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Press release: Invitation to GaYA-conference on November 30th 2018 in Chambéry/F

Young ideas for the Alps!

How can young people actively shape the future of the Alps? The GaYA Conference on 30 November 2018 in Chambéry/F focuses on youth participation and governance.

Many young people in the Alps leave their home communities because of poor job prospects. At the same time, the political participation of young people in the Alpine regions is low. The project GaYA - Governance and Youth in the Alps - is committed to involving the young generation more closely in political decision-making processes so they can help shaping the development of their communities.

How can youth participation in cities and rural areas be promoted? What innovative ideas are there? What opportunities does digitalization offer? On 30 November 2018, the GaYA Conference "Young Ideas for the Alps" provide a forum for discussion. Young people, politicians and interested parties are invited to exchange experiences on the topic and jointly develop new solutions.

Eight municipalities from different Alpine countries will talk about their experiences in the GaYA project and show what measures they have implemented together with their young inhabitants. The event offers 14 interactive sessions, music and alpine cuisine as well as films produced by young people, which will be presented in an alpine-wide film competition. Admission to the conference is free of charge.

Programme and registration can be found at www.alpine-space.eu/projects/gaya/en/conference

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the conference.

This press release and pictures can be downloaded at:

www.alpine-space.eu/projects/gaya/en/conference

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GaYA- Governance and youth in the Alps

Young people tend to leave the Alpine space because they lack personal and professional fulfilment. Furthermore a majority of decision-makers remain unaware of the benefits a young active population brings to society. In cooperation with eight partners from all over the Alps GaYA aims to increase the quality of democratic processes in the Alpine space by enhancing the involvement of young people in regional governance and by developing new approaches for decision makers. New democratic methods are collected in order to overcome the challenges of territorial cohesion and participatory involvement of young people in everyday political actions. The implementation of innovative governance forms has great potential for increasing sustainable and fair decision making.

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