

AlpWeek 2008

Innovating [in] the Alps

- Concept and structure of AlpWeek 2008
- Contents and expected outputs of session 1

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First approach: Innovating in the Alps

- The Alps are considered as a **support** or a **matrix** which fostered innovative projects in different directions
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Second approach: Innovating the Alps

- The Alps are considered as a **project** (e.g. the Alpine convention) where sustainable development can be challenged and experienced.
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Question 1

- How do the Alps carry potential innovation for **territorial development**?
 - What are the added values of their lead in social, economic and political terms?
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Question 2

- How do the Alps still carry potential innovation regarding the **natural environment and biodiversity**?
 - What are the added values of such a lead in terms of valuation of land resources, supplied ecological services and the prevention of natural hazards?
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Question 3

- How can innovation based on **resourceful Alpine culture** respond to both risks and risk challenges
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Question 4

- Do Alpine research and scientific expertise on mountain related topics still hold a lead in terms of **global approaches or interdisciplinarity**?
 - Can they reach an increasingly integrated vision of the knowledges produced and actions taken?
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Question 5

- Is there such a lead within the Alps as a whole which made them a **cradle** for innovation?
 - Or does this lead result from local features which cannot be generalised?
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Question 6

- When do the Alps **export** or **import** innovation?
 - How is such innovation selected and implemented?
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Structure of the AlpWeek

- **Session 1:** General introduction on innovation (ISCAR)
 - **Session 2:** Past innovations: what can we learn? (CAA/ISCAR)
 - **Session 3:** Current innovations: critical analyses (CIPRA/ALPARC)
 - **Session 4:** Local innovation: innovation in the Ecrins (Alliance in the Alps)
 - **Session 5:** Sustainable innovations: which politics?
 - **Round table:** Which criteria for the definition of favourable innovations for a sustainable development
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Session 1-Innovation: Creating and controlling change

- Guest Speaker 1: Jean Corneloup

« How to address the issue of innovation »

- Guest Speaker 2: Wolfgang Zängl

« What does innovation mean? A critical outlook on the Alps and beyond »

- Witness : Philippe Langevin