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
The cooperation area

- 7 Partner States: A CH D F FL I SI
- 5 Member States,
  2 Non-EU Member States
- 34 (NUTS II) regions
- 450,000 km²
- 70 million inhabitants
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**
Steering a strategic process
The prospective study 2006

I phase

Analysis A: Territorial trends in the Alpine area
Analysis B: Territorial policies in the Alpine area
Analysis C: The Alpine Space programme

II phase

Substantial key issues
Strategic key players
Procedural key issues
Immediate strategic projects

III phase

Strategic Projects after 2006
Shared scenario
Programme improvement after 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
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
Steering a strategic process
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](http://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!