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Cooperation between the Carpathian and the Alpine Convention



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The Alpine Convention

International Treaty for the sustainable development and protection of the Alpine territory



8 Contracting Parties + EU



1989

1. **Alpine Conference**

1991

The Convention on the protection of the Alps was signed

1995

The Convention entered into force

2002

The 8 Protocols entered into force

2003

The Permanent Secretariat was established



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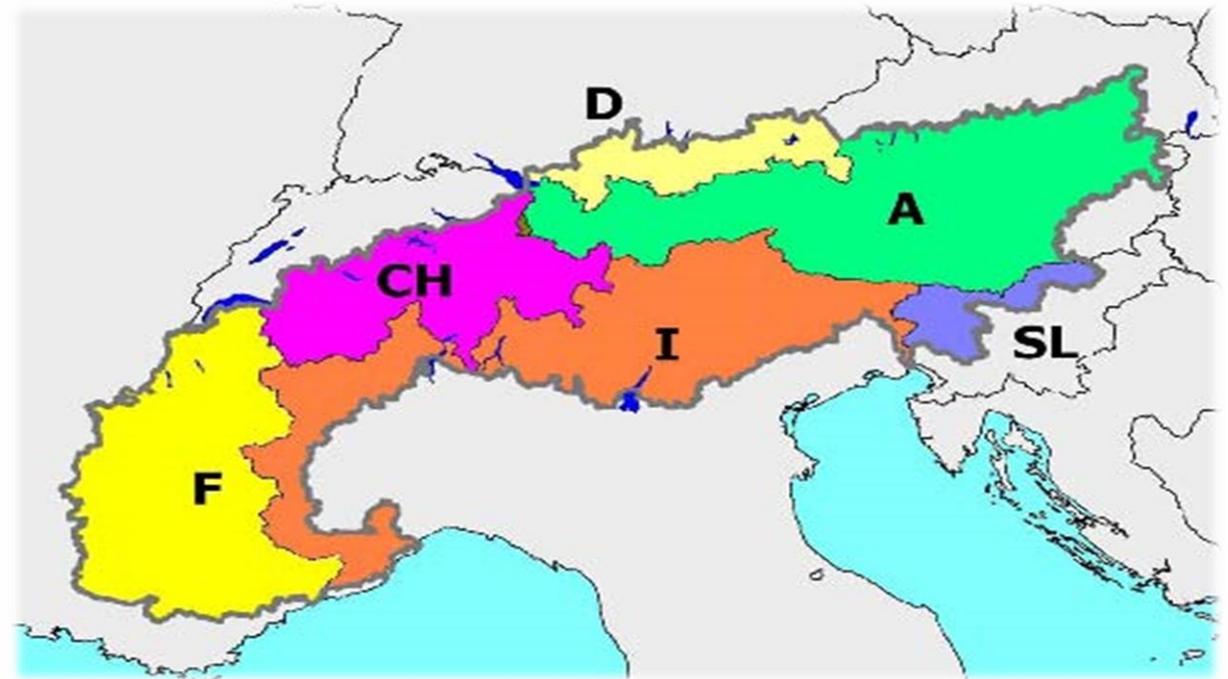
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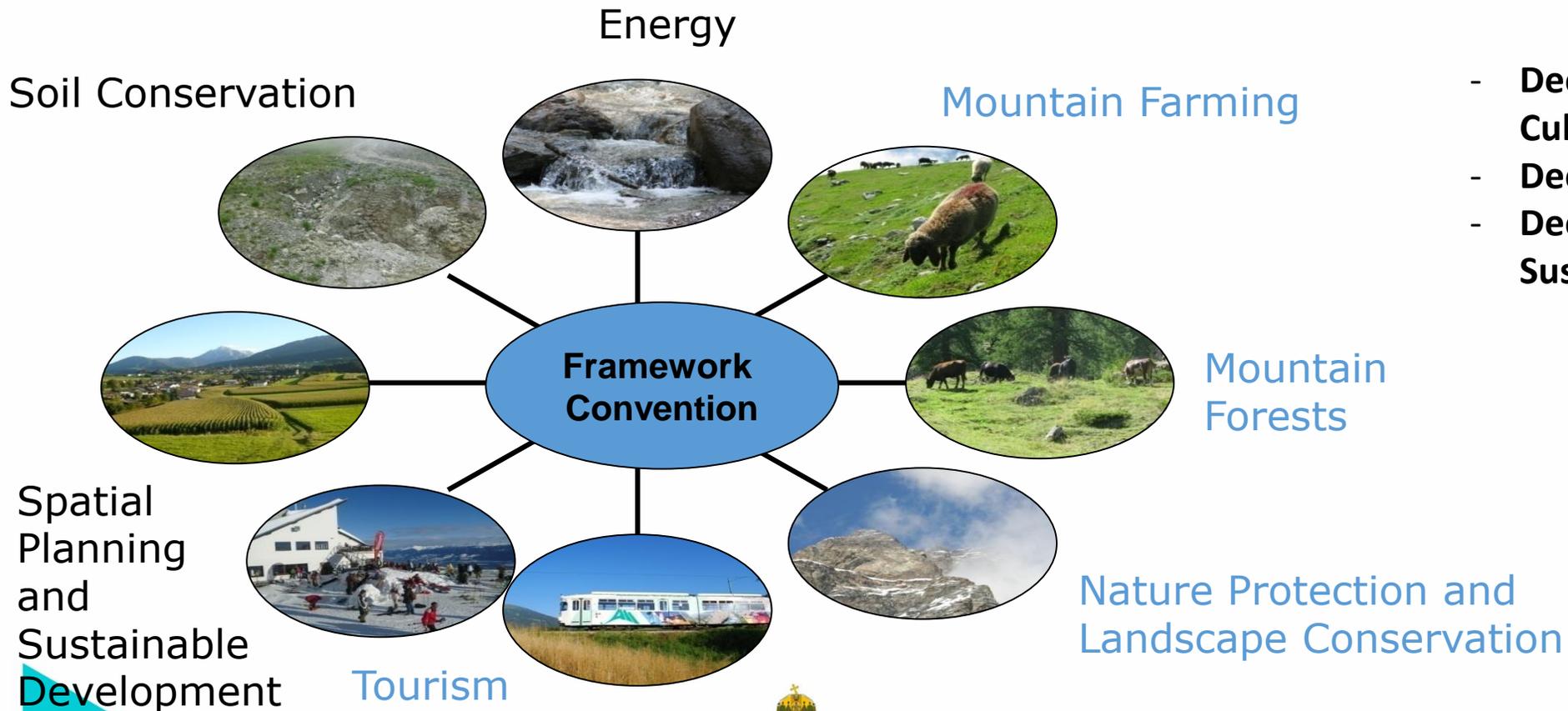
- Geographic area: **190.600 km²**.
- Mostly mountain areas but several big urban centers.
- Home to about **14 million people**, 30,000 animal species and 13,000 plant species.
- Mostly **soft law**: no binding enforcement system; Compliance Committee controls if the commitments and obligations resulting from the Alpine Convention are complied with.
- **Millions** of tourist every year.

