



## BENVENUTI IN VALPOSCHIAVO



Dalla periferia geografica a centro virtuale: ICT in un'area alpina rurale

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# **Capacità d'azione sociale: i risultati della ricerca**

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## Project Future in the Alps

### Question Team 2 - Governance Capacity

#### Two questions:

- How can we **consolidate the governance capacity** of individuals and communities in the Alps?
- What is it - other than economic and ecological aspects - that **prompts people to stay in the Alps or to move** to the Alps?

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## **Building social cohesion and local/regional attractiveness**

most important issues:

- **social inclusion**
  - **gender parity**
  - **demographic evolution and territorial attractiveness**
  - **modes of government and social structures**
  - **cultural identity**
  - **innovation and attitudes toward changes**
  - **external relations**
  - **infrastructure and services (including public services)**
  - **local economy**
  - **territorial features**
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## Conclusion

a local community is liable to **maintain and increase** its governance capacity:

- when individuals **share** a common definition of what is the common interest
  - when there is strong **social cohesion**
  - when the local society and economy is various enough for allowing individuals to develop a wide range of (social and economic) roles and actions liable to facilitate the building of **collective welfare**
  - when individuals have acquired a strong **social capital**
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## Social cohesion

- balanced social **stratification**
  - proper **instruments** and means to tackle with different interests and conflicts
  - **participatory** decision making processes
  - **involvement** of all groups of local society (young and elderly people, women)
  - **tolerance** towards social and ethnic minorities and all those that do not want to fit into the prevailing norms and values.
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## Recommendation 1

Local Alpine societies should **improve the quality of recognition of its social diversity** and give space to the expression of particular cultures, interests and expectations, especially to those which are frequently neglected (women, children, new inhabitants, foreigners, second home owners, etc.) in order to **prevent social exclusion**.

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## Recommendation 2

Local Alpine societies should work on the **building of a common identity**, which should display the identities of the majority of inhabitants' and groups' without excluding the interests of social, cultural, ethnic, religious or political minorities.

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## Recommendation 3

Local Alpine societies should work on the **building of an integrated vision of their own territory**, taking into account the specificity of every village and hamlet and the specificity of local economic activities for a better use of every opportunity in local planning, cultural events, etc.

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## Recommendation 4

Local Alpine societies should **foster local economies within the scope of global trends** they cannot escape from, and thus elaborate **cross-sectored strategies and partnerships** based on different levels and types of territory (from local level to international level - urban, rural, peri-urban).

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## Recommendation 5

Local Alpine societies should **develop specific skills for the comprehension of the various political and administrative processes and tools** in order to enhance their participation in the definition of these processes and to combine local interests and expectations with more global development frames and conditions.

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## Recommendation 6

Local Alpine societies, in town like in the countryside, should **promote an outward looking attitude**, being aware to maintain and to develop each type of external partnership they can built.

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## Recommendation 7

Local Alpine societies should develop initiatives for **maintaining or even creating adapted, new and more appropriate infrastructures and services.**

Due to a relative decreasing of public subsidies and to a privatisation context of public services, local communities have to co-operate and to join their needs and means.

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## Recommendation 8

Local Alpine societies should undertake every effort to **assist women empowerment** respectively strengthening the position of women in order to establish a **more gendered community** and to better utilise the potentials of the region.

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## Good Practice 1

**Renouer le lien ville/campagne dans les Alpes**

<http://www.alpesolidaires.org/>



## Good Practice 2

### Tauschkreis Vorarlberg

<http://www.tauschkreis.net>





## Good Practice 3

[www.ilbernina.ch](http://www.ilbernina.ch)



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## Good Practice 5

### Kempodium

<http://www.kempodium.de>



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## **Good Practice 6**

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