



EUROMONTANA

What governance for our European mountains?

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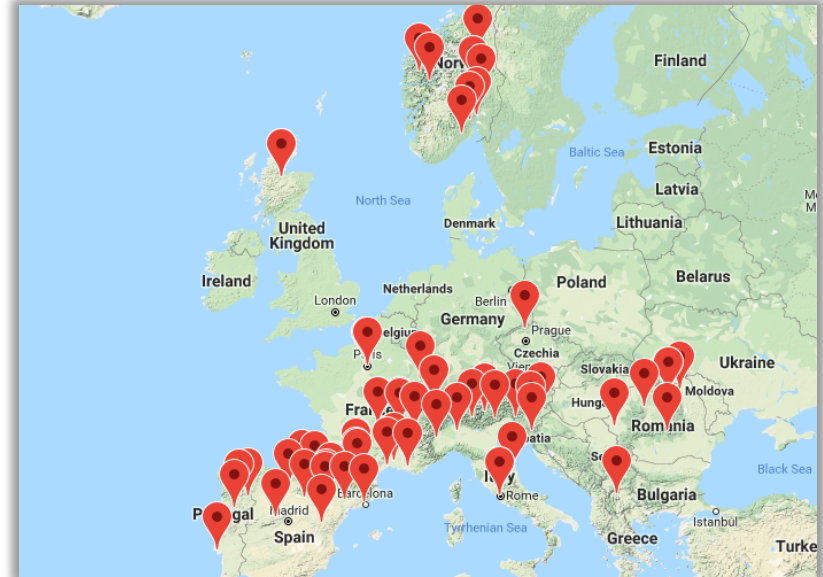
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What is Euromontana?



- ▶ European **multisectoral** association for cooperation and development of mountain areas (since 1996)
- ▶ Around 65 members from 15 countries
- ▶ Comprising :
 - regional and local authorities
 - regional development agencies
 - chambers of commerce and industry
 - agriculture organisations
 - environmental organisations
 - research organisations
 - training institutes...



Diversity of members = strength → increased interest from institutions

How mountains are taken into account at national level?

► 4 scenarios:

– No specific mountain policy:

⌞ address through rural development policy

⌞ countries where almost no mountain (or regions):

- Poland, Belgium, Ireland

⌞ countries where almost all the country is mountainous:

- Greece, Norway, Slovenia

– Some sectoral themes covered (generally agriculture):

⌞ Portugal, Hungary, Slovakia

– A multidimension approach

⌞ Tourism , agriculture, education, regional development, land management

⌞ Germany, Spain, Austria

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France:

- Creation of mountain committees, 1973 ;
- Mountain law with delimitation of mountain ranges, 1985
- 2016 Mountain law II

Italy:

- Principle of a policy for mountain areas: 1948
- Creation of mountain communities 1971
- Mountain Law 1994

Switzerland:

- Law on mountain investments 1974

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Romania:

- Mountain law 2018
- Creation of mountain committees 2019

Croatia:

- Mountain Law 2019

Some interesting examples

► Mountain Parliament:

- Occitanie Region in France

- Online opened platform – 700 members

- Plenary sessions (2x / year)

- Launch of a participatory budget Mountains of Occitanie, lands of life and innovation with a 1,2 million euros budget 2019/2020



► Gaya Project, Interreg Alpine Space

- Involving young people in public life & encouraging generational renewal

- a [Tool Box targeting policy makers and administrators](#)

Reflections for the future

- ▶ A European Strategy for mountains?
 - Request of the EP in the Iotova Report
- ▶ What place for our mountains in the next reform of the Territorial Agenda?
- ▶ What future for EUSALP in the next 2021-2027 programming period?
- ▶ How mountain areas will be taken into account at regional level in the Operational Programmes?



November 2018 – Cohesion Policy

How can Managing Authorities better address the needs of their mountain areas and deliver on their obligation to respect article 174 of the TFEU?

A man in a dark blue jacket and black pants is hiking up a grassy mountain ridge. A young child in a black beanie and dark clothing is strapped to his back in a grey and red child carrier. They are both looking towards the right, where a vast mountain range stretches into the distance under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The foreground is filled with dry, golden-brown grass.

Thank you !

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