

EUSALP Action Groups' Work Plans for the period 2026-2028

Checklist

Action Group 8

Suggested vote

Overall, the AG8 Work Plan 2026–2028 is strategically sound, policy-relevant and coherent with EUSALP priorities. Its implementation will further benefit from ongoing political engagement, offering the opportunity to maximize impact and visibility.

1. General Criteria

1.1 Coherence with EUSALP Action Plan topics and priorities

X Fully coherent ☐ Partially coherent ☐ Not coherent

Comments: The key activities are coherent with AG8 topics of the newly adopted Action Plan.

1.2 Clear, comprehensive and easy to read

☐ Very clear **x Adequate** ☐ Unclear

Comments: Overall, the Work Plan is comprehensive and easy to read; however, the paragraph "focus and scope" could be slightly improved.

1.3 Feasibility and concreteness of activities, outputs and results

☐ Very feasible and concrete **X Moderately feasible** ☐ Not feasible / too general

Comments: The proposed activities are realistic and feasible, providing a solid basis for implementation. Some elements, such as the activities with pending projects, will benefit from further clarification once funding is confirmed, offering an opportunity to refine the planning and ensure operational clarity.

2. Technical Criteria

2.1 Clear division of tasks and definition of roles

☐ Yes, very clear **X Partially clear** ☐ Not clear

Comments: Leaders and co leaders are identified. Further definition of project responsibilities, partners, and funding sources, as well as the full allocation of tasks and timelines, will help strengthen implementation. Task forces are planned as a key mechanism, with one already in place, offering a solid starting point for expanding and organizing further activities.

2.2 Synergies/ Collaboration with other Action Groups

☐ Structured collaboration **X General ideas for collaboration** ☐ No collaborations

Comments: Collaboration mentioned with the Youth Council, the Alpine Convention and Interreg Alpine Space projects, but concrete cooperation with other Action Groups is limited, potentially confined to participation in events.

2.3 Overlap with other Action Groups' activities

X No significant overlap ☐ Some overlap ☐ Strong overlap

If yes, specify AG(s) and nature of overlap: /

3. Political Criteria

3.1 Political issues addressed

☐ Clearly identified **X Partially identified** ☐ Not identified

List issues: The Work Plan addresses key issues (climate change adaptation, natural hazard risk governance, and the socio-economic impacts of climate-related disasters). Further detailing of specific actions at the political level, however, would provide an opportunity to strengthen the policy impact and ensure full translation of these issues into political measures. And greater emphasis on the leadership role of regions — where they hold direct competences in risk governance and implementation — would further reinforce the political dimension in the domains where EUSALP has competences.

3.2 Suggestions for political action

☐ Yes **X Partially** ☐ No

Comments: AG8's proposal presents a clear strategic vision, aiming to develop risk assessment methods aligned with EU frameworks, focusing on extreme, multi-hazard, and cascading events under climate change. It emphasizes the importance of effective risk governance instruments and the uptake of policy recommendations, as well as the mainstreaming of climate adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) into policies and funding frameworks.

The "Partially" rating reflects that detailed steps, retro-planning, and timelines are not yet defined, but the foundation for a strong action is well established.

3.3 Political conferences / policy events planned

X Planned ☐ Not planned

Details: AG8 Conference in 2027 on natural hazard management and climate change adaptation, with political outreach foreseen but thematic focus to be defined.

3.4 Position paper planned

☐ Yes **X Under discussion** ☐ Not planned

Details (timing, target, objective): A study and possible publications linked to policy uptake and missions are foreseen, but timing and format are not yet fixed.

3.5 Reference to Policy Recommendations elaborated in 2023-2025

X Fully coherent reference ☐ Partially coherent reference ☐ No reference

Comments: The Work Plan explicitly builds on and aims to promote the uptake of AG8 policy recommendations developed in 2023-2025.

Overall Conclusion

Based on the checklist, the following key points emerge and support a **positive assessment** of the Work Plan.

Strengths

- Strong coherence with the EUSALP Action Plan and continuity with previous achievements, building on the key priorities identified in the recent AG8 policy recommendations.
- High policy relevance in light of increasing climate risks in the Alpine Region, with strong potential for policy uptake, scaling and synergies with EU frameworks, the Alpine Convention, Interreg projects and other Action Groups.

Challenges

- Further clarification of operational task allocation among members will enhance implementation clarity and coordination
- Ensuring stable funding and consistent member engagement will help to maintain implementation capacity across all planned actions.
- Highlighting the comparative added value of AG8 vis-à-vis national DRM frameworks and further distinguishing between national prerogatives and regional coordination roles would strengthen the strategic focus of the Work Plan and avoid overlaps that may emerge at a later stage.