

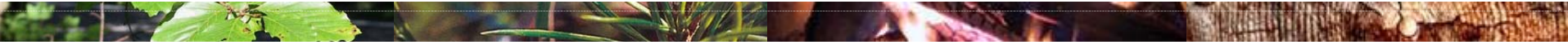
Territorial potentials and cooperation in the Alps

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CIPRA: key information



Founded in
1952

Cooperation,
partnerships,
networks...

National/regional
committees

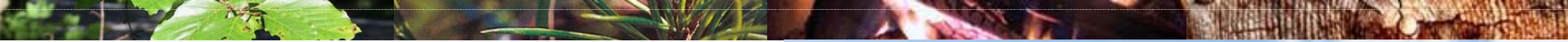
NGO

Alpine Convention

From nature conservation
to sustainable
development...

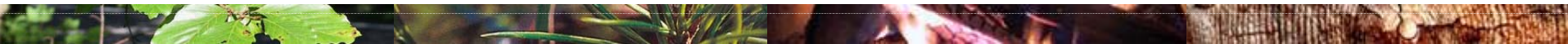
Alpine Space:
France, Italy, Switzerland,
Austria, Slovenia, Germany

Territorial potentials in the Alps – a selection



Natural resources, such as **water**, **wood** or **landscape** are very valuable for sectors such as energy, tourism, etc.

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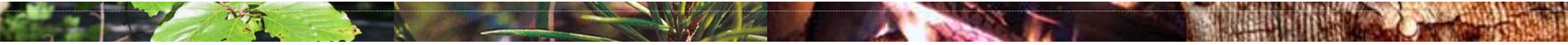


The Alps are as a whole an economically dynamic and wealthy area, with a great deal of traditional and modern **knowledge** and **know-how** of the inhabitants.

The many **networks** and **actors** in numerous sectors

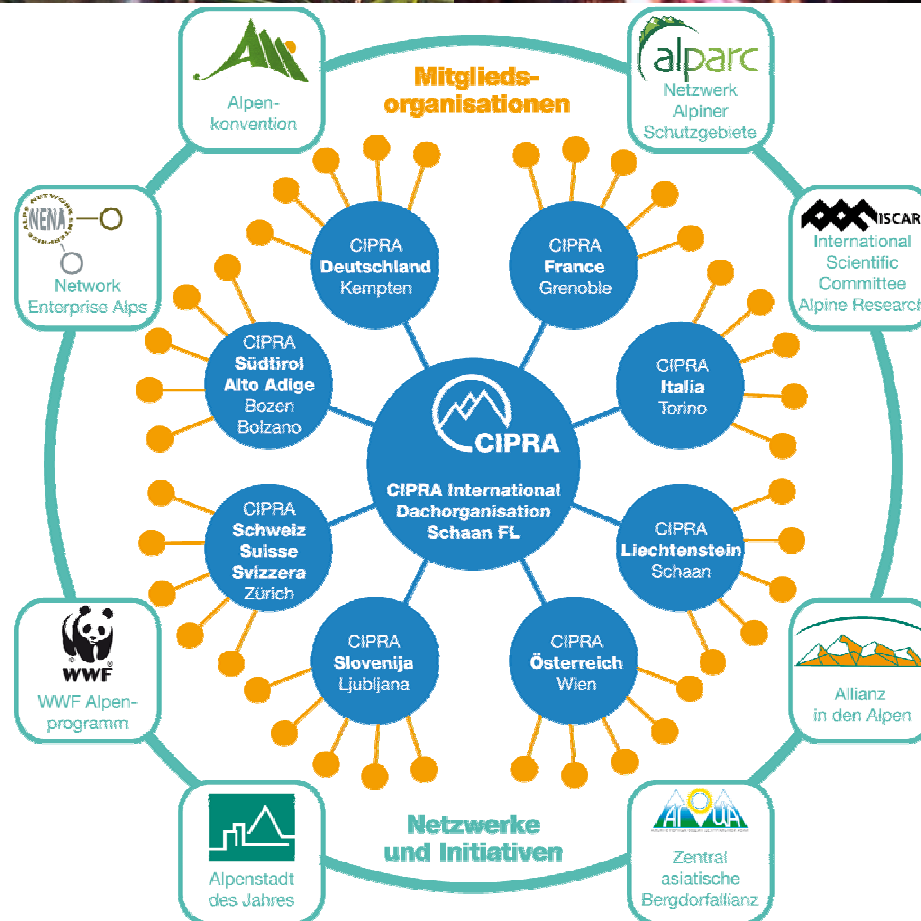
= capital for sustainable development

Needs for cooperation



1. The **governance question**: the traditional mechanisms of decision (politics and administrations) are insufficient. Cooperation is necessary at all levels (horizontal) and between all levels (vertical)
2. We can not afford to handle the **resource „knowledge“** so carelessly. We must and we can learn from one another (eg. Future in the Alps and Alliance in the Alps)
3. Facing the challenges of the **future** together

CIPRA: a network



Climalp

Information campaign aimed at promoting **energy-efficient buildings** built from **regional timber** in the **Alpine region**,
across **linguistic and cultural borders**

Many forms of cooperation:

Horizontal,

Vertical,

Trans-sectoral

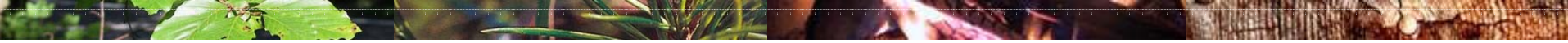


Climalp – passive house conference, Grenoble/F



- Initiated thanks to strong contribution of climalp/cipra
- 4th edition
- Over 200 participants each year

