



Alpine Space Programme 2007-2013

Potentials, opportunities and problems

The Alpine Space Programme - steering a strategic process

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OBJECTIVE 1

Convergence
283 billion € / 81.54%

OBJECTIVE 2

Regional Competitiveness
and Employment
54,96 billion € / 15.95%

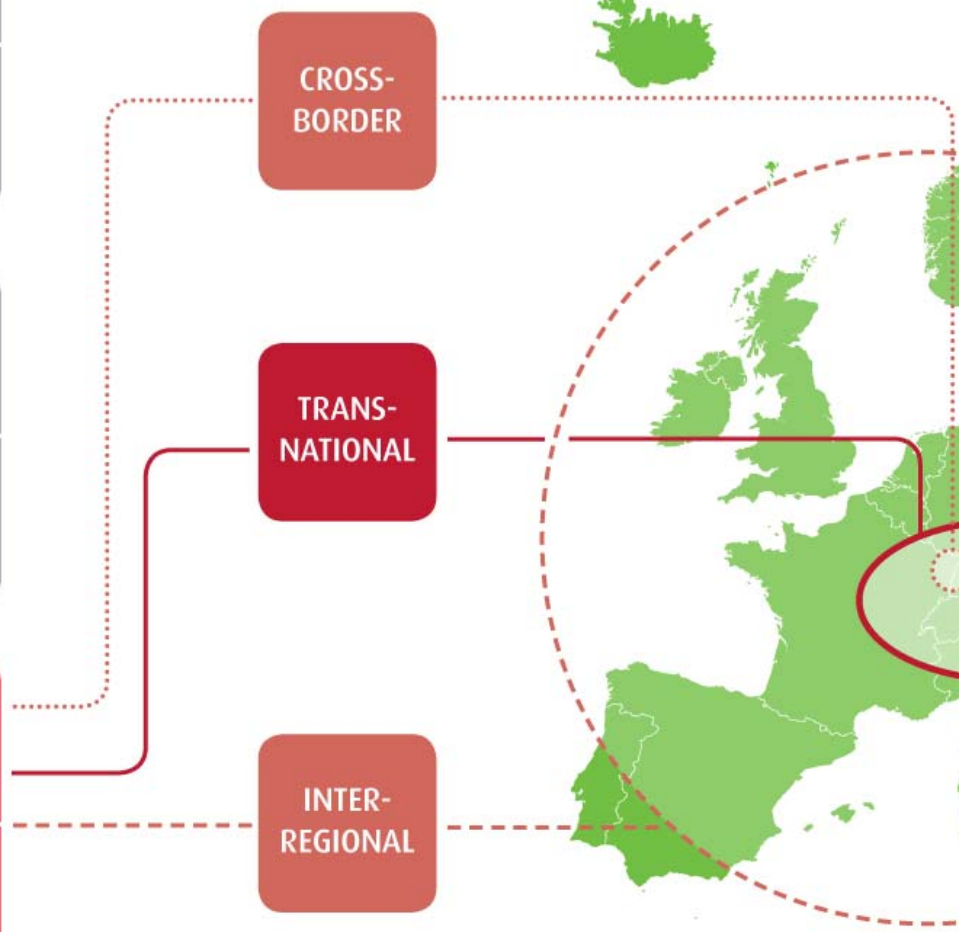
OBJECTIVE 3

European Territorial
Cooperation
8,72 billion € / 2,52 %

CROSS-BORDER

TRANS-NATIONAL

INTER-REGIONAL



Steering a strategic process

Towards „strategic projects“: thematic Workshops 2004-2005

Three Thematic Workshops

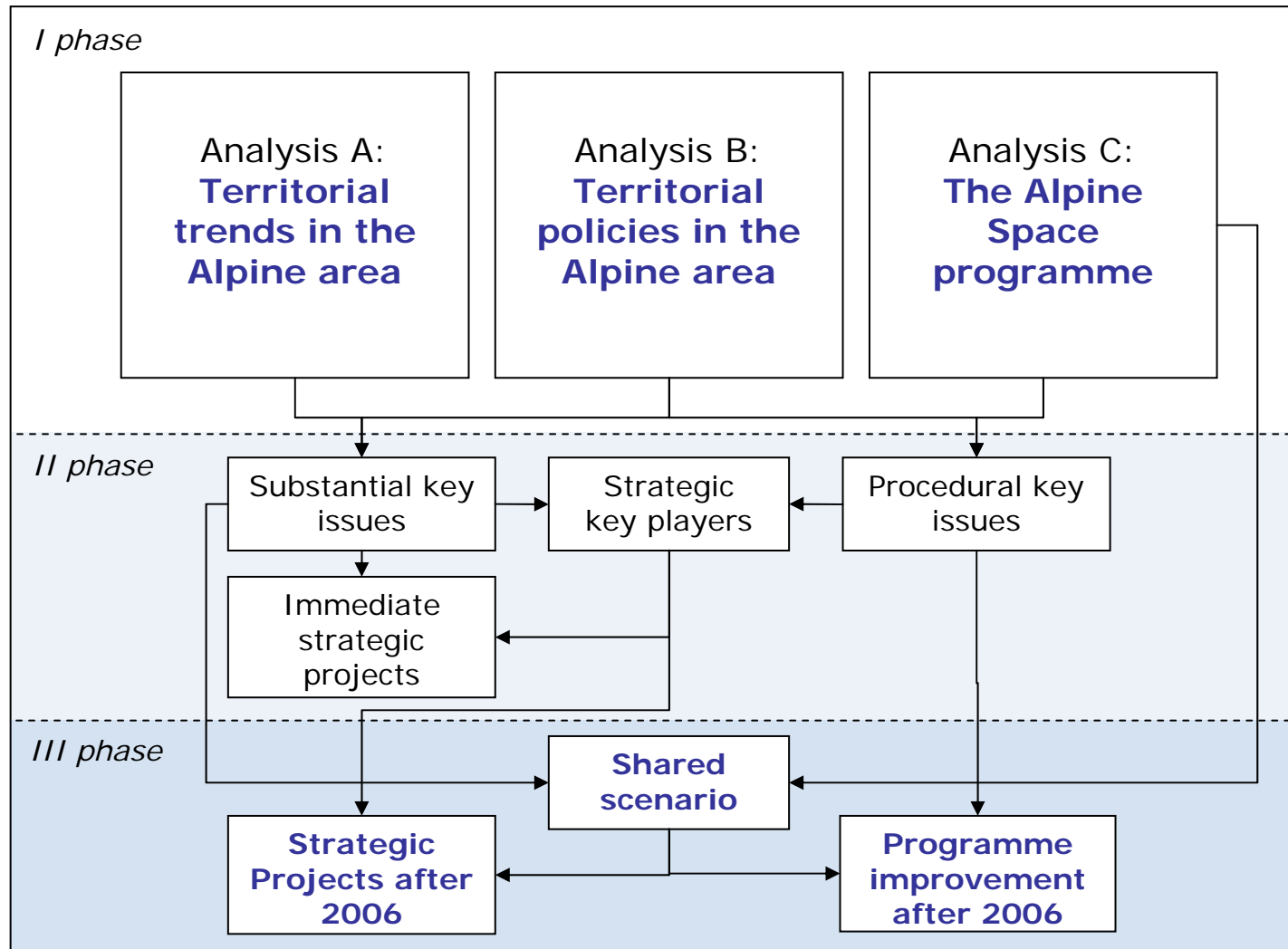
- + Climate change
- + Rural areas and their centers
- + Transport

Main shared outcomes:

- + Increase in **project quality & expectations**
- + Stimulation of **new strategic project** ideas and partnerships
- + Established networks to be **consolidated and expanded**
- + **Intensify cooperation** especially with the **Alpine convention**
- + Climate change as cross cutting theme **shall become a cornerstone**

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The prospective study 2006



Prospective study (continued)

Territorial trends in the Alpine area

Territorial trends: having strong & long lasting influence on an area

- ⇒ Natural resources and biodiversity
- ⇒ Economy
- ⇒ Culture and social welfare
- ⇒ Spatial development

Four trends with considerable impacts in Alpine area:

