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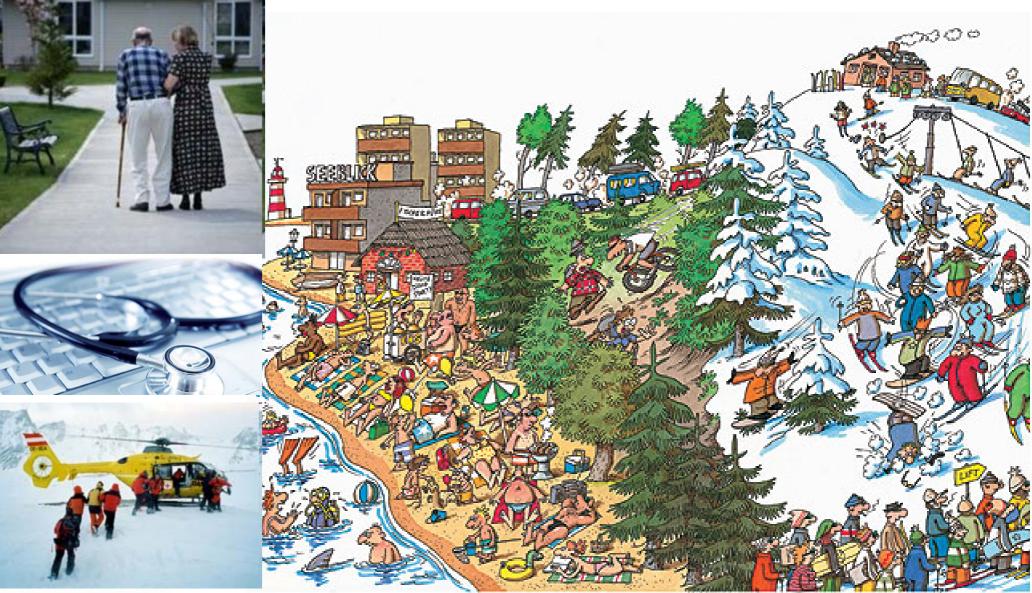
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High expectations.....



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# Alps and water - no problems ahead?











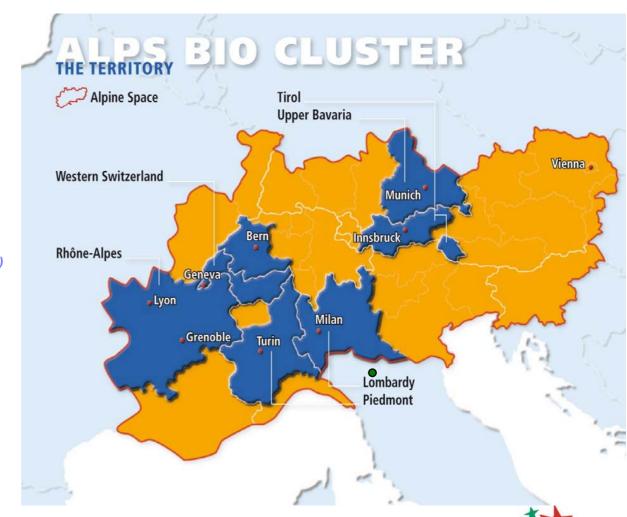


# Alps Bio Cluster Biotech and Medtech in the Alpine Space

Federating 8 partners from 5 Alpine countries: FRANCE, ITALY, SWITZERLAND, GERMANY, AUSTRIA

□ Coordinated by:ADEBAG (Grenoble Alps Bio Network)

- 7 Project Partners:
- → Lyonbiopôle (Rhône Alpes)
- → BioIndustry Park Silvano Fumero(Piedmont)
- → Milan Chamber of Commerce (Lombardy)
- → BioAlps (Western Switzerland)
- → Tiroler Zukunftsstiftung (Tirol)
- → Helmholtz-Zentrum München (German Research Center for Environmental Health)
- → Weihenstephan Triesdorf
  University of Applied Sciences (Upper Bavaria)



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## Alps Bio Cluster Biotech and Medtech in the Alpine Space

# Objectives

- Establish a transnational cluster with 2 main working axes managed by specific groups of experts:
  - "New diagnosis and therapies" in the biotech sector
  - "Autonomy and Healthcare" in the medtech sector
- Encourage **transalpine cooperation** between R&D centres, universities, start-ups and SMEs
- Support collaborative projects
- Boost **joint economic development** by reaching a critical mass of key players.

