



## European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)

### Annual Forum

#### SUMMARY

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#### **WORKSHOP 2 - Macro-Regional Strategies, Interreg and the EU sustainable energy policy agenda: why cooperation matters**

Introduction by Jean-Pierre HALKIN, Head of the Macro-Regions Unit, Transnational / Interregional / External Cooperation, Enlargement at the European Commission, DG Regio, who stresses that Macro-Regional Strategies have a very important role to play in the implementation of the European Green Deal and in the pursuit of European leadership in the fight against global warming.

The floor is given by Patrick Biard, the moderator of the workshop, to Olivier Margouet and Xavier Garcia - co-pilots of the EUSALP mobility action group 4 for Provence-Alps-Cote d'Azur Region - who present the results of the study launched on alternative fuels and the results of the two webinars organized on the subject by AG4. The study emphasizes the importance of coordinated approach, production capacities and infrastructure financing, especially on secondary networks and isolated valleys. Success factors were identified during the discussion between pilot Regions: consistency, massification, tax incentives and the role of public procurement.

Étienne VIENOT, from the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Energy Agency, pilot of action group 9, presents three cross-border energy programs: ALPGRIDS (renewable energies), BB-Clean (use of biomass for the production of domestic heating) and Smart Altitude (reduction of tourists' energy consumption in winter). He then insists on the work carried out by AG9 on the uses of hydrogen in the field of mobility. Joint work on the latter was initiated with other AGs, in particular AG4, in Chamonix in September 2020.

Maria FREUND, coordinator of the CISKA project, gives a presentation of this Scandinavian park of circular industrial symbiosis. The project is simple. If one company produces waste, others use it. If one company produces too much heat, another company uses the heat generated by the other partner. The park is currently working on projects related to methane and ammonia. Methane is made from hydrogen. Other park projects are in the making in Denmark and will serve as an example.



Vera VALERO, from the Valencia Institute of Building, presents the SHERPA project coordinated by the Catalonia Region, which aims to strengthen the capacities of public administrations at regional and sub-regional levels in the territories covered by the project. The objective is to improve the energy efficiency of public buildings using a methodology then transferred to other municipalities and Mediterranean regions.

Dalibor JOVANOVIĆ, Istrian Regional Energy Agency, presents the SUPPORT project, a partnership, made up of 11 partners from nine different countries, which for 4 years has been supporting local administrations in their low carbon emissions strategy. The main objective of the project is to improve the energy efficiency of public buildings and identify administrative and financial barriers.

In his conclusion, Ulrich SANTA, Director of the South Tyrolean Energy Agency, co-pilot of action group 9, insists on the need for cooperation, knowledge transfer and discussion that emerged from this workshop.

