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## **Energy Platform Workshop 2**

# **Energy vs. Environment - interest conflicts and the acceptance for energy production in the Alps**

24 - 25 October 2013  
Lucerne, Switzerland

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### **Conference venue**

Cantonal parliament of Lucerne

### **Timetable**

Thursday, 24 October 2013, 1 – 5.30 pm

Friday, 25 October, 9 am – 1.30 pm followed by lunch

### **Meals**

The meeting will start with a welcome lunch at the conference venue at 12 am.

All participants are invited to a dinner at the Hotel Schweizerhof by the Platform Presidency.

At the end of the meeting a lunch will be served at the conference venue.

### **Translation**

The workshop will be translated into the four alpine languages.



## Workshop Programme

<b>13.00</b>	<b>Afternoon session on 24 October</b>	
	<b>Welcome to Lucerne!</b>	<i>Welcome address by Robert Küng, Cantonal Councillor in Lucerne and by Michel Matthey, president of the Alpine Convention Energyplatform</i>
	<b>Setting the scene on climate change impacts in the Alps</b>	<i>Mrs. Lucka Kajfež Bogataj, WG II review editor for the 5<sup>th</sup> IPCC assessment report</i>
<b>13.45</b>	<b>Balancing landscape protection and energy production</b>	
	<i>Guiding you through the afternoon: Sabine Zillmer, Spatial Foresight; Silvia Jost, Federal Office for Spatial Development</i>	
	<b>Renewable energies and landscape protection</b> – a look from Berlin to the booming renewable energies in the South	<i>Hanno Salecker, German Federal Ministry for the Environment</i>
	<b>Hydropower meeting its limits</b> – the way of the Swiss federal state of balancing interests in the Alps	<i>Heiko Wehse, author of a spatial hydropower assessment for the Swiss Dept. of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications (tbc)</i>
	<b>Combining Natura2000 conservation and energy infrastructure development</b> – the Slovenian look with a high share of Natura2000 sites	<i>Matjaž Eberlinc, Slovenian Ministry of the Infrastructure and Spatial Planning</i>
	<b>Renewable heat production in South Tyrol</b> – bridging the gap towards European requirements by pushing the biomass sector	<i>Flavio Ruffini, Director of the Dept. for Nature, Environment and Energy of the Autonomous region of South Tyrol (tbc)</i>
	<b>Making the “100% Renewable” vision acceptable</b> – lessons learnt from the “Lake Constance Alpine Rhine Energy Region”	<i>Peter Droege, president of the European Association “Eurosolar”</i>
	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>16.00</b>	<b>Time for discussion</b>	
	➤ How shall we <b>assess interest conflicts</b> when dealing with the different forms of renewable energies? <i>Let’s work with “alpine-specific” criteria!</i>	
	➤ Which are the <b>success factors in dealing with interest conflicts</b> in the Alps? <i>Let’s learn from alpine examples!</i>	
<b>18.00</b>	<b>End of day 1</b>	



9.00

**Morning session on 25 October**

**Strategies for enhancing public acceptance of renewable energies**

*Guiding you through the morning: Sabine Zillmer, Spatial Foresight; Silvia Jost, Federal Office for Spatial Development*

**The bearded vulture, untouched alpine landscapes and sustainable tourism** – how they can deal with renewable energies in the Alps

*Richard Hastik, Alpine Space Project RechargeGreen*

**Forest use for energy production in the triangle of Sustainable Development** – experiences from the French Alps

*Antoine Tabourdeau, IRSTEA Grenoble*

**Hydropower and windenergy or natural rivers and historical alpine passes?** – balancing interests in a Spatial Concept of the Canton of Uri

*Alexander Imhof, head of the Office for the Environment of the Swiss Canton of Uri*

**Coffee break**

**Decentralised or centralised solutions for the Alps?** – strategic reflections in the framework of the Austrian energy strategy

*Gerhard Faninger, Prof. em. at the University of Klagenfurt in the field of renewable energy research*

**Where to produce sufficient renewable energy?** – tackling interest conflicts and enhancing the acceptance

*Urs Neu, deputy director of ProClim, the Forum for Climate and Global Change and Thomas Scheurer, director of ISCAR*

11.30

**Time for discussion**

- How shall we integrate social acceptance in energy planning processes in the Alps? *Let's find a good mix between bottom-up and top-down – and let's think spatially!*
- When does social acceptance become a “low-hanging fruit”? *Let's minimise collateral damages of renewables by choosing the less risky projects!*
- Which are the “energy solutions” that fit the Alps? *Let's make people participate in shaping in the “energy future”!*

13.00

**End of the workshop**