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Embedding EUSALP macro-regional priorities in the EU programmes 2021-27

EUSALP Action Group 7 „Green Infrastructure“

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EUSALP AG 7 mission: „To make the Alpine region a model region for GI“ integrating urban and rural areas



- Investments
- Coordination
- Communication

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Ministerial Conference on 2 October 2017

Upon invitation of Bavaria under its EUSALP Presidency in 2017

With: Alpine states and regions, European Commission, European Parliament,
Alpine Convention + Alpine cities



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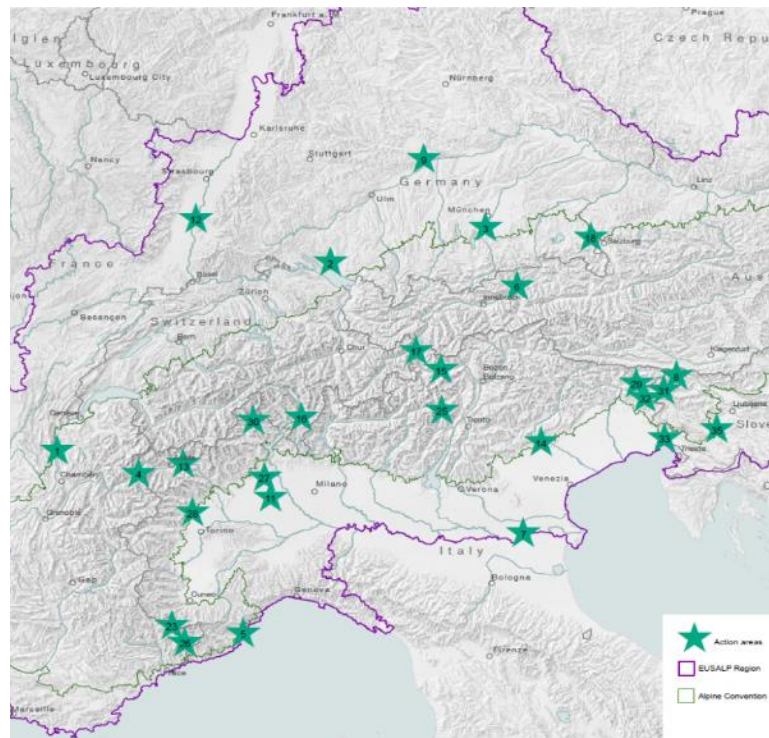
Joint declaration adopted by 27 Alpine states/regions



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2014-2021: First implementation and cooperation



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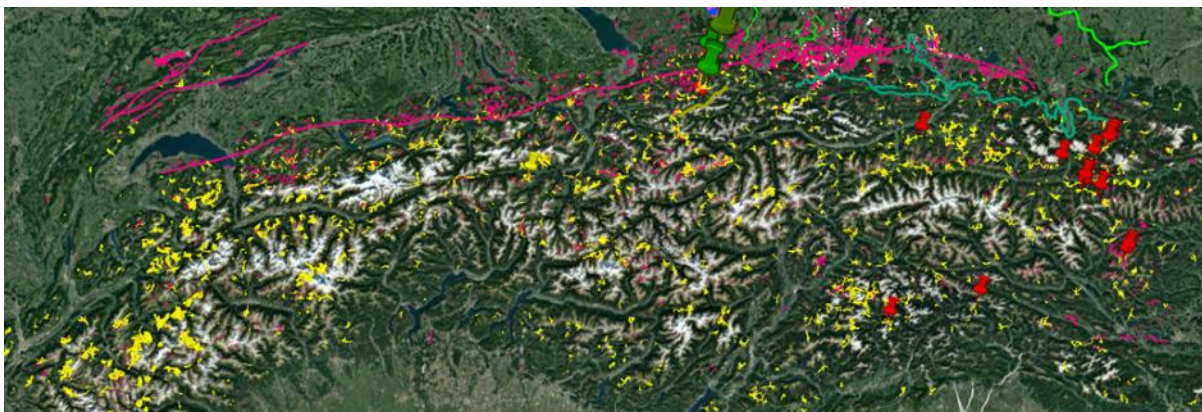
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Outlook 2021-2027: Future lighthouse (1)

Peatland chain across the Alpine bow

- Improve capacity of peatlands to meet climate change adaptation and mitigation needs through better mutual connection (physically and governance).
- Development of a **road-map for a future large-scale transnational project** in a „CLLD inspired approach“.



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Outlook 2021-2027: Future lighthouse (2)

Empower local actors to become part of the GI network

- Mainstream GI and initiate movement on voluntary basis.
- Address land-owners, municipalities, private actors and associations.
- Trigger GI in **urban and rural areas** e.g. by investing in green roofs, allow better valorisation of GI-based products, supporting sustainable land use practices and new business models.



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Outlook 2021-2027: Future lighthouse (3)

Initiate innovative GI governance mechanisms

- Based on the political declaration as of 2017, improve transnational and cross-sectoral coordination.
- First **“TEN-G” equivalent governance model** in the Alpine region.
- Taking up results of the first implementation projects for AG 7 “star initiatives” (INNSieme, peatland chain, Alpine cities network and orchard meadow network”).
- Cooperate with other TEN-networks and experts from transport and energy.
- Could be a candidate for ASP 2021+ (governance pillar)



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Summarising reflections

- Green Infrastructure is a topic of macro-regional relevance; project ideas and actors are mobilised.
- Consider GI in future work programmes / calls of centrally managed programmes like LIFE.
- Consider GI as eligible in future programmes under shared management (ERDF mainstream, INTERREG and LEADER).
- Be open for a new trans-European governance mechanisms (similar to TEN-T).

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