

What is CIPRA?

The International Commission for the Protection of the Alps, better known under its abbreviation CIPRA, has been lobbying on behalf of sustainable development in the Alps for more than half a century. In other words, CIPRA is always looking for ways of reconciling the environment, the economy and social issues.

CIPRA is represented in all seven Alpine countries: Austria, Germany, France, Italy, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Slovenia. It also has a regional representative in South Tyrol. The non-governmental umbrella organisation with more than 100 member organisations sees itself as a modern information platform. It gathers data and facts on topics such as the climate, traffic, mountain farming, tourism, energy and building, which it then processes and makes available to anyone with an interest in the subject within the Alps and beyond.

So what is the best solution when it comes to protecting the Alps: a top-down approach, starting from the government level, or a bottom-up approach, generated by the municipalities and the population itself? CIPRA is convinced that both are important. It inspires and monitors an international set of agreements such as the Alpine Convention on the one hand and, on the other, operates municipal and regional networks. It's a two-pronged strategy aimed at protecting the Alps that has certainly stood the test of time..

For cc.alps, CIPRA works together with an internationally recognised team of experts:

Bruno Abegg, Zurich University/CH
Helmut Haberl, Veronika Gaube, Simone Gingrich, Institute for Social Ecology (Vienna), Klagenfurt University
Martine Rebetez, WSL - Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape

cc.alps's activities are supported locally by the CIPRA representatives in seven Alpine countries.

Financing and budget

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***climate change:
thinking
one step
further!***



Why is cc.alps important?

Climate change is a reality. The first signs are visible worldwide – and the consequences are particularly noticeable, also for the Alpine region as a whole.

What are we doing to mitigate climate change? We wrap up glaciers; we trade in CO2 certificates; and we increase of use of hydropower.

But do we also know what consequences all this has on society, the economy and the environment?

That is where the cc.alps project comes in. With cc.alps, the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps (CIPRA) helps to ensure that climate measures are in harmony with sustainable development.

What does cc.alps do?

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...gathers know-how and experience gained in dealing with climate change. An international team of experts evaluates the knowledge obtained and provides an overview across the Alpine region;

...rewards the best measures with prize money totalling 100,000 euros. 160 projects from all the Alpine countries were submitted as part of the cc.alps competition. An international jury awarded prizes to seven activities by municipalities, institutions and businesses from Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Switzerland and Slovenia;

...circulates the acquired knowledge base using events, workshops, its website and PR work among the stakeholders throughout the Alps;

...broadens people's awareness of the impact of climate change and of sustainable climate response measures;

...works together with pilot regions which implement sustainable strategies aimed at lowering the CO2 output adapting to climate change;

...relays messages from the scientific world to the world of politics and public administrations.

What next for cc.alps?

On 2 and 3 April 2009 representatives of local authorities, politicians, experts and interested laymen and women are to meet for a **climate conference in Bolzano/I** to discuss the implementation of climate response measures. The aim is to make the findings available to people working at the interfaces.

The results of cc.alps are to be put to direct practical use. To this end **pilot regions are to be sought in the Alps** which adopt a sustainable approach to the consequences of climate change. They are to illustrate how climate response measures in the Alpine region can be shaped in an eco-friendly way.

In a number of **theme-based dossiers** cc.alps will be explaining the findings obtained from the fields of energy, nature conservation, buildings & settlements, energy self-sufficient regions, tourism and natural hazards. These dossiers will be available as of spring 2009.

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