Climalp – Saint Jean d'Arvey



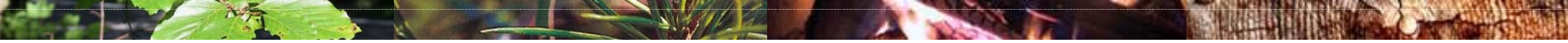
- Excursion to Vorarlberg autumn 2008
- Begin of construction Sept. 2010
- 1st passivhaus certified building and “Label Bois des Alpes”

Climalp – Energy efficiency in alpine huts



- Back stage networking within alpine clubs (CAA)
- CAA project in preparation
- Excursion to Schiestelhaus hut/AT in June 2010

Alliance in the Alps



275 member municipalities from
almost all **alpine countries**

Founded in **1997**

A **network**,
an
association



Allianz in den Alpen
Alliance dans les Alpes
Alleanza nelle Alpi
Povezanost v Alpah

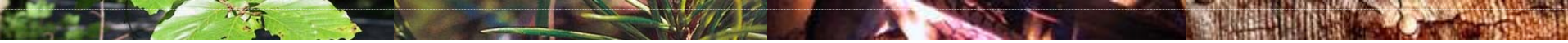
Alpine Convention

Supporting
municipalities in their
sustainable projects

Encouraging the
municipalities to
exchange experiences
and **ideas**

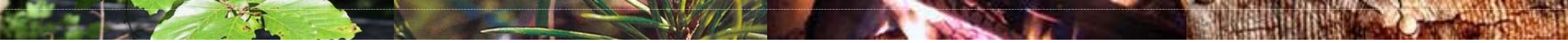
A **voice** for alpine
municipalities and
sustainable development

Traffic calming in the Julian Alps/SL



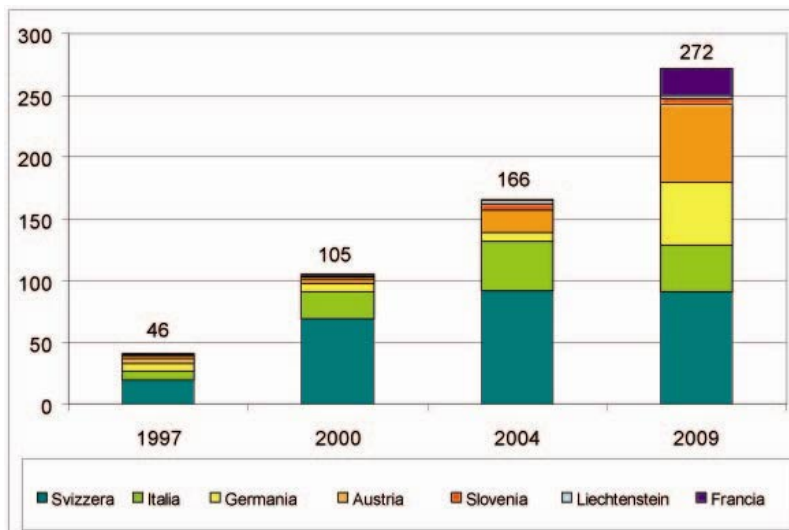
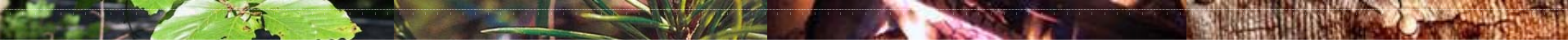
- Supported by DYNALP² Programme
- New horizontal cooperation between Kranjska Gora, Bohinj, Bovec/SL
- Support to solve a great problem
- Need for vertical cooperation
- Exchanges with Carinthia/A (e.g. on e-mobility)

Organic refectory in Budoia/I



- Supported by DYNALP² Programme
- Innovative project, which faced many difficulties (administration, mentalities...)
- Cooperation with local farmers
- Organic agriculture
- Higher quality of food in refectory

Alliance in the Alps: a voice in/for the Alps?



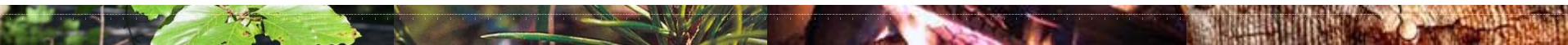
Strong potential:

- Ideas and dynamic
- Presence in almost all alpine countries
- Willingness

Difficulties:

- critical mass (10%?)
- resources

Alliance of Central Asian Mountain Communities



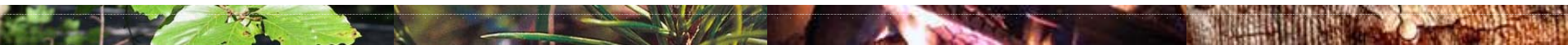
- Founded in 2003, with support of CIPRA and “Alliance in the Alps”
- Tajikistan, Kirgizstan und Kazakhstan
- Various exchanges between AGOCA, “Alliance in the Alps”, CIPRA...



Success factors for cooperation – in general

- Time and space: not just an additional parallel activity
- Active partners, capable of cooperation
- Cooperations must be led and managed
- Teamwork
- People and relationships have strong impact on cooperation
- Confidence
- External assistance
- Patience and flexibility/reactivity
- Timing and opportunity

Success factors for cooperation – in the Alps



- The Alpine Convention, a common framework
- Services taking into consideration the various languages, cultural, social, economical contexts

Thank you for your attention!



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