



EUSALP EU STRATEGY FOR THE ALPINE REGION

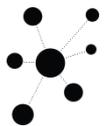
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EUSALP - policy recommendations

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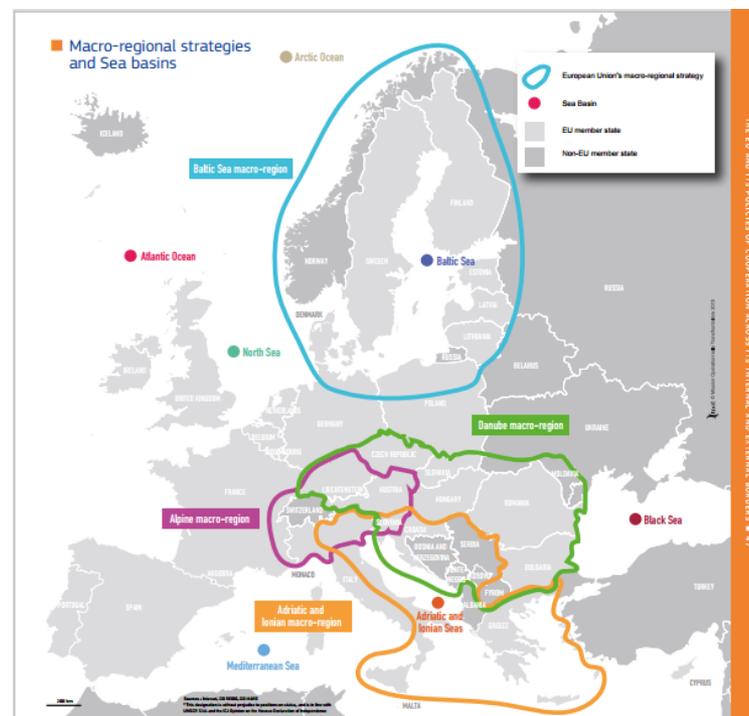
This project is co-financed by the European Union via Interreg Alpine Space

Background – the ambitions of EUSALP

A macroregional strategy strives to find common solutions for common challenges in a defined area. It is a strategic approach at transnational level.

Turn the 3 No's of the EU-Commission into opportunities:

- No new structures -> better cooperation in a multilevel-governance approach.
- **No new legislation -> better alignment of existing policies.**
- No new funding -> better coordination of existing fundings



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EUSALP PILLARS AND AGs

Pillar 1: Economic growth and innovation

Objective: Fair access to job opportunities, building on the high competitiveness of the Region

AG1: To develop an effective research and innovation ecosystem

AG2: To increase the economic potential of strategic sectors

AG3: To improve the adequacy of labour market, education and training in strategic sectors

Pillar 2: Mobility and connectivity

Objective: Sustainable internal and external accessibility to all

AG4: To promote inter-modality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport

AG5: To connect people electronically and promote accessibility to public services

Pillar 3: Environment and energy

Objective: A more inclusive environmental framework for all and renewable and reliable energy solutions for the future

AG6: To preserve and valorise natural resources, including water and cultural resources

AG7: To develop ecological connectivity in the whole EUSALP territory

AG8: To improve risk management and to better manage climate change, including major natural risks prevention

AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy

CROSS-CUTTING POLICY AREA: GOVERNANCE, INCLUDING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Objective: A sound macro-regional governance model for the Region (to improve cooperation and the coordination of action)

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From a project logic to a strategic approach

- **AlpGov 1: 2016 – 2019**

Focus: Capacity building of AG's, Implementation of strategic implementation initiatives (at least 1 per AG), enhancing governance and financial mechanisms, encouraging cross-AG-cooperation through ARPAF-Funds.

-> **Build-up-phase, mostly in a (sectoral) project logic.**

- **AlpGov 2: 2020 - 2022**

Focus: Capitalisation, Cross-sectoral strategic implementation initiatives, entering into the policy cycle, building up a learning environment.