#### Our vision

"A Healthy life at home in the Alps in a natural environment worth to be preserved"

#### **Alpine Space Key Figures**

#### Industry:

750 Biotech companies 550 Medtech companies 1 200 SMEs 80 big companies

#### Education:

35 universities

#### Research:

66 research centres

#### Supporting services:

29 incubators and science parks17 technology transfer organisations

#### Finance:

27 Venture capital companies\*

\* Results from Alps Bio Cluster territorial analysis – June



# Alps Bio Cluster Thematic networks

#### Establishment of 3 cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary networks,

#### each managed by a leading group

- ✓ "e-Care" linked to the axis "Autonomy and Healthcare"
- ✓ "Converging technologies and Personalized medicine" linked to the axis "New diagnosis and therapies" and
- √"Ecosystem services for human health"

Each network established "expert groups" of key players from the regions

Each network was active in writing grant proposals in EU calls





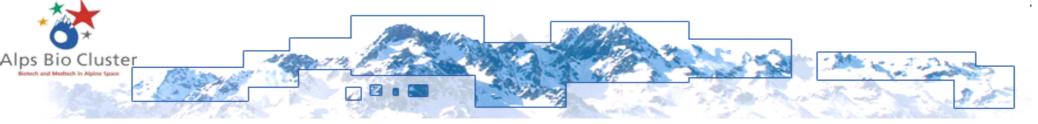
# A good example: the Biotech 2010 Fair, Milan











Winter seminar "Environmental Biotechnologies to Improve Human

Health and Quality of Life", February 2010

- presentation of latest trends and technologies
- international expert panel
- how to enhance co-operation?
- → Permanent group of experts for discussion of trends, needs and project ideas
- → Green biotech focus group

"Ecosystem services for human health"





- Spring Seminar, May 2011:
  - 2.5 day meeting in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, aim:
  - 2 project proposals focusing on upcoming topics in environmental biotechnologies
  - experts from the Alpine space but also from abroad (It, Fr, Nor, Pol, Gr, Hu, Ger)









### Experience and Recommendations:

- Need for a biotech meta-cluster in the alpine space
- Annual thematic events focusing on specific topics
- Bring key players into personal contact: foster public/private partnership
- Stimulate discussions between stakeholders: local authorities, policy makers, SMEs and researchers
- Improve human health and quality of life in a fragile and endangered area
- Facilitate access to information and funds on transalpine/international level
- Recommendation to funding bodies: reduce administrative hurdles











# "e-Care" pilot network

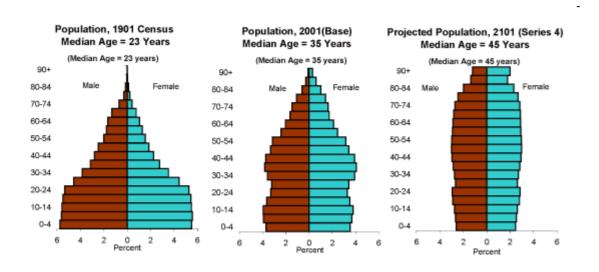
# linked to the axis "Autonomy and Healthcare"





#### ✓ Global Context

- The healthcare sector is facing increased needs due to the ageing population and the raise of chronic diseases.
- Cost reduction in European public budgets: high demand of quality and efficiency to the medico-social systems









- ✓ Challenges in the Alpine Space
  - The lack of health professionals in Alpine Space
  - The difficulties to reach hospitals because of isolated situations
  - An increasing tourist population during winter and summer seasons
  - Transnational area: different features of the European medico-social systems and medical information systems







✓ The main objective to reach is:

To take a better care of isolated patients and/ or at home by using ICT technologies integrated to medical devices: "Personalized care services"



# BIOTECHNOLOGIES AND MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES IN THE ALPINE SPACE

Alps Bio Cluster Catalyst Event «ICT & Care: toward personalized services»

7-8 July, 2010 Grenoble, France





Programme in collaboration with UNIVERSITE DE GRENOBLE







## ✓ Composition

 around 12 experts from companies, academics, research institutes, medico-social field, end-users organizations of the Alpine Space

#### Missions

- Exchange of good practices and mutual learning
- Identification of problems to overcome in setting up European collaborative projects and solutions to bring
- Identification of the key success factors for transnational projects' success
- Build transnational collaborative project to apply for European calls:
   AAL Call 3 &4, FP7 ICT Call 7 Challenge 5, CIP –ICT Call 2011





# <u>1st meeting</u> **7**<sup>th</sup> July 2010 - Grenoble, France

## ✓ 4 defined axes of working :

- 1. A common technological European initiative: integrated platform open source & interoperable, development of technologies: low energy, self adaptive system and data fusion software
- 2. Access to the market for SMEs:
  - how to reach a strong dissemination, what is the good level of deployment: regional, national, European?
  - How to involve big medical devices companies in the network?
- 3. Lobbying at European level: recommendations on PPP e —health to take into account specific mountains areas
- 4. Transnational management of projects : methodology & support to set up European projects for the FP 7 ICT & Health Call





# "Converging technologies and Personalized medicine" Pilot Network

linked to the axis "New diagnosis and therapies"









#### **Leading Group "Converging technologies and personalized medicine"**

#### ✓ Global Context

Personalized medicine is an extension of traditional approaches to treating diseases, with greater precision

> tailoring of medical treatments to individual genetic characteristics of each

patient.

