

## **CIPRA-AidA Annual conference**

The Annual conference "Alpine Tourism: quality of life included!" is organized jointly by the network of communities "Alliance in the Alps", the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps, CIPRA International and CIPRA Slovenia. More information on: [www.cipra.org/de/jft18](http://www.cipra.org/de/jft18)

## **Meeting minutes**

### **Workshop: Came, saw and stayed. Migration in the Alps**

Tourist destinations are often entirely geared to the needs of the guests. Practical examples will be used to show and discuss how municipalities can support living together in the village community.

**Input:** Brigitte Finner (AT) and Christian Öhri (FL)

**Project:** PlurAlps

**Facilitator:** Gabriele Greussing, meeting minutes: Elke Klien

**Languages:** DE, FR, IT

#### **Participants (24):**

Kriemhild Büchel-Kapeller, Luca Crosta, Brigitte Finner, Gabriele Greußing, Aissa Hamichi, Michaela Hogenboom, Magdalena Holzer, Jean Horgues-Debat, Alexandra Hudry, Jon P. Janett, Elke Klien, Marc Nitschke, Christian Oehri, Sergeja Praper Gulic, Erwin Rothgang, Patrik Schönenberger, Artur Schultz, Delphine Segalen, Peter Solnar, Dorothea Rechberger, Mike Wielander, Hans Weber, Julia Weger, Herbert Wölger

#### **Topics dealt:**

- Quality of life in communities
- Differences and potential for conflict between guests and residents
- What is meant by migration in this workshop?
- What are the effects of migration within the community?
- Services and offers for different target groups (e.g. children)
- Forms of participation

#### **Input „Network Lech“, Brigitte Finner:**

Lech is a municipality with intensive tourism in Vorarlberg (AT), which is mainly depending on winter sports. The municipality has about 1,700 inhabitants and had about 735,000 overnight stays in the winter half-year period 2018. „Netzwerk Lech“ is founded and run by local volunteers. Founded in 2014, they want to give the village a future that everyone can shape together, so that this place can also be a home for the locals themselves. The offers and events range from baby swimming to holiday dance weeks, neighbourhood help and clothing exchange fairs to film evenings and village talks. The municipality provides space and promotion for the activities. The municipal administration also acts as an information platform for all offers.

### **Input „Children’s Conference“, Christian Öhri (FL):**

Ruggell is a community in Liechtenstein in the Rhine Valley with almost 2,200 inhabitants. 38 children followed the invitation of the community and took part in a children's conference. In small groups, they worked out what they felt was missing in the community and what they wanted to change. The topics ranged from heavy traffic to a meadow next to the community school, which is not to be built on. Together with adult facilitators, the children explored what would be good about implementing those ideas which would be beneficiary to others. The groups presented their results to the other participants and interested local councils. Subsequently, the children's conference agreed on eight topics on which projects are now being developed and implemented.

### **Discussion and exchange:**

The participants told about the situation and experiences from their own municipality. Everyone agreed that the quality of life for the whole population must be right. This requires structures, offers and services that are accessible to all. Keywords were digitisation, intergenerational actions, sustainable mobility, and designing offers in such a way that they are interesting and usable for several target groups.

### **Examples:**

- Children are accompanied on their way to school by senior citizens (Aschau/DE, TU Munich).
- Concerts, music events for young guests are also a possibility for the young locals (Übersee/DE).
- Public bus services, originally established for tourists, are also used by the local population (SLO).
- Establish joint service centres at regional level to relieve small communities and offer more to the population (FR).
- Rent vacant second homes to seasonal workers (FR).

### **Presentation of the project PlurAlps and the Social Planning Instrument:**

After a short introduction of the project PlurAlps the facilitator explained the Social Planning Instrument (SPI) which AidA had developed as a part of this project.

What is the quality of life of immigrants and non-natives? Which services and measures in the municipality foster a quick integration for all types of immigration – from internal to forced migration? Interdisciplinary social planning attempts to answer these questions. The SPI has been developed to enable such planning. Participants are given the opportunity to get to know the SPI and to share their experiences from their own community.

### **Final round with feedback:**

All participants agreed that the discussion and exchange of experiences were very interesting and helpful. They were asked to send information about similar projects in their own communities to AidA.