- 1/ Increasing **transportation volumes**: road > rail
- 2/ **Growth in migrations**: towards peri-urban
- 3/ Dynamic **increase of natural hazards**
- 4/ **Economic concentration & growing disparities**

Core area:

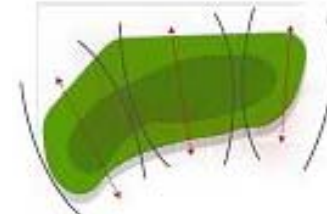
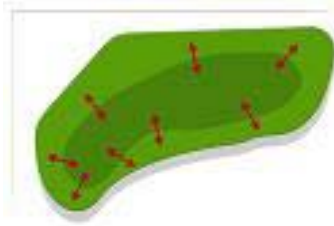
population decline / + competition / - public services / rise energy prices

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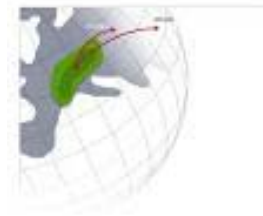
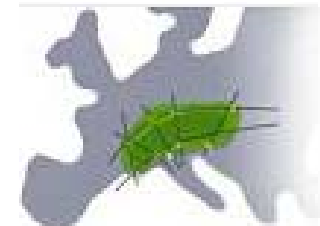
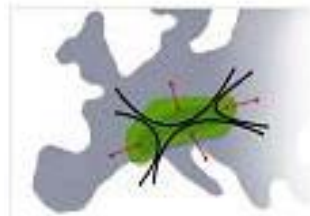
Shared scenarios for the Alpine area

Six visions to **organise the debate** about **strategic orientations**

- Visions 1, 2, 3: **internal regulation** and **management** of alpine diversity



- Visions 4, 5, 6: integration in a **wider global perspective** and preservation of its specificity



Considered when defining the **challenges** for the cooperation area **2007-2013**

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Strategy Revision 2009+

Impact assessment

- + What are the **impacts** of co-funded projects?
- + How can the project evaluation process be improved to better **anticipate possible project impacts**?
- + How can the programme **better steer** the projects?

Quality projects and programme steering actions

- + Improving the **projects / programme partnership**
- + Coordination of activities by offering **support** and **platforms**
- + **Alpine project “clusters”** – (see slide climate change)

What now?

Funding instrument or macro-regional strategy?

- + **Programme / projects already cover topics that seem to be emerging in the 2014+ discussion**
 - energy, climate change, demographic change, innovation
- + **Orientation on multi-level and integrated approaches**
 - Coordination, integration and involvement are core-elements
 - Enforcement of (programme) capacities?
 - New governance?
- + **Strategy development only for programme implementation or wider strategic framework?**

Climate change: a major challenge for the Alpine Space

- + **Horizontal and cross-cutting** topic
- + Advanced technical **knowhow, expertise** and experience
- + **Intergovernmental Action Plan** from the Alpine convention

Alpine Space Programme steering role:

- + Series of **projects** referenced as **good practices** on www.alpconv.org
- + Supporting **synergy effects** between initiatives: „**clusters**“
 - increase **visibility** through joint promotion actions
 - exchange views for **shared positions**
 - **transferability** of findings to other EU spaces

Model region for adaptation strategies to climate change?

Selection of Alpine Space projects tackling climate change

CLIMALPTOUR – Climate change and its impact on **tourism** in the Alpine Space

MANFRED - Management strategies to adapt Alpine Space **forests** to climate change risks

SHARE - Sustainable **hydropower** in Alpine rivers ecosystems

CLISP - Climate change **adaptation** by spatial planning

ENERBUILD – **Energy efficiency** and renewable energies in the building sector

PARAMOUNT - Improved accessibility: reliability and security of Alpine **transport** infrastructure related to mountainous hazards in a changing climate

PERMANET – Long term **permafrost** monitoring network in the Alpine Space



What's coming up?

**Climate Change
Expert workshop
May 4th-5th 2010 Interlaken**

Third call for project proposals

- + ToRs publication 28.06.2010
- + National info-days 07-09.2010
- + Call opening 13.09.2010

Where to find information?

www.alpine-space.eu

Thank you for your attention!