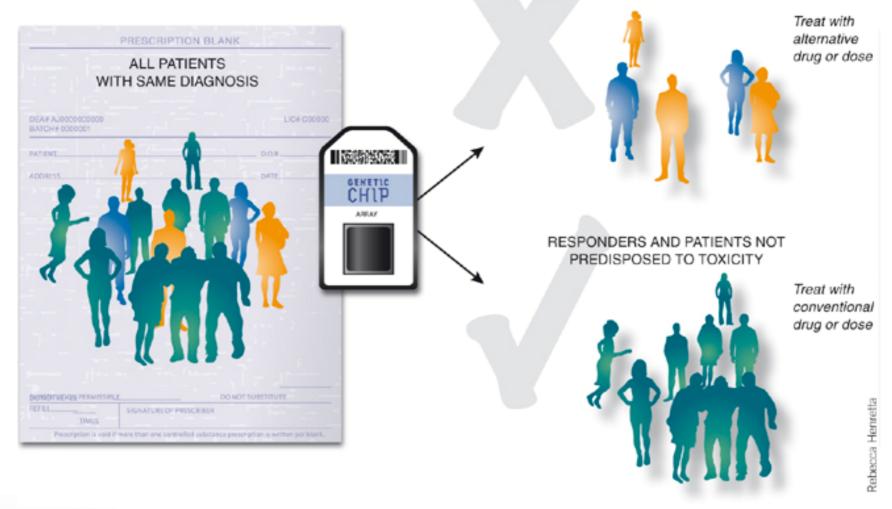
 Multidisciplinary sectors involving different industries (biopharmaceuticals, diagnostics, medical devices...)

 Personalized medicine means innovative, cross sector and highly specific characteristics – involving advanced technologies and raises social issues..





#### NON-RESPONDERS AND TOXIC RESPONDERS







### **Leading Group "Converging technologies and Personalized medicine"**

## **✓** Composition

around 10 experts from companies, academics, research institutes, insurance, venture capitalists...

#### ✓ Missions

- Identification of project ideas that could be set up at the European level within a European call
- Building transnational networks to apply for European calls
- Set up applications for European projects (supported by Alps Bio Cluster team)







### **Leading Group "Converging technologies and Personalized medicine"**

## <u>1st meeting</u> October 26<sup>th</sup> (with Biotech Fair 2010), Milan

- ✓ Road Map and Action Plan
  - Identify the expectations of the participating experts
  - Identify key common area of interest
  - Analyze the first expressions of interest for the creation of partnerships related to specific EU calls









# "Ecosystem services for human health" Pilot Network

linked to the axis "New diagnosis and therapies"





#### **Leading Group "Ecosystem services for Human Health"**

- ✓ Global Context
  - It is an opportunity to successfully address EU policy goals, among the others:
    - > sustainability, reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emission, energy efficiency and sustainable development
  - Green Biotechnologies cover a wide range of requirements: modern biotechnology methods for plant improvement, improvement of nutrition...
  - Technological improvements in these fields are crucial











## **Leading Group "Ecosystem services for Human Health"**

- **✓** Challenges in the Alpine Space
  - Environmental pollution in the Alps: air, soil, water and biota with the impact on human health and quality of life
  - The Alps offer a multitude of options for bio indication, bio detection, bio remediation and bio energy...
  - But lack of external trust, reliability and lack of internal cooperation between academia and industry especially innovative SMEs









## Care has to be taken to

- ✓ preserve the Alpine region as an independent economic space to meet the needs of the resident population through sustainable development;
- ✓ shape and manage the cultural landscape in order to preserve the Alpine region as a living space based on diversity;
- ✓ permit a greater role to be played by the forces of natural development without anthropogenic interference.
- ✓ refrain from making unsustainable use of the Alpine space



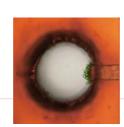


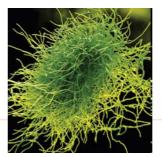
#### **Leading Group "Ecosystem services for Human Health"**

## ✓ Objectives to reach

- The leading group = a representative voice of the Alpine space, through which the above issues could be addressed
- Care has to be taken to preserve the Alpine region as an growing economic space in a delicate environment
- Networking and clustering are indispensable:
  - > to yield best impact of accumulated academic knowledge and practical green solutions offered by SMEs
- Important to stimulate discussions between stakeholders: local authorities, policy makers, SMEs and researchers on green biotechnologies and foster public/private partnership









