# EU STRATEGY FOR THE ALPINE REGION (EUSALP)

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

## QUESTIONAIRE

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The overall objective of the **EUSALP** is to promote sustainable prosperity in the Alps, by fostering its competitiveness and innovation capacities, improving connectivity in this Region, and preserving and promoting its environmental patrimony.

This public consultation on the EUSALP aims to reach not only any relevant stakeholder but all European citizens interested in this Region. **Therefore, your ideas, comments and views become essential for the design and implementation of this Strategy**. These will ensure the EUSALP be realistic in its starting point, appropriate in its goals and responsive to the real needs of this Region.

## SECTION 1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**1. Please specify in which capacity you are completing this questionnaire:**
- ☐ As an individual/private person
- ☐ On behalf of a public authority
- ☐ On behalf of an International Organisation
- ☐ On behalf of a civil society organisation
- ☐ On behalf of a private enterprise
- ☐ On behalf of an academic/research institution
- ☐ Other

*Please specify*

**2. Please provide your name, and where relevant, the name of your organisation.**

**3. If your organisation is registered in the Transparency Register, please indicate your Register ID number.**

**4. Please provide your country of residence/establishment.**

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| Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech Republic |
| Denmark | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany | Greece |
| Hungary | Ireland  Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta |
| Netherlands | Poland | Portugal | Romania | Slovakia [2] | Slovenia |
| Spain | Sweden | United Kingdom | | | |
| Liechtenstein | Switzerland | | | | |

Other
*Please specify the name of the country*

**5. Please provide your e-mail address**

**6. How well do you know the EUSALP?**

- ☐ Very well informed
- ☐ Fairly well informed
- ☐ Not very well informed
- ☐ Not informed at all

**7. How well informed are you about the EU Macro-regional Strategies?**
- ☐ Very well informed
- ☐ Fairly well informed
- ☐ Not very well informed
- ☐ Not informed at all

## SECTION 2. GENERAL FRAMEWORK

**8. In your view, to further exploit the potential of the Alpine Region, what are the main topics on which co-operation should be fostered that cannot be addressed adequately at present?**
*between 500 and 1000 characters*

**9. Which are the main challenges, and what are the main concerns/obstacles to successfully addressing them?**
*between 500 and 1000 characters*

**10. In terms of policies, which are most relevant? Which (EU) policies should be prioritised?**
*between 500 and 1000 characters*

**11. In your view, how might the EUSALP improve the Alpine Region's ability to act on common challenges, and to exploit opportunities?**
**(Please specify some results you would expect from its implementation).**
*between 500 and 1000 characters*

**12. In your view, what would be the benefits derived from the EUSALP at European level?**
*between 500 and 1000 characters*

## SECTION 3.  EUSALP SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

When considering the following questions, please note that the actions and projects to be proposed should:
(a) concern the Alpine (Macro)Region;
(b) have a positive impact on the citizens, enterprises, and the environment;
(c) be feasible in the short or mid-term.

**13. In your view, what are the main objectives on which the EUSALP should concentrate?** (Please indicate max. 3 objectives per Pillar)

**Pillar 1. Fostering sustainable growth and promoting innovation in the Alps: from theory to practice, from research centres to enterprises.**
- ☐ Developing a joint Alpine Innovation and Research Strategy
- ☐ Networking of Research Centres and enterprises

- ☐ Structuring and strengthening existing and new co-operation platforms.
- ☐ Developing Alpine added-value chains
- ☐ Raising awareness of financial tools and services
- ☐ Supporting SMEs
- ☐ Strengthen Economic Services of General Interest (ESGI)
- ☐ Stimulate an "Alpine Job Market"
- ☐ Strengthen the skills level and competencies of the workforce in the Alpine Region

## Pillar 2. Connectivity for all: in search of a balanced territorial development through environmentally friendly mobility patterns, transport systems and communication services and infrastructures.