-> **More strategic approach, consolidation, more work across AG's, focus on policy and embedding.**

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Entering into the policy cycle

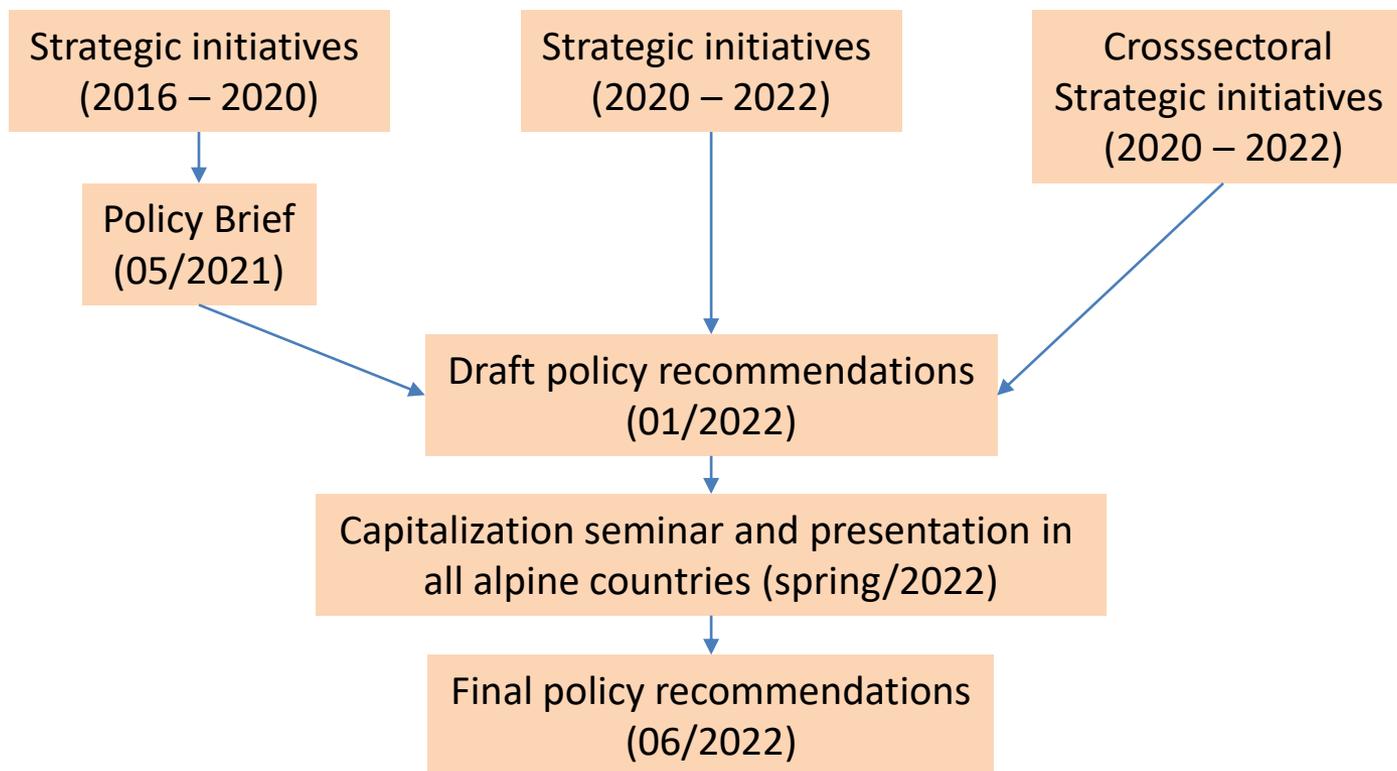
The objective within AlpGov2 is to create the conditions for the **design of effective policies** at EU, National and Regional levels that will enable the implementation of the EUSALP macro-regional strategy. This objective will be made possible through a better **capitalisation of AGs' results** and the greater **mobilisation of strategic target groups**, in particular policy makers.

AlpGov2 can serve as a **"forum" for policy makers** - together with the stakeholders - to identify, discuss, develop, and disseminate a vision of the EUSALP that is evidence-based, multi-level, multi-sectoral and innovative. The capitalisation of the project results will help improving the design and implementation of policies and actions, identifying the lessons learned from previous interventions and **creating frames of reference for the further development of the EUSALP**.

