



European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)

Annual Forum

CONCEPT NOTE

10th December 2020 - SESSION 15:25-16:25

Macro-Regional Strategies, Interreg and the EU sustainable energy policy agenda: why cooperation matters

Session organisers

European Commission-DG Regional and Urban Policy, Units D1 (Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional/External Cooperation, Enlargement) and D2 (Interreg, Cross-Border Cooperation, Internal Borders)

Energy Agency of South Tyrol - CasaClima (Italy) and Auvergne Rhone Alps Environment Energy Agency (France), co-leaders of EUSALP Action Group 9

Title, topic, perimeter and target groups of the session

Macro-Regional Strategies, Interreg and the EU sustainable energy policy agenda: why cooperation matters

The EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP) will be presented as example of the Macro-regional Strategies contribution to the EU sustainable energy policy agenda and to the European Green Deal. Furthermore, in the framework of their 30 years celebration, Interreg projects from all the current three Interreg strands (Cross-Border, Transnational, Interregional) covering geographical areas other than the Alpine Region, different stakeholders and sustainable energy fields, will be presented as examples of the Interreg contribution and this will provide a unique opportunity for sharing of experiences with the Alpine Region.

The session is addressed to the EUSALP implementers and all Institutions and stakeholders working and interested in the sustainable energy field in the Alpine Region and not only. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions to the projects/initiatives presented and to provide their comments/opinions on the contribution of EUSALP/Macro-Regional Strategies and Interreg programmes to the EU sustainable energy agenda and of the European Green Deal.

Origin and history of this session

In both the Macro-Regional Strategies and the Interreg programmes the energy dimension is often prominent and they have a crucial role in the implementation of the EU Energy policy and the European Green Deal. This is demonstrated also by the fact that the importance of cooperation is mentioned in the EU Energy policy and in the European Green Deal, for example in the fields of energy governance and clean energy transition. According to Art. 12.1 of the Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action "Member States shall cooperate with each other, taking account of all existing and potential forms of regional cooperation, to meet the objectives, targets and contributions set out in their integrated national energy and climate plan effectively". Furthermore, The European Green Deal clearly states that "Increased cross-border and regional cooperation will help to achieve the benefits of the clean energy transition at affordable prices".



Timeline and agenda

15:25	Welcome and introduction by Mr. Jean Pierre Halkin, European Commission, DG REGIO, Head of Unit D1 “Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional/External Cooperation, Enlargement”
15:30	Presentations of examples on how EUSALP and Interreg programmes contribute to the implementation of the EU sustainable energy policy agenda and of the European Green Deal
15:55	Interactive session with the public moderated by Mr. Patrick Biard, Auvergne Rhone Alps Environment Energy Agency
16:20	Conclusions by Mr. Ulrich Santa, Energy Agency of South Tyrol – CasaClima

Expected results and output for the future

The Workshop aims at demonstrating how Macro-Regional Strategies and Interreg programmes, contribute to the implementation of the EU sustainable energy agenda and of the European Green Deal through presentations of good practices and an interactive discussion with the audience.

