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Multi-Annual Work Programme of the Alpine Conference

2017-2022

Priorities



WHAT IS THE MULTI-ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME OF THE ALPINE CONFERENCE?

The Multi-Annual Work Programme 2017-22 (MAP) defines joint priorities to foster the implementation of the Alpine Convention and its Protocols. It provides a framework for actions and offers strategies and tools for addressing the challenges facing the Alpine area.

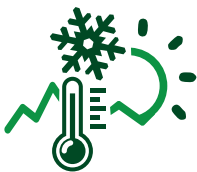
A VISION, ONE PROGRAMME, SIX YEARS, SIX PRIORITIES

The MAP 2017-2022 contributes to the overarching long-term vision of establishing the Alps as a pioneer region for sustainable living in the heart of Europe, as expressed in the Declaration on the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2017-2022, adopted by the XIVth Alpine Conference in Grassau (Germany). It identifies six priorities.



FOCUSING ON PEOPLE AND CULTURE

This priority seeks to promote a high quality of life in the Alps by making use of local and traditional knowledge, addressing demographic change as well as improving governance structures and adapting them to future needs of the population in order to make Alpine societies resilient and innovative.



TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

This priority focuses on increasing efforts in climate change adaptation, reducing greenhouse gases emissions, implementing renewable energy and energy efficiency measures, as well as developing a carbon-neutral economy and lifestyle. The work of the Alpine Convention offers an excellent basis for developing a comprehensive climate neutrality strategy. Such a strategy should aim at increasing regional adaptation and mitigation towards an ideal goal of overall climate neutrality in the Alps by 2050.



CONSERVING AND VALUING BIODIVERSITY AND LANDSCAPE

This priority aims at maintaining and valuing biodiversity in its comprehensive sense. This includes the diversity of species, of ecosystems and habitats and their spatial connections, as well as the unique cultural and natural landscapes in the Alps.



GREENING THE ECONOMY

This priority addresses the relationship between the economy and the environment and pertains to a range of Alpine economic sectors, such as energy, transport, forestry, farming, building and tourism. The priority also includes social aims, such as the fair and socially equitable management of economic processes, and the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change.



PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

This priority concerns various relevant aspects for sustainable transport within the Alpine Convention area. This comprises the integration and harmonization of external costs generated by the cross-border transport of goods, the promotion of innovative solutions for ensuring accessibility, the assessment of the most appropriate tolling measures, the management of environmental impacts and emissions, as well as the promotion of alternative fuels with lower CO₂ and pollutant emissions.



PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE ALPINE REGION (EUSALP)

The focus under this priority is to consolidate the Alpine Convention's position within EUSALP and to actively shape EUSALP activities that are relevant to the Alpine Convention. This requires effective leadership of EUSALP Action Group 6 together with the Province of Carinthia but also active participation and input for other EUSALP Action Groups wherever possible and relevant for the Alpine Convention.

THE ROADMAP OF THE MULTI-ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

Additionally to the MAP 2017-2022, a comprehensive roadmap has been developed. It will be updated by the Alpine Conference every two years. The aim of the roadmap is to identify specific joint short-term actions within the MAP priorities. This facilitates and promotes a pragmatic and hands-on approach to the implementation of the MAP.

PARTNERSHIP

Successful implementation of the MAP requires strong partnerships. Partnerships are crucial for exchanging experiences across different fields and knowledge groups, thus strengthening the Alpine Convention's ties with various stakeholders and providing better visibility of the Convention itself.

More Information

For the full text of the Multi-Annual Work Programme of the Alpine Conference 2017-2022, the Declaration of the Alpine Conference and the current road map, visit www.alpconv.org.

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