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The approach as defined in AlpGov2



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The policy brief of 2021 as a starting point



New elements:

- Additional recommendations (2020 – 22)
- Recommendations on Strategic Priority Policy Areas
- Overall Conclusions

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Important to know

- The policy recommendations presented in the Policy Brief and in the final Policy recommendations document are exclusively based on the work of the Action Groups.
- The formal approval of the different Policy recommendations as elaborated by the Action Groups is liable to the respective procedures and is not part of the document on Policy recommendations, which just summarizes the work.
- The policy recommendations are closely linked to concrete activities (strategic initiatives and cross-sectoral initiatives) and reflect therewith the relevance of EUSALP and its concrete added value on the ground.
- The (single) document on Policy recommendations can be a strong communication tool for EUSALP and help to give more visibility and impact on the policy cycle.

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Key topics

Innovation

- Implement a policy model on local and alpine start-up ecosystem
- Fast-track the adoption of low-carbon measures for winter tourism regions
- Develop a R&I-agenda for the Alpine region
- Develop a synchronized R&I-funding scheme
- Innovation Hub for green business models

Skills development

- Support an effective governance of dual education systems in the Alpine region

Need for action in Italy (tbd)

- E.g. Foster cooperation and networks on macroregional level
- ...
- Get connected to international activities
- Common tenders
- ...
- ...

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Key topics

Sustainable mobility

- EUSALP project labelling
- Sustainable transport and mobility system
- Solutions for crossborder mobility
- Recommendations on sustainable travel behaviour (Youth)

The potentials of digitalization

- Encourage the Smart villages approach
- Use the potentials of digitalization for SME's
- Improve the accessibility to SGI
- Roadmap for future proof digital infrastructures
- Use the potentials of Open Data

Need for action in Italy (tbd)

- ...
- ...
- Launch political dialogue
- Transnational coordination

- SPPA Smart villages, SMART ALPS Network
- Valorize the findings of SMART SME project
- ...
- ...
- ...

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Key topics

Valorization of landscapes

- Sustainable land use and soil protection
- Preservation and valorization of Alpine landscapes in times of climate crisis

Ecological connectivity

- Towards a Green Infrastructures decade
- A Roadmap for Alpine Peatlands
- Embedding Green Infrastructures into EU funding programs

Need for action in Italy (tbd)

- Support political declaration
- ...

- ...

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Key topics

Improve risk management and better manage climate change

- Recommendations on risk governance, forest fires, overload and residual risk
- Climate resilient spatial planning

A model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy

- Improving energy efficiency in SME's
- Promotion of green hydrogen
- Setting up an alpine energy observatory
- Support renewable energy communities

Need for action in Italy (tbd)

- ...
- Participation to study on CLISP, revision of national legislation?

- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...

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Overarching topics (SPPA)

- Contribution to the European Green Deal
- Carbon neutral Alps
- Development of a common spatial planning perspective for EUSALP
- Smart villages
- Improve financial support mechanisms and alpine governance

Need for action in Italy (tbd)

- Encourage participation in SPPA especially on Green business
- Active participation in SPPA
- Active participation in SPPA -> align spatial plans
- Encourage and promote the Smart villages approach
- ...

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The way ahead

- Complementing the draft policy recommendations with the new policy recommendations as they are being formulated in spring 2022.
- Presentation and discussion of the draft policy recommendations in all alpine countries (possible synergy with the Road Show).
- Finalisation and translation of the policy recommendations until June 2022
- Presentation of the final policy recommendations at the final Conference of AlpGov 2 in June 2022.
- Dissemination (out of scope of AlpGov2).

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Possible questions to be discussed today

- What is your impression on the Policy recommendations formulated by the AG's? Are we on the right track? Can the policy recommendations help to fulfil the goal of a better alignment of existing policies in the Alpine area (macroregional approach).
- Do the national and regional legislations and strategies already take into account the topics raised in the policy recommendations or is there a need for revision?
- Are there important topics missing?
- Looking at the actual policy recommendations, what should be the priorities for EUSALP in the upcoming years?
- Which general conclusions would you draw from the policy recommendations?

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