



October 11, 2013

Energy Platform Workshop 2

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

24 - 25 October 2013
Lucerne, Switzerland



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

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



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