Area and Scope of the Population of the Alpine Convention

COUNTRY	AREA	POPULATION
Italy	27.3%	30.1%
Austria	28.7%	22.9%
France	21.4%	18.5%
Switzerland	13.2%	13.3%
Germany	5.8%	10.2%
Slovenia	3.5%	4.6%
Monaco	0.001%	0.2%
Lichtenstein	0.008%	0.2%
ALPS	190,600 sq km	14 million



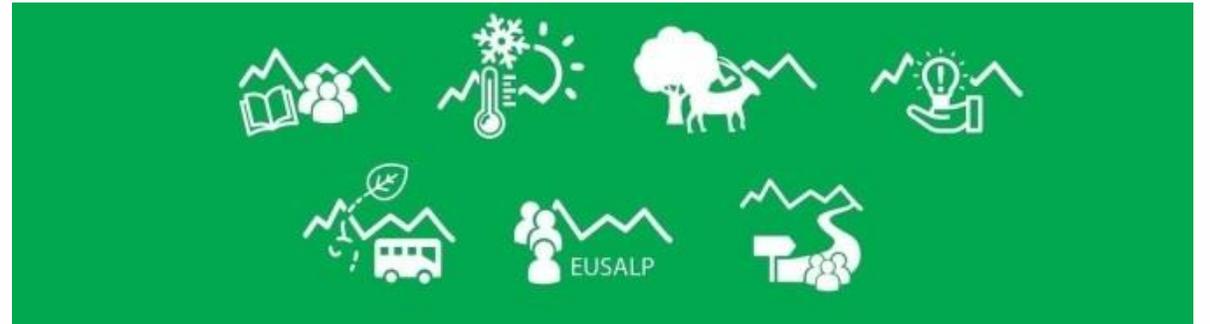
Framework Convention + 8 implementation Protocols & Declarations:



