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EUSALP Action Group 9

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region for energy efficiency
and renewable energy

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Agenda



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News from EUSALP & Action Group 9 (15 minutes)

(Ulrich Santa and Patrick Biard)

Plenum Session 1: Work Plan 2019-2022: Ongoing and proposed activities (75 minutes)

Energy Efficiency in Alpine SME`s – Outputs of the ARPAF project CAESAR and it`s dissemination *(Benjamin Auer)*

Cross-sectoral initiative “Low Carbon Alps”: The Hydrogen Initiative *(Etienne Vienot and Benjamin Auer)*

- Cross-sectoral initiative “Low Carbon Alps”: Alpine Energy & Climate Target system and the EUSALP Energy Observatory – Steps planned in 2021 *(Patrick Biard)*
- Alpine Climate Board: Virtual Alpine Energy Agency *(Stefan Drexlmeier, Energiewende Oberland)*
- Smart Village - The village of the future, positive vision and workshop concept for Alpine villages *(Tino Blondiau)*

Break (30 minutes)

Workshop “Energy Communities in the EUSALP” (90 minutes)

- The EU framework for Energy Communities and experiences made in Auvergne Rhone Alpes (Noemie Poize, AURA-EE)
- Energy Communities pilot projects in Piemonte Region (Silvio de Nigris)
- Ideas for activities in the field of Energy Communities

Plenum Session 2: Activities 2021 (30 minutes)

- Planning of EUSALP AG9 activities 2021 under the French Presidency and meeting wrap-up

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News & Events



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Composition of the Action Group:

In the second half of 2020, two new members joined the AG:

- Matteo Mazzolini, Regione FVG (presented himself on 30.09.2020).
Substitute member Martina Arteni
- Leo Satzinger, Land Tirol (joins the meeting at 12:00 h)
- Laura Boschini, APRIE, Autonomous Province Trento

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Past events: Energy Conference 2020



**30th September –
 1st October 2020**

CHAMONIX
 Congress Center - Le Majestic

30th September

8:30-9:30 Registration & welcome coffee

9:30-12:45 Plenary session

Roundtable 1: Identify the needs and challenges to stay on track in the fight against climate change and adaptation in a post-Covid-19 context.

Roundtable 2: Developed Crisis Management Tools in the Alps

12:45-14:00 Lunch break

14-16:45

Workshop 1: Adapt your territory to climate change!

Workshop 2: Hydrogen, an energy vector in the making in the Alps?

Workshop 3: An integrated approach in territorial planning

Workshop 4: Which energy-climate objectives for EUSALP?

17-17:30 Conclusion

19:00 Dinner

1st October

8:30-15:00 Site visits (open choice)

Visit 1: Unearth the impacts of climate change on flora and fauna, and risk management through biodiversity

Visit 2: Integrated energy and risk management in urban planning at the Taconnaz micro-power station and Taconnaz creek paravalanche

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Following the foundation of the policy area „Carbon-neutral Alpine region“ (AlpGov 2), and after initial bilateral exchange with interested AGs (especially AGs 2 and 4), the Action Group organized 2 thematic expert workshops on the cross-sectoral initiatives „Green Hydrogen for the Alps“ and „Common energy objectives for the Alpine region“.

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Thematic workshop: Hydrogen: An energy vector in the making in the Alps?

Key issues: Presentation of best practices and exploration of potentials for collaboration

Results: Representation from AGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9 in the Task Force H₂. Joint metastudy and 3 cooperation projects ideas emerged.

Project ideas further explored and discussed, follow-up on bilateral basis between interested parties.

Where do we go from here?

- Call for establishing cooperation on development of joint H₂ projects, e.g.
 - SPIRALPS (Horizon 2020) project on course
 - „H₂ for Sustainable Transport“ idea by AURA region
- Participation in embedding workshop on 03 December 2020 (jointly with AG 4)
- Meta-study on potential applications of Hydrogen in EUSALP regions

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Thematic workshop: Which energy-climate objectives for EUSALP?

