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 of the European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region

## City-Mountain cooperation : Together towards carbon neutrality!

Grenoble, 7th October 2021

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While global fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have increased by 68% between 1990 and 2018, IPCC reports regularly alert the global community to the urgent need for massive reductions in greenhouse gas emissions to limit the rise in global temperature to 1.5°C or at most 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

Shared by seven states and among the most prosperous regions in Europe, the Alpine region is keen to be at the forefront of the low-carbon transition, which France has made a key objective of its EUSALP presidency, in line with the Paris Agreement.

The challenge of a carbon neutral Alpine region refers to the capacity of the Alpine States to articulate their national strategies (e.g. the French National Low Carbon Strategy) and to make them consistent with the European Green Pact. But this cannot be done without the commitment of the territories and the consideration of the new forms of alliances that they are implementing, at their own scale(s), to face climate change and ensure social, economic and environmental well-being.

Thus, wishing to go beyond the simple comparative evaluation of the carbon footprint between cities and the countryside - implicitly maintaining an unconstructive opposition - the metropolises and large Alpine and peri-Alpine cities have engaged in multiple cooperations with their neighbouring territories to accelerate transitions.

The international conference "City-mountain cooperation: together towards carbon neutrality" puts these inter-territorial cooperations at the heart of the Alpine and European climate debates, by presenting and sharing French and foreign Alpine initiatives.

## Programme

<b>8h30</b>	<b>Reception of the participants</b>
<b>9h00</b>	<b>Opening session</b> Loïck ROCHE, Director of Grenoble Ecole de Management Christophe FERRARI, President of Grenoble-Alpes Métropole Claus HABFAST, Councillor for Europe - Mountain and Architectural Heritage of the City of Grenoble (tbc) Fabrice PANNEKOUCKE, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region Councillor and Vice-President of the Permanent Commission of the Alps Massif Committee (tbc) Joël GIRAUD, Secretary of State in charge of rurality (tbc)
<b>10h</b>	<b>Keynote speeches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Focus on climate action and on alpine towns in the frame of the Alpine Convention Nathalie MORELLE, Project Officer, Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention</li><li>- The Grenoble Metropolitan Area's Air Energy and Climate Plan: building the carbon neutrality trajectory together Pierre VERRI, Vice-President of Grenoble-Alpes Métropole in charge of air, energy and climate</li></ul>
<b>11h</b>	<b>Lessons and experiences from SUERA action groups on city-mountain cooperation and their contribution to low carbon objectives</b> Nika DEBELJAK, Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation (SL) Barbara FRASCHETTA, Lombardy Region (I) Sylvain GUETAZ, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region (FR) Andreas LINDERMAIER, Bavarian Ministry for the Environment and Consumer Protection (DE) Olivier MARGOUET, Region SUD PACA (FR)
<b>12h00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14h</b>	<b>Parallel workshops</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Environmental commons: drivers of shared transitions between city and mountain</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Maeva NORMAND-SECOND, Grand Chambéry</li><li>○ Lilian VARGAS, Grenoble-Alpes Métropole</li><li>○ Philipp VESELY, Salzburg Institute for Spatial Planning and Housing (AT)</li></ul></li><li>2. <u>Learning, innovating, working, travelling: more value and well-being for less greenhouse gases</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Pierre-François, ADAM, Mountain Cluster</li><li>○ Claudia FASSERO, Metropolitan City of Turin (I)</li><li>○ Loïc GARGARI, Nice Métropole Côte d'Azur</li></ul></li><li>3. <u>From the city to the mountains : discovering, entertaining, cultivating</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bruno CARAGUEL, Federation of Alpine pastures of Isère</li><li>○ Cyril LAILY, Director of Grenoble Alps Tourism</li><li>○ Erell MELSCOËT, Deputy Director of the Grenoble National Choreographic Centre</li></ul></li><li>4. <u>Research point of view on city-mountain relations for communities and civil society in the era of global changes</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Frédéric BALLY, Grenoble Ecole de Management - Chair Territories in Transitions</li><li>○ Laurence MALARET, Grenoble National School of Architecture</li></ul></li></ol>
<b>15h30</b>	<b>Perspectives and conclusion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Cyrille PLENET, Vice-President in charge of agriculture, wood and mountains, Grenoble-Alpes Métropole</li><li>● Margot PITEL, Tadej JERZERNIK, Members of the EUSALP Youth Council</li><li>● Julie THIRAN, European Commission - DG REGIO</li><li>● Christiane BARRET, General Delegate of the EUSALP French Presidency</li></ul>
<b>16h</b>	<b>End of the conférence</b>