3RD EUSALP ANNUAL FORUM
28-29 NOVEMBER 2019, MILAN

CONCEPT

The third Annual Forum for the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP) will be organised by the Italian Presidency in cooperation with the European Commission on 28 & 29 November 2019 in Milan.

Along the year 2019, the Italian Presidency of the EUSALP Strategy has implemented various actions in the field of green economy, youth and stakeholder’s involvement and cultural preservation, which benefit to the entire Alpine area, in close cooperation with the countries of the Strategy.

Moreover, the political agenda of the European Commission and the ongoing activities related to the elaboration of the future programming period give a unique opportunity to have discussions with stakeholders to “shaping.future.together” for the Alpine region.

Therefore, the Annual Forum in November has a twofold objective. On the one hand, the event will bring together high-level personalities acting for the Alpine region from the local to the European level, in order to reiterate their commitment to the Strategy and to explore new windows of opportunities. Not only political and institutional personalities will be present, but also the socio-economic and academic world, civil society and the general public of the EUSALP area. On the other hand, the Annual Forum will be a time to present the results of the initiatives carried out during the year of the Presidency, and to discuss on the way forward preparing for the following French Presidency in 2020. Especially, one will give a dedicated focus on the main topics such as green economy, youth and stakeholders’ participation in the EUSALP process and the enhancement of the Alpine cultural dimension.
All of the sessions established in the following agenda are meant to be in adequation with the current EUSALP’s objectives (e.g.: Economic Growth and Innovation, Mobility and Connectivity, Environment and Energy, and Governance, including Institutional Capacity). Discussions held in plenary sessions and/or during the workshops will contribute to improve the EUSALP’s functioning and to set up an ambitious framework of objectives for the alpine area and its inhabitants.

Last but not least, the European Commission & the Italian Presidency are wishing to involve as much as possible Action Groups of the Strategy and all of the stakeholders of the Alpine region in the fruitful discussions.

**VENUE**

PALAZZO LOMBARDIA, MILAN (premises, meeting rooms, other facilities)
DAY 1 - 28TH NOVEMBER 2019

FROM 9.00  OPENING OF REGISTRATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL FORUM  
Venue tbc

PARALLEL MORNING SESSIONS

10.30 - 12.30  GENERAL ASSEMBLY - MINISTERIAL MEETING  on invitation only  
Sala Biagi

12.30 - 13.00  PRESS CONFERENCE  
Sala Stampa

9.30 - 11.00  ACTION GROUPS MEETINGS  restricted to AG members  
Venue tbc

11.00 - 13.00  OPEN SIDE EVENT: ALPGOV PROJECT FINAL EVENT  
Venue tbc

FROM 14.00  AFTERNOON SESSION
OPENING OF THE NETWORKING VILLAGE AND EXHIBITION AREA

14.00 - 16.00  OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL FORUM  
Venue tbc

Welcome address
• Mr. Attilio Fontana, President Regione Lombardia  
Speech by the EUSALP IT Presidency
• Mr. Raffaele Cattaneo, Minister Regione Lombardia  
Speeches by EUSALP Ministers tbd

SESSION “SHAPING.FUTURE.TOGGETHER”
• Mr. Paolo Nespoli, Astronaut ESA
• Mr. Andreas Riehemann, President and CEO of BASF South Europe
• Dr. Josef Nierling, CEO Porsche Consulting S.r.l., Italia
OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES: A MACROREGIONAL OPPORTUNITY IN 2026
• Mr. Antonio Rossi, Former Olympian and Regional politician, Olympic Games Committee
• Mr. Giorgio Rocca, Former IT Olympian
• Mr. Antoine Deneriaz, Former FR Olympian
• Others Olympian from EUSALP area (tbc)

MODERATOR

16.00 - 18.30  PLENARY SESSION: INVOLVING STAKEHOLDERS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EUSALP

Venue

KEYNOTE SPEECH
• Mrs. Lena Andersson Pench, Director, European Commission - DG Regional and Urban Policy Department

ROUND TABLE N° 1
PROTECTING THE NATURE OF THE ALPINE REGION

INTRODUCTORY SPEECH
• Mr. Walter Wagner, International Freshwater Expert and Chair of the WWF European Alpine Partnership

Roundtable:
• Mrs. Elisabeth Soetz, WWF
• ARPAF project (ipotesi progetto 100% Local tbc)
• Mr. Klemen Bizjak, ALPINE SPACE Project “GREENCYCLE”

Discussion with the stakeholders and civil society in the room
ROUND TABLE N°2
REINFORCING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE ALPINE REGION
Introductory speech: tbd

Roundtable:
• Mr. Andrea Atena, ARPAF Project “CIRCULALPS”
• Mr. Thomas Egger, ALPINE SPACE Project “SMART VILLAGE”
• Small enterprise tbc

Discussion with the stakeholders and civil society in the room

18.30 - 19.00  CLOSING REMARKS
• Mr. Attilio Fontana, President Regione Lombardia
• Mr. Giovanni Toti, President Regione Liguria

20.45  EVENING RECEPTION: CHAMBER ORCHESTRA “CAMERISTI DELLA SCALA”
DAY 2 - 29TH NOVEMBER 2019

FROM 8.15 REGISTRATIONS

8.45 - 10.15 PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS
• Embedding and future of MRS within the next programming period (EC)
• Addressing territorial challenges with transnational cooperation and Macro Regional Strategies (EC)
• The Alps: a unique laboratory for sustainable development models (AG1)
• Towards an inspiring Alpine Space Programme 2021-2027 (AS)
• Climate crisis and its effects on Forest and Timber Value Chains (AG2, AG6, AG7, AG8, AG9)
• Perspectives for the energy transition - How to reinforce cooperation and integrated actions for a greener future - IMEAS Final Event
• Cross-border Mobility (AG4-AG5)

8.45 - 10.15 B2B EVENT
“CULTURAL ROUTES AS TOOLS FOR CULTURAL TOURISM IN THE ALPINE REGION” (In parallel)

10.15 - 13.00 THE FUTURE OF EUSALP
Venue

POLITICAL STRATEGY
• Mr. Attilio Fontana, President of Regione Lombardia
• Mr. Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner
• H.E. Prof. Giuseppe Conte, Italian Prime Minister
• Political representatives of EUSALP States, Regions and territories Ministers
• Final Award of Pitch your Project Competition
“SHAPING.FUTURE.TOGETHER. WITH THE NEXT GENERATION”
• Ms. Martina Cambiaghi, Minister for Youth Policies - Regione Lombardia
• Young EUSALP politicians and entrepreneur ans civil society representatives
• Mr. Max Laudadio, Journalist
• Mr. Paolo Nespoli, Astronaut ESA
• Mountain Hackathon (Time and content to be defined)

13.00 - 14.00 CLOSING PLENARY
• Perspectives from young MEPs: Mr. Marco Zanni, Mr. Brando Benifei
• Mr. Raffaele Cattaneo, IT EUSALP Presidency: Conclusions and Welcoming French Presidency 2020

14.00 - 15.30 NETWORKING LUNCH AND END ON THE ANNUAL FORUM