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Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention

Cooperation between the Carpathian and the Alpine Convention
The Alpine Convention

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

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

8 Contracting Parties + EU
- 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

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Framework Convention + 8 implementation Protocols & Declarations:

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

Soil Conservation
Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development
Energy
Tourism
Transport

Mountain Farming
Mountain Forests
Nature Protection and Landscape Conservation
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
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
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)
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)
“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.