Key issues: Introductory presentations by EURAC, PSAC/ACB and DG Clima. Interactive session focused around: Why define common objectives / What to include / What is needed to define them.

Results: Need for more and better data; monitoring and indicators. List of crucial topics (measuring construction and renovation of buildings, H₂, agriculture, ...). Energy Observatory as a potential tool.

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Upcoming event: Annual Forum 2020

Date: **10 December 2020**

ONLINE. For registration and information: <https://www.alpine-region.eu/events>

Agenda:

Morning: EUSALP General Assembly: an Alpine region united and resilient in the face of crises

9:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.: Session of the EUSALP General Assembly

12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Press Conference and Official Photos

1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.: Alpine youth commit to a resilient Alpine region in the face of climate change

3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.: At the heart of the Alpine Green Deal - three parallel workshops

Energy transition, forests*, dialogue between young people and decision-makers

4:25 p.m. – 18:05 p.m.: What achievements of the nine action groups in 2020? What projects for 2021? /
From EUSALP action groups to public policies: the five strategic activity areas for a sustainable and resilient Alpine region

*** thematic workshops with role of the AG 9**

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Annual Forum 2020: Energy Workshop

The WS aims at demonstrating how MRS and Interreg programmes contribute to the implementation of the EU sustainable energy agenda and of the EU Green Deal through presentations of good practices and discussion with the audience.

EUSALP will be presented as example of MRS contribution. Interreg projects from the current three Interreg strands (Cross-Border, Transnational, Interregional) covering different geographical areas, stakeholders and sustainable energy fields, will be examples of Interreg contribution and this will provide an opportunity for exchange with the Alpine Region.

Speakers: co-leaders of AG9 and AG4 and partners of energy projects co-funded by the Interreg Cross-Border SE-DK-NO, Interreg MED and Interreg Europe.

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Annual Forum 2020: REDIAFOR Workshop

Multifunctional alpine forests: what uses, what conflicts?

Lumber, fuelwood, leisure, etc. Alpine forests are the subject of conflicts of use that the REDIAFOR project (ARPAF 2 programme) aims to resolve.

With a focus on the role of forests in the prevention of natural risks (nature-based solution): official relaunch of the Task Force on the multifunctionality of forests

Speakers: co-leaders of AG2, AG6, AG7, AG8 and AG9

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Report EUSALP Learning Environment

In the frame of AlpGov 2 WP 1 the Bavarian State Ministry for the Environment and Consumer Protection assigned PLANVAL as external expert to support the development of an EUSALP Learning Environment. They will set up and implement five capacity building modules in a co-creative process together with EUSALP actors until summer 2022.

In the first part of this process Planval focussed on the analysis of topics with strategic relevance for capacity building. Very important working steps were interviews with AG leaders and an online survey for EB members, AG leaders and AG members.

A report is now available with the results of this analysis.

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French EUSALP Presidency 2020-21

Provisional calendar of events

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Any news to share from members/observers?



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Workshop Energy Communities



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Discussion - Energy Communities

1. Please present briefly good practices in your region / country.
2. Is your Department / Energy Agency working with Energy Communities (e.g. services offered, ongoing/planned projects)
3. Lessons learned: From your experience, which conditions foster and which restrict the realization and success of Energy Communities? (technical, administrative, social-economic)
4. Which aspects you deem as particular interest for EUSALP Action Group 9?
5. Which activities could AG9 envisage to support Energy Communities in the Alps? (Steps to be realized in 2021)

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Activities 2021



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Activities 2021 – preliminary calendar

- **January, 18-19:** Exchange meeting with ALPACA initiative on “Virtual Alpine Energy Agency” (online)
- **Early 2021:** Workshop on the Alpine Energy & Climate Target System (to be announced by Patrick Biard)
- **March, 11:** EUSALP AG9 Meeting (online)
- **April:** CEASAR project workshop, auditors`tool for Energy Efficiency in enterprises
- **October, tbd:** EUSALP Energy Conference and EUSALP AG9 Meeting (France)
- **Autumn, tbd:** Event to promote EUSALP's actions in favour of the development of hydrogen in the Alpine region (promoted by French Presidency)

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