

Minutes of the Workshop 6 – Going further together ! Exchange with the Alpine Space projects

Workshop 6 started from the observation that many activities are going on in the Alps on climate change matters and have everything to gain from being coordinated. From this point of view, the main objective of the Workshop was to make different players meet and exchange. This would enable to create synergies between cc.alps and the INTERREG/ETC Alpine Space projects and to, at this stage, explore the possible cooperations to join forces on climate change issues.

The session started with a short presentation of the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) Alpine Space Programme by Lorraine Brindel from the Joint Technical Secretariat. This was followed by a presentation of the cc.alps' activities by Wolfgang Pfefferkorn from the CIPRA International.

Marion Damm, from the StMUG in München, presented the project *ClimChAlp* and its results. This project, which was led during the INTERREG IIIB period, was the first one dealing with climate change in the Alpine Space Programme.

Afterwards, representatives of each of the 5 new projects of the ETC Programme which concentrate on climate change were presented (each focusing on content, objectives, pilot regions, expected results and upcoming events):

- + *AdaptAlp* (Marion Damm, StMUG, Germany) - adaptation to climate change in the Alpine Space.

- + *CLISP* (Stefan Schneiderbauer, EURAC, Italy) - climate change adaptation by spatial planning in the Alpine Space.

- + *ClimAlpTour* (Marianna Elmi, EURAC, Italy) - climate change and its impacts on tourism in the Alpine Space.

- + *PermaNET* (Kathrin Lang, Provinz Bolzano, Italy) - permafrost long-term monitoring network in the Alps.

- + *Alp-Water-Scarce* (Carmen de Jong, Mountain Institute, France) - water management strategies against water scarcity in the Alps.

Since beginning of 2009, upon the initiative of the *CLISP* leaders, exchanges are being fostered among the climate change projects of the ETC Alpine Space Programme. In this session, Stefan Schneiderbauer reported on the first information exchange meeting of the 5 Alpine Space climate change projects (Vienna - February 2009). During this meeting synergies and interfaces between the 5 projects have been discussed as well as the forthcoming steps on the common topics of interest.

During the discussion, CIPRA and the ETC projects underlined the importance of transferring knowledge (literature, databases, etc.), capitalising on best experience and practices, communicating the results already achieved, as well as the forthcoming ones and linking up networks within the Alps.

The participants involved in the projects could also discuss on some potential synergies. These regard possible cooperation in the organisation of events to avoid coordination lacks, in the dissemination of project results, in avoiding duplications of actions and in ensuring linkages (common mailing list, website links integration, pilot sites selection, share of experience on reaching stakeholders (e.g. face to face exchanges), etc). Moreover, the possibility of organising a common event extended on a few days, for example the "Alpine climate days", including conferences and excursions, was also considered by the participants. This first exchange should set ground for workable cooperations on climate change activities on an Alpine wide scale.

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