



AlpGov Follow-Up Workshop: »Networking for Ecological Connectivity and Green Infrastructure«

Follow-up Workshop will be organised by the Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation (Zavod RS za varstvo narave), EUSALP Action Group 7 (co-lead), in cooperation with the Slovenian Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning.

Izola, Slovenia
19th of September 2018, (9:00 – 18:00, tbc)

Concept Note

Rationale

Implementation of EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP) was launched in 2016 and concrete implementation steps are on the way, including activities within the project AlpGov¹. Initiating strategic initiatives is one of the main challenges for contributing to implementation of concrete implementation of EUSALP goals. A networking event was organised in September 2017 by EUSALP Action Group 7² according to EUSALP working plan and AlpGov project.

Workshop in September 2017 in Koper enabled networking among strategic implementation partners. 49 participants from four countries engaged in dynamic and profound dialogue and identified various interests and opportunities for cooperation. Comprehensive report in English was prepared and together with recommendations and presentations from the workshop made available online³. One of the recommendations was to prepare a follow-up event to further elaborate on the proposed implementation initiatives, areas or themes for action, towards potential partnerships.

Some of the challenges, also in the eastern part of the Alpine Region and in connections to Adriatic-Ionian region, are A) assuring cooperation of different actors for implementation of cross border and transnational ecological connectivity and B) reaching out of the region, towards other mountain regions (e.g. Dinaric Arc). Cooperation with other macro-regional strategies (EUSAIR, EUSDR) and initiatives offers opportunities for that.

¹ "Implementing Alpine Governance Mechanisms of the European Strategy for the Alpine Region", acronym AlpGov, Interreg Alpine Space Programme project, Timeframe 06/2016 – 06/2019;

² AG7 – Green Infrastructure – To develop ecological connectivity in the whole EUSALP territory; <https://www.alpine-region.eu/action-group-7>

³ Results from the 2017 Workshop in Koper »Networking for Ecological Connectivity and Green Infrastructure«: http://www.zrsv.si/sl/informacija.asp?id_meta_type=73&id_informacija=888

Goal of the workshop

One of the main objectives of EUSALP AG 7 is to trigger tangible implementation initiatives and in cooperation with partners from relevant sectors make Green Infrastructure concept come alive in EUSALP territory. The workshop therefore aims at fostering the dialogue, building on the results from previous discussions (Koper Networking Workshop 2017, EUSALP AG7 activities 2017-2018 etc.) and to further develop the identified proposals into tangible project ideas and strategic initiatives backed with relevant partnerships. Those should clearly manifest their contribution to the implementation of EUSALP AG7 goals.

Target audience

- Participants of the 2017 Workshop in Koper – stakeholders from EUSALP, mainly from its eastern part, and EUSAIR – Slovenia, Italy, Austria and Croatia.
- Government organisations, expert and research institutions, development agencies and other.

Content

- Summary of the results of the 2017 Networking Workshop
- Overview of other activities (2017-2018) regarding ecological connectivity: EUSALP Action Group 7, ESPON study GRETA, ASP projects AlpBioNet2030, AlpES
- Discussion and clarification on
 - Implementation initiatives Koper 2017 ('wish list'),
 - Implementation initiatives EUSALP AG7,
 - Next steps in preparing proposals for the implementation (for program period post 2020, possibly ARPAF) – description of strategic /project idea, relevant/potential partnerships, commitments etc.
 - Prioritisation

Further Information

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