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# 2022 ITALIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGY FOR THE ALPINE REGION

Autonomous Provinces of Bolzano/Bozen and Trento





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Climate change can only be tackled if political efforts are coordinated, as the issue goes beyond regional or national borders. The EU has always been at the global forefront in combatting climate change. EUSALP will become a powerful political tool for coordinating these efforts in the Alpine macro-region. This is why the 2022 Italian Presidency puts the focus on climate mitigation, hoping to make the area the first carbon-neutral EU macro-region. Since the energy sector is crucial in the fight against climate change, the Presidency will network stakeholders to exchange good practice in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy. High performing players will be honoured with the EUSALP Energy Award. At the same time, the Presidency will promote sustainability and energy self-sufficiency at municipal level and take concrete steps to improve the climate footprint of the EUSALP governance system. Furthermore, the Presidency will work on further strengthening EUSALP governance and synergy with its European, national and regional partners.



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EUSALP is a major opportunity to play a key role in the heart of Europe, to act as one community and find shared solutions to common challenges. One of the priorities of the 2022 Italian Presidency is to value skills, innovation and digitalization, strengthening the connection between Alpine cities and rural areas by improving access to public services and sustainable mobility infrastructures. We also pursue the goal of creating a network of smart villages and regions. Ensuring the Alps are smart and well-connected is a prerequisite for attracting the younger generation and offering them the opportunity to live, work, research and invest in an innovative and inclusive context. EUSALP can represent a tool for shaping a sustainable and prosperous future for the Alps, as well as for managing global megatrends through preemptive policy designed in cooperation with the younger generation, who are the future citizens and decision-makers of the Alpine region and could therefore choose the Alps as a place to live and work.

## SIX AREAS OF ACTION

The 2022 Italian EUSALP Presidency will be chaired by the Autonomous Provinces of Bolzano/Bozen and Trento. The Presidency will focus on six areas of intervention, with the goal of **working together** for a more **sustainable, digital** and **well-governed EUSALP area**.



# 1. Tackling climate change by promoting energy efficiency and energy transition

- **Reducing energy consumption** by increasing energy efficiency;
- Achieving **decarbonisation of the energy system** through the progressive replacement of fossil fuel with renewable sources.

**The EUSALP area will become the first carbon neutral macro-region.**

# 2. Fostering smart villages and sustainable local development

- Closely **involving regional and local administrations** to stimulate the process of ecological transition and technological innovation.
- Strengthening the **connection between central and peripheral areas** to enhance accessibility to services, innovation and digitalisation by channelling EU and national funds towards this ambitious goal;
- **Encouraging young people to stay or move to the Alps** by making it a place to live, work, innovate, invest and raise a family.

# 3. Youth empowerment within EUSALP

- **Developing young people's skills** through meetings, training and events, so they become ambassadors of EUSALP in their own regions;
- Strengthening their relationship with the Action Groups.

**For the European Year of Youth, our young people will become leading forces for change.**

## 4. Reinforcing collaboration with the Action Groups

- Strengthening **cooperation among EUSALP bodies**;
- Integrating Action Groups within the context of EUSALP implementation in a more performance-oriented manner, ensuring support for their activities in the long-term.

## 5. Guaranteeing the continuity of the initiatives launched: sustainable tourism and transport; cooperation on natural risk management and spatial planning, multifunctional forests

- Promoting **cooperation on natural risk management and spatial planning**, and taking the next steps in the dialogue on multifunctional forests;
- Promoting a **common roadmap for the decarbonisation of transport** in the Alpine Region;
- Maintaining the momentum towards the development of a **network of mountain resorts** committed to ecological transition and year-round diversification.

## 6. Strengthening EUSALP governance and embedding

- **Streamlining and strengthening the embedding process** through the Financial Dialogue Networks;
- Developing EUSALP governance by supporting the **implementation of the Technical Support Structure** and the cooperation with the Alpine Space Programme Committee;
- Ensuring a pre-defined and transparent **rotation mechanism for future EUSALP Presidencies** and equal sharing of responsibility among delegations.

# 2022 PRESIDENCY EVENTS

- ◆ 7-11 March – Brussels and online
  - **EU Macro-Regional Strategies Week**
  - **Friends of the EUSALP side-event**
  - **YC visit to the European Parliament**
- ◆ March – Paris
  - **AG2 Event on Agri Products**
- ◆ April – Innsbruck and Bolzano/Bozen
  - **EUSALP Roadshow “Spatial Planning”**
- ◆ April – Grenoble
  - **AG2 Event on Tourism**
- ◆ 8 April – Milan
  - **AG3 Event on education and the labour market in the Alps**
  - **YC Future workshop: Jobs of the future in the Alps**
- ◆ 29 April – 8 May – Trento
  - **Trento Film Festival**
  - **International Festival Pastoralism and Great Outdoors**
- ◆ May – Evian
  - **AG2 Event on Water**
- ◆ 3-4 May – Trieste
  - **AG5 and AG3 Digital Alps Conference 2022**
  - **EUSALP Roadshow “Smart villages”**
- ◆ 11-13 May – Bolzano/Bozen
  - **Green Infrastructure Ceremony**
- ◆ 13 May – Innsbruck
  - **EUSALP Mobility Conference**
- ◆ 16-20 May – Brussels
  - **EU Vocational Skills Week**
  - **AG3 event on mutual recognition of educational qualifications**
- ◆ 17-20 May – Paris
  - **Global Fair Industry**
  - **AG2 event on digital industry**
- ◆ 18 May – Rosenheim
  - **EUSALP Roadshow “Natural hazards”**
- ◆ June – Edolo
  - **EUSALP Roadshow “Innovation hub for Green Business”**
- ◆ 2-5 June – Trento
  - **Festival of Economics**
  - **YC future workshop: A future order in the Alps - Integrated local development**
- ◆ 15-19 June – Trentino
  - **International EUSALP Football Cup**
- ◆ 24 June – Trento
  - **Trento AlpGov II Closing Event**
- ◆ September – Milan
  - **Milan AG2 Event in cooperation with the “Economic Development” group of the Youth Council**
- ◆ 8 September – Brigo
  - **Alpine Conference – Alpine Convention**
- ◆ 30 September – Trento
  - **YC Event: Young female scientists in promoting innovation for the future development of the Alps**
- ◆ October – Trento
  - **Festival of Sport: Olympic Games in the Alps event**
  - **YC side event**
- ◆ 20-21 October – Bolzano/Bozen
  - **EUSALP Energy Conference**
  - **EUSALP Energy Award**
- ◆ 21 October 2022
  - **50th anniversary of ARGE Alp**
- ◆ 23-25 November – Trento
  - **Annual Forum and General Assembly**

*Some events may be modified or cancelled depending on the evolution of the health emergency.*

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