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Competition: 160 contributions enter the race for 100,000 euros

The cc.alps competition being held across the Alps has been very well received. Individuals and organisations from all eight Alpine countries had submitted 160 climate response measures. The Swiss weather expert Thomas Bucheli and CIPRA President Dominik Siegrist will award the 7 winners on 6 November during the autumn seminar of the *Hausbau- und Energiemesse* [housing construction and energy trade fair] in Bern/CH.



cc.alps awards ceremony: on 6 November an international jury in Bern/CH is to award prizes worth a total of 100,000 euros to the winning projects

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The diversity of submissions made shows that there is a broad spectrum of sustainable climate response measures in the Alpine region. 67 contributions were received from Austria, with more than 30 each from Italy and France. The response from Switzerland and Germany was also strong, with 26 projects each. 18 applications were received from Slovenia. Even if the bulk of the contributions is from the specialist fields of energy or nature conservation, all fields are very well represented. Others include measures on education, transport, house building and tourism. Relatively few projects were submitted on natural hazards, agriculture and forestry.

One of the main objectives of cc.alps is to promote sustainable climate response measures and to network its key players. All the competition entries are posted on www.cipra.org/en/cc.alps/competition (en) and are accessible

as input for future activities. The best projects are to be rewarded on 6 November. An international jury will award main prizes worth 20,000 euros and runner-up prizes worth 10,000 euros. Besides having a favourable ecological, social and economic impact the winning climate response measures are also to contribute towards raising people's awareness and be transferable. The jury is made up of experts from the MAVA Foundation, the Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape (WSL), and the Energy and Environmental Agency of the French Rhône-Alpes Region.

Information and Registration to the award on www.hausbaumesse.ch/web/08/herbstseminar (de).

International experts exchange know-how in Dornbirn/A

On 16-17 June an Open Space was held in Dornbirn/A on the impact of climate response measures in the Alps. More than 40 experts from different fields and countries convened at the event to share their knowledge.

Participants from Austria, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and Slovenia had an opportunity to submit different topics of discussion and debate them in small working groups. They discussed a range of topics such as energy, communication and education, artificial snow installations for ski runs, and the (un)desirable side effects of alpine climate response measures. Among those attending the event were Luca Mercalli, meteorologist from Italy; Martine Rebetez, WSL climatologist from Switzerland; Tanja Cegnar, meteorologist from Slovenia; Helga Kromp-Kolb, climatologist from Austria; Rainer Siegele, President of the Network of Municipalities "Alliance in the Alps", and Mario Broggi, representative of the MAVA Foundation. The meeting provided an opportunity for the project and its team to boost its wealth of topics and contacts, which are of great importance for the further development of cc.alps; the exchange of knowledge was particularly valuable for preparing the forthcoming youth education project.



Over the course of two days experts from across the Alpine region discussed the themes and opportunities opened up by the cc.alps project.

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Progress with research

For several months now the expanded cc.alps team has been broadening the project's scientific basis. The team of experts has come up with an evaluation system for objectively assessing climate response measures. The national offices are eagerly looking for projects in the various Alpine countries that focus on the areas of energy, nature conservation, agriculture and forestry, mobility, tourism, house building, education, industry, water management, natural hazards and regional planning. To gain an overview of climate change activities throughout the alpine region, the focus of research has also been on labels, standard measures and statutory outline conditions. The results of the research work are to be made available as theme-based feature dossiers, which are going to be published in spring 2009.

International conference in Bolzano/I in April 2009

The results of the research work are to be announced at an international conference in Bolzano/I on 2-3 April 2009. The conference is aimed at broadening the wealth of expertise and is to be complemented by field trips to exemplary projects in the environs of Bolzano. Key players in the Alps are given the opportunity to meet for discussions and define strategic objectives for climate protection. The detailed programme for the conference is to be published next January.

cc.alps: contact partner for research and events

Major events throughout the Alpine region regard cc.alps as an important contact partner. At the mountain research meeting in Brig in mid-September cc.alps animated with different inputs a workshop on "measures against the effects of global warming in the Alps: compatibility with other environmental measures".

As part of the NATUR Congress 4/09 in Basel on 19 February, cc.alps is organising another workshop on the sustainability of climate response measures in the Alps. The first results of the project will provide stimulus for the discussion.

More information about the congress on: www.natur.ch (de, fr). More details about the workshop will soon be published on www.cipra.org/de/alpmedia/veranstaltungen/1982/?searchterm=KlimamassnahmenunterderLupe (de).

More Information about climate events on: www.cipra.org/en/cc.alps/events (en)

cc.alps in a nutshell

The Project "cc.alps – climate change: thinking one step further!" is organised by CIPRA, the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps, and financed by the MAVA Foundation for Nature. Through the Project, CIPRA is helping to ensure that climate response measures in the Alpine region are in harmony with the principle of sustainable development.

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