

Demographic Development Processes in Alpine Areas

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This presentation highlights the demographical structure and development of the alpine areas. First, a demographic typology of Europe is presented. In the course of this, the integration of the alpine area is considered. Second, the population development of Austria is explained, the dichotomy of the alpine area is emphasized and the convergence of developments in fertility and mortality is outlined.

It is clearly recognizable that the characteristics of population development in alpine areas are declining. They rather assimilate into superior developments (e.g. sectoral change of structure, urban regional expansion, homogenization of social role models). The presentation concludes with political and planning-related recommendations concerning socially compatible adaptation to population decline in parts of the alpine area.