A)
- » Guido Guidesi, Regional Councillor Lombardy Region (IT)

12.30 Lunch



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