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MUNICIPALITIES TO IMPLEMENT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE ALPS

The new DYNALP² project is to promote projects in Alpine communities to the tune of €500,000. Municipalities may now apply for co-financing for their projects.

As part of the Future in the Alps Project, experts gathered an extensive body of knowledge on sustainable development in the Alps. Putting that knowledge into practice is the aim of the new DYNALP² project, launched by the Alliance in the Alps network of municipalities.

Municipalities and associations of municipalities can submit projects that contribute towards sustainable development and towards applying the findings from "Future in the Alps", a project by CIPRA, the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps. The network of municipalities is promoting selected projects to the tune of €20,000 to €40,000, with the municipalities themselves asked to contribute 50% of the financing. A total of €500,000 is to be allocated in this way.

Member municipalities of the network of municipalities have until September 15 to submit their ideas. The documentation pack and detailed information on the competition can be downloaded from <http://dynamlp.alpenallianz.org/de/ausschreibung>.

The projects should address one of the six topics: Regional Value Added, Governance Capacity, Protected Areas, Mobility, New Forms of Decision-making, and Policies and Instruments. In making its choice the international jury will pay particular attention of the project's sustainability: Who will best succeed in achieving a harmonious balance between ecological, economic and socio-cultural interests? Who has good ideas that can be applied to other communities and regions, ideas capable of drawing the public's attention to the issue of sustainability?

The community projects are the very core of DYNALP² - and its single biggest budget item. Another focal point comprises joint events such as workshops, excursions and international conferences. They will promote the networking of communities across the Alps and help to make local knowledge available to many others.

The DYNALP² project is set to run over a period of just over three years, from April 2006 to June 2009, and is being sponsored by the MAVA Foundation for Nature Conservation in Switzerland.

Illustrations, photos in print quality and the press release can be downloaded from www.cipra.org/future/press.

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Network of Municipalities “Alliance in the Alps”

The Alliance in the Alps is a network comprising about 200 local authorities and covering the whole of the Alpine region, from France to Slovenia. The affiliated communities have joined the network with the aim of implementing the goals of the Alpine Convention for sustainable development in the Alpine region.

For that purpose they work in close co-operation with the people in their communities to improve the ecological, social and economic situation there. They are also active in the mutual exchange of knowledge and experience within the network, organising regular meetings, conferences and excursions.

Further information: <http://www.alpenallianz.org/e/allianz.htm>

„Future in the Alps“

Future in the Alps, a broad-based knowledge management project run by CIPRA, the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps, is aimed at promoting sustainable development in the alpine region. The objective of the project is to encourage people, businesses and institutions to network in order to share and implement know-how and information and thus stimulate sustainable development in the Alps. With this project, CIPRA is contributing to the implementation of the Alpine Convention.

Further information: <http://www.cipra.org/future>