



GreenConnect

- results,
- implications
- way forward

Ecological Connectivity for a Green Economy in the Alps

INVITATION

International FORUM

28 September 2017

(9h30 -16h00, or 19h00 respectively)

Alpseehaus

Bühl am Alpsee, Seestraße 10
87509 Immenstadt (Germany)

The conservation, restoration and creation of ecological connectivity are key elements in European and international nature protection policies. Stakeholders from numerous sectors are involved, adapting their daily activities or setting up particular measures to improve **ecological connectivity**. These activities support the conservation of biodiversity, but they also generate benefits in a regional socio-economic context and therefore contribute to **greening the economy**.

The project GreenConnect studied the **contributions of ecological connectivity measures to a green economy** in the alpine context and **highlighted some of the potential socio-economic impacts**. Based on the results of this study, that will be presented during the event, participants from research, alpine Pilot Regions, administrations and representatives from different economic sectors are invited to discuss the implications, to suggest related project ideas and to participate in the drafting of a follow-up process.

This event is organized in coordination with the Workshop **“Business models for the sustainable use of natural resources in the Alpine region”** organized as part of a process to develop an action plan for a Green Alpine Economy, taking place the day before (27th September 2017) in Immenstadt.

Module 1 - From International to Local Implementation

Benefits for the Environment and the Economy

- Green Economy in the Alpine Region – Conclusions from the 6th report on the Alps
- Exploring Synergies - The contribution of ecological connectivity towards a Green Economy in the Alpine region
- Measures of ecological connectivity and their regional economic impact
- Impact chains – illustrating regional benefits of single measures
- Testimony and experiences from the Pilot Regions for Ecological Connectivity of the Alpine Convention

Speakers

Dr. Marianna ELMI
Vice-Secretary of the Alpine Convention

Dr. Bettina HEDDEN-DUNKHORST
German Federal Agency for Nature Convention and Platform Ecological Network of the Alpine Convention

Prof. Dr Michael GETZNER
Vienna University of Technology

Grazia WITHALM
Vienna University of Technology

Nicolas GUILLOD
Representatives of the Pilot Region Terra Raetica

Round Table - Linking Ecological Connectivity and the Greening of the Economy in the Alps

With the participation of *Richard LANDGRAF (German Federal Environment Agency), Prof. Dr. Michael GETZNER (Vienna University of Technology), Dr. Guido PLASSMANN (ALPARC), Michaela KÜNZL (Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Consumer Protection; EUSALP AC 7)*

Module 2 - Fostering Implementation - Innovative Ideas and Suggestions

With inputs from participants:

Open Forum: Activities and Experiences from throughout the Alps

Working Group Session: Brainstorming for future activities in research, policy, and practice

Final Discussion and Summary of the Forum

Dr. Guido PLASSMANN and Dr. Bettina HEDDEN-DUNKHORST

Excursion

16h00 – 19h00

From Theory to Practice – Examples from the Regions

Followed by a joint Aperitif and Dinner

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