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#### Welcome

























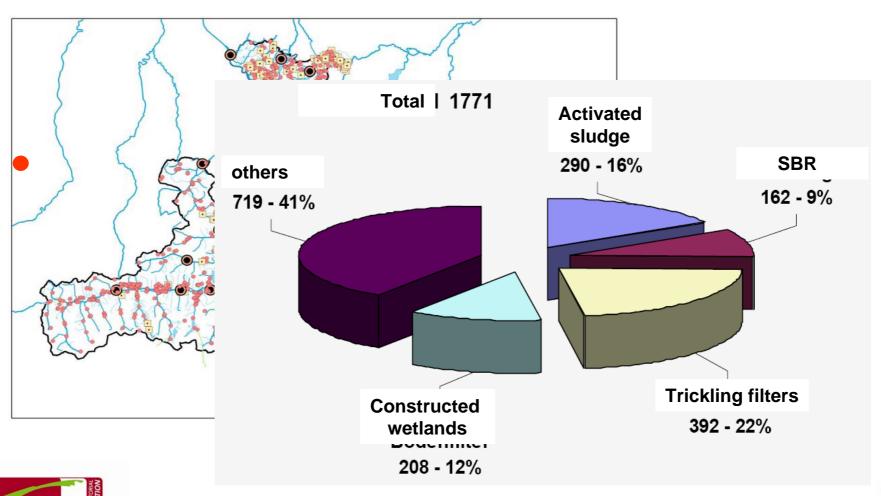






# **Practical experiences with CWs**

**Example Salzburg (1771 small WWTPs)** 



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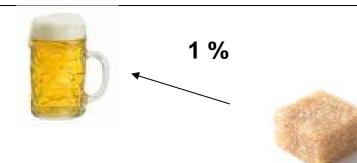
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# The uniqueness of the Alps

- The Alps are home to 13 million people.
- In 190.912 sq.km. within the Alpine arc we find the territory of seven countries, 83 regions and about 6,200 communities.
- The Alps have a unique combination of natural and cultural history, and have become a living space, an economic area and a recreational playground of eminent importance at the heart of Europe.
- To preserve the Alpine Space as an overall region, specific models and concepts are just as important as individual measures. (Alpine Convention)







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# Alps Bio Cluster FVFNTS

#### **Past events**

- ✓ **ESB** Sept.8, 2009, Industrial Day C@ ESB in Lausanne, Switzerland (12 speakers, 53 face-to-face meetings)
- ✓ **Medtech Partnering Day "ICT & Health" -** Nov.24, 2009 in Innsbruck, Austria (58 attendees 74 face-to-face meetings)
- ✓ Alps Bio Cluster Catalyst Event on "Biotherapy and Diagnostics" Dec.1, 2009 in Lyon, France (35 attendees 3 thematic round tables)
- ✓ Winter Seminar on Environmental Biotechnologies to improve Human Health and Quality of Life
- Solutions for the Alpine Space Feb 3 & 4, 2010 in Munich (Neuherberg), Germany (70 participants 17 experts)
- ✓ "ICT & Care: toward personalized services" July 7 & 8, 2010 in Grenoble, France (70 participants 23 speakers)
- ✓ International Summer School on Biotechnologies Freising (Munich) from 26 July to 1st August 2010 in Munich (Freising), Germany (26 student participants)

#### Up coming events

✓ Alps Bio Cluster brokerage event for Business and research profiles @ Biotech 2010 – Oct. 27, 2010 in Milan

Info on upcoming events on www.alpsbiocluster.eu/events





# Experts present problems to be solved by green Biotechnologies in the Alpine Space:

- Christina Mayer, University of Weihenstephan-Triesdorf, Germany
- Jean-Paul Schwitzguebel, EPFL Lausanne, Switzerland
- Andre Gerth, Bioplanta, Leipzig, Germany
- Stan Cieslik, Joint Research Centre, Ispra, Italy
- Elena Maestri, University of Parma, Italy
- Muriel Raveton, University of Gernoble, France
- Martin Schaub, CTU, Switzerland
- Andrea Vallan, Chamber of Commerce, Milan, Italy























#### **Leading Group** "Ecosystem services for human health"

# <u>1st meeting</u> Spring seminar in Munich in May 2011

- ✓ Road Map and Action Plan
  - Set up a system of criteria and indicators to point out local needs of Green biotechnologies
  - Production of draft guidelines for policymaking and decision making in the field environmental biotechnologies
  - Identification of collaborative / research projects that could be set up at a European level