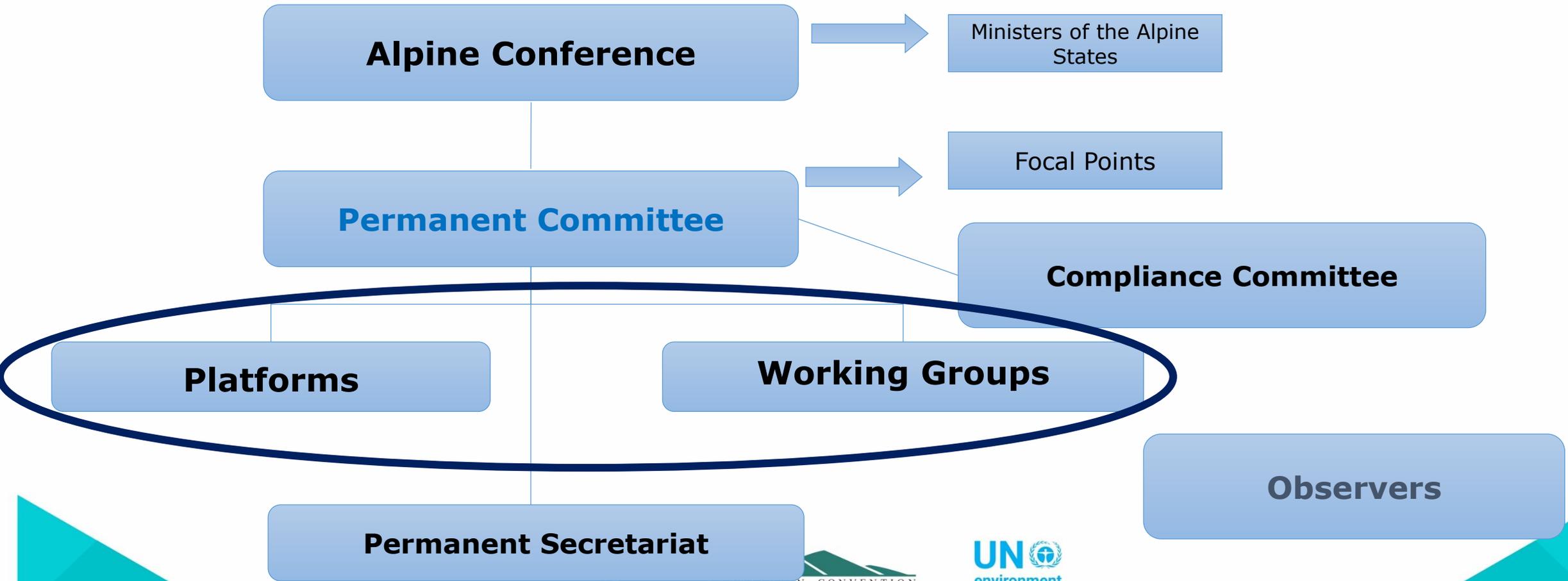
- Declaration on Population and Culture
- Declaration on Climate Change
- Declaration on Fostering a Sustainable Economy in the Alps

The Multiannual Work Programme 2017-2022

- Focusing on people and culture
- Taking action on climate change
- Conserving and valuing biodiversity and landscape
- Greening the economy
- Promoting sustainable transport
- Playing a leading role in EUSALP



Alpine Convention Organigram



Working Groups and Platforms

- Transport
- Natural Hazards Platform
- Ecological Network
- Water Management in the Alps
- Large Carnivores, Wild Ungulates and Society
- Macro-Regional Strategy for the Alps
- Mountain Agriculture
- Mountain Forests
- Sustainable Tourism



<http://www.alpconv.org/en/organization/groups/default.html>

Topic: Climate Change



2006: Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change

2009: Action Plan on Climate Change in the Alps adopted

2013-2014: Guidelines on local adaptation to Climate Change

2016: Alpine Climate Board established

- Overview of climate change topic in Protocols and Decisions of the Alpine Convention
- Comprehensive overview on existing activities related to climate change mitigation and adaptation in the Alps (Working Groups work, activities of the Countries etc)

Topic: Women in Mountain Areas

- New topic
- Initiative by the Austrian Presidency
- First international conference „**The Role of Women in Mountain Regions** “ – April 2017 in Alpbach, Austria
- Actors from different Mountain Areas across the Alps
 - Possibly interest of the Carpathian region to be actively involved?
- Idea: follow up on the topic
 - First activities already lined up with the SCC



Cooperation between the Alpine and Carpathian Convention

- Memorandum of Understanding (since 2006)
- Regular exchanges between the Conventions (participation at COPs)
- Regular exchanges between the Secretariats
- Joint activities between our Protected areas (CNPA & Alparc)
- Joint activities on international level (UNFCCC COPs, Mountain Partnership etc.)
- Possibly follow up activities on the 'priority topics' (Women in mountain areas; Climate change)



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“Reading mountains” Festival

- an initiative, started in 2015
- initiate events dedicated to reading Alpine literature in various places around the Alps on International Mountain Day (**11 December**)
- The goal of the initiative is to promote modern Alpine literature and Alpine Culture which is an essential part of the Alps as we know them.

