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As the results of the many months of work by some 30 experts from all the alpine countries in alpKnowhow we shall be publishing the main products from the knowledge gathering and processing activities on www.cipra.org/future at the end of March: for each of the six key issues an English-language work report complete with appendices, the main publications, and examples of best and good practice from different alpine countries. A synthesis report will summarise the results and conclusions from all six topics and review the entire research phase. Other results will include a project-related glossary and a list of questions still outstanding.

Know-how transfer in workshops and excursions

The Project Team is currently working full steam ahead on preparing the know-how transfer activities planned for alpService. One central element of this project phase from 2006 to 2007 will be the Workshops. The Workshops are targeted at key players from areas such as regional management, planning, NGOs, government

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bodies and other organisations. They are to benefit from the knowledge gained in alpKnowhow. The Workshops will be held in co-operation with competent institutions in border regions and are designed so that they can be transferred to other regions and also repeated. They consist of three parts: an introduction to the theory, practical excursions and an advanced interactive section aimed at initiating a long-term discussion on each particular topic. For each Workshop and excursion detailed documentation packs will be available in the main languages of the Alps.

Publication of project results in various media

Another key product of alpService is the third Alpine Report, which is based on the research results from alpKnowhow. Large-scale public relations work will also help to disseminate the results gained from alpKnowhow. For example the daily press is to be kept informed over a longer period of the results of the individual topics. Other articles on selected project results are to be published in specialist magazines. CIPRA will soon be drawing up a special issue of CIPRA Info on Future in the Alps, circulating a new project folder and poster, and updating the web site.

MUNICIPALITIES IMPLEMENT FUTURE IN THE ALPS

Besides the *Alliance in the Alps* network of municipalities Switzerland's MAVA Foundation for Nature Conservation is also financing a three-year follow-up project to DYNALP. The project is designed to put into practice as of May 2006 the findings gained from Future in the Alps. The first DYNALP project of the network of municipalities was financed with Interreg IIIB funds and is to be completed in June 2006.

The DYNALP follow-up project is aimed at implementing the Alpine Convention protocols and intensifying the network of municipalities. Planned activities include projects in the municipalities themselves revolving around the six topic areas of "Future in the Alps", and joint events, occasions and instruments aimed at promoting networking. The core and main budget item of DYNALP² will be projects of €20,000 to €40,000 in the municipalities. Access to Project funds will be reserved for those municipalities who are members of the network of municipalities. The projects will be selected by the same jury that chose the prize winners of the competition held as part of Future in the Alps.

The launch event of DYNALP² will take place jointly with the closing event of DYNALP and the CIPRA/Future in the Alps Symposium in Bad Hindelang/D from 18 – 20 May 2006. Results of the knowledge search conducted by Future in the Alps will also be presented at the Symposium on Saturday, 20 May, giving the municipalities their first ideas and inputs for community projects.

POLO POSCHIAVO: ENERGY STUDY CENTRE

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The Project was launched with a very well attended lecture series on new forms of energy (biomass, hydrogen). It is to continue with lectures on energy efficiency and energy savings. The aim of the project is to develop activities as well as internal and external co-operation

ventures in the Poschiavo region in order to promote regional value added and enhance local skills.

Information: <http://www.polo-poschiavo.ch> (de/it)

SCHEDULE (for full details see www.cipra.org/future)

3rd Workshop of the Extended Project Team of Future in the Alps; 7 – 8 March 2006, Chur/CH

CIPRA Yearly Symposium 2006 and DYNALP Closing Conference: Climate – Change – Alps, Tourism and Regional Planning in Weather Stress, Bad Hindelang/D, 18 to 20 May 2006; contribution by Future in the Alps to new forms of decision-making for flood protection, and presentation of the results of alpKnowhow in a poster exhibition

About “Future in the Alps”

The Future in the Alps Project is organised by CIPRA, the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps, and financed by the MAVA Foundation for Nature Conservation. Future in the Alps, a broad-based knowledge management project, is aimed at promoting sustainable development in the alpine region. Its aim is to get people, businesses and institutions to network in order to exchange and implement know-how and information, and as a result create new incentives for sustainable development in the Alps. The Project is a contribution by CIPRA to the implementation of the Alpine Convention.

Future in the Alps is a networking instrument and promotes new and existing initiatives aimed at achieving a harmonious balance between nature conservation, the needs of the population and economic objectives. Practical experience and the latest research findings are collated, evaluated and processed for further application (alpKnowhow). alpService makes the results available to a multitude of players. Sustainable pilot projects that apply this knowledge are in turn supported and monitored. alpPerformance brings together players who adopt an innovative and sustainable approach to their economic activities, to form part of an “Alpine Enterprise”.

The following six topics are to be addressed in Future in the Alps: Regional Value Added, Governance Capacity, Protected Areas, Mobility, New Forms of Decision Making, Policies and Instruments.

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