- ☐ Improving common management of transport and mobility
- ☐ Promoting inter-modality (a more connected transportation network) and inter-operability (technical compatibility) for passengers and the use of common and public transport
- ☐ Promoting inter-modality and inter-operability for freight transport
- ☐ Promoting modal shift aiming to reduce transport negative impacts
- ☐ Sharing innovation process and devices across the Alpine Region in the field of sustainable transport
- ☐ Moving toward an Alpine "low carbon and low emission mobility system"
- ☐ Providing mobility options for all in times of demographic change
- ☐ Bridging the digital divide
- ☐ Improving accessibility to services and supply
- ☐ Strengthening mutual solidarity between people living in different areas in the Alpine Region

## Pillar 3. Ensuring sustainability in the Alps: preserving the Alpine heritage and promoting a sustainable use of natural and cultural resources.

- ☐ Promoting ecosystem services
- ☐ Developing transnational management schemes for protected areas (instruments and criteria)
- ☐ Ensuring ecological connectivity within the Alpine Region, and between the Alps and surrounding territories
- ☐ Developing agreements and planning instruments on regional scale about landscape development
- ☐ Establishing integrated watershed management systems
- ☐ Unlocking creative potential in the development of products and services, building on natural and cultural resources
- ☐ Fostering instruments and procedures to negotiate and balance the interest of energy production, nature protection and other land uses
- ☐ Increasing the sustainable use of biomass for renewable energy production
- ☐ Fostering energy efficiency and saving among others in the housing and mobility sector
- ☐ Mainstreaming the adaptation strategies into risk management
- ☐ Developing regional responses to climate and demographic changes

## 14. Are there others?
*between 1000 and 1500 character*

## 15. Which of the objectives cannot be achieved under existing structures, and could be advanced through an integrated Macro-regional approach? (Please indicate max. 3 objectives per Pillar)
*between 1000 and 1500 character*

**16. Please indicate concrete (EU, national, regional or local) actions or projects, which could contribute to achieve the objectives of the EUSALP in the short or medium term.**
(Please indicate max. 2 actions/projects per Pillar)

**Pillar 1**
- ☐ Action/project 1:
  *between 2000 and 3000 character*
- ☐ Action/project 2:
  *between 2000 and 3000 character*

**Pillar 2**
- ☐ Action/project 1:
  *between 2000 and 3000 character*
- ☐ Action/project 2:
  *between 2000 and 3000 character*

**Pillar 3**
- ☐ Actions/projects 1:
  *between 2000 and 3000 character*
- ☐ Action/project 2:
  *between 2000 and 3000 character*

**17. Any further comments**
*between 500 and 1000 characters*

**SPECIFIC QUESTIONS PER PILLAR**

**Pillar 1**
**18. What are the main remaining barriers to mobility – of labour, students and ideas – in the region?**
between 500 and 1000 characters

**19. What are the main challenges for the Alpine Region to remain competitive in the future?**
between 500 and 1000 characters

**Pillar 2**
**20. What are the main challenges for the Alpine Region in terms of connectivity?**
between 500 and 1000 characters

**Pillar 3**
**21. What are the main challenges to ensure sustainability in the Alpine Region?**
between 500 and 1000 characters

**SECTION 4. EUSALP PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION**

**22. In your view, why do existing co-operation mechanisms across national borders need to be improved in the Alpine Region? What are the barriers to co-operation that a Macro-regional Strategy should seek to overcome?**
*between 1000 and 1500 character*

**23. How should the coordination of different (EU, national and regional) policies be managed? What governance structures should be envisaged in the Region to ensure the most effective coordination between the actors involved?**
*between 1000 and 1500 characters*


**24. Who would be the key actors concerned for better co-operation and coordination in the Alpine Region in the next years? Who should have ultimate responsibility for achieving results under the new Strategy, and who should the key decision makers be?**
*between 1000 and 1500 characters*


**25. Any further comments**
*between 500 and 1000 characters*