Cooperation with the Alpine Climate Board (ACB)

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The Alpine Convention

International treaty for the protection and the sustainable development of the Alps
Signed 1991
Framework Convention + 8 thematic Protocols + 4 Declarations

- 8 countries
- 190,600 km²
- 14 million people
- 30,000 animal species
- 13,000 plant species
Climate Change in the Alpine Convention

- 2006 – Declaration on Climate Change
- 2009 – Action Plan of Evian on Climate Change in the Alps
- Climate Change a priority of the Multi-Annual Work Programmes since 2011
- MAP 2017-2022 Priority 2 “Taking Action on Climate Change”
- 2016 – Creation of the Alpine Climate Board at the XIV Alpine Conference Grassau
- 4 April 2019 – XV Alpine Conference, Declaration of Innsbruck

“Climate-neutral and Climate-resilient Alps 2050”
Alpine Climate Board (ACB) 1st mandate

• Bundle together relevant climate change activities, initiatives and contributions in the Alpine area: Stock-taking as basis for specifying activities of the ACB

• Develop a concrete system of objectives of the AC under the perspective of a “climate-neutral Alpine space”: Alpine Climate Target System 2050
ACB meetings and activities 1st period

- 5 meetings (February 2017 - January 2019)
- Development of a roadmap and a work programme of the ACB
- Development of the Alpine Climate Target System for the 2050 horizon
Stock-taking of recent climate action in the Alps (1/2)

- 2013-2019
- 100+ actions reported by Contracting Parties and Observers
- 70% with transnational focus
- Transnational activities: mostly exchange of experience and projects
- 50% mitigation focus, 43% adaptation focus, 25% integrated (adaptation + mitigation)
Stock-taking of recent climate action in the Alps (2/2)

- Many cross-sectoral activities
- Major adaptation issues: natural hazards, ecosystems, water, mountain forests
- More action needed on:
  - implementation
  - awareness-raising/communication

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Other ACB activities

- Presentation of the ongoing work of the ACB at
  - meetings of the Permanent Committee of the Alpine Convention
  - UNFCCC side events during COP 23 and 24
  - EUSALP AG8 meetings
  - Austrian Climate Days 2017 and 2018
ACB results and outputs 1\textsuperscript{st} period

• Alpine Climate Target System 2050
  – verifiable (qualitative) objectives for the 2050 horizon in 12 sectoral areas
  – Aim: enhancing the added value of alpine-wide cooperation
  – Strategic targets: climate-neutral and climate-resilient Alps; Communication Strategy; Recommendations

• Synthesis report: Stock-taking as basis for defining activities of the ACB (updated)
The Alpine Climate Target System 2050

- a wealthy, but vulnerable region
- develop energy efficiency & renewable energy
- green the economy
- change lifestyles and consumption patterns
- minimise negative impacts on ecosystems and quality of living
- develop pro-active approach, soft measures
7th Report on the state of the Alps
Natural Hazard Risk Governance

• Collaborative work
• Alpine-wide status quo analysis
• 15 best practices
• Available in EN, DE, IT, FR, SI
ACB 2\textsuperscript{nd} mandate

1. Develop an updated \textbf{Climate Action Plan} to be adopted at the XVI Alpine Conference

2. Facilitate the \textbf{operationalization} of the Alpine Climate Target System 2050
ACB activities 2\textsuperscript{nd} period (1)

- 6\textsuperscript{th} Meeting of the Alpine Climate Board: 16 and 17 September 2019 in Lyon
- 2 more meetings planned for 2020

- Communication/Outreach: Side Events planned for UNFCCC COP 25 and 26 (comp. “Mountains in Motion”)
ACB activities 2\textsuperscript{nd} period (2)

OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION:

- Prioritize Alpine-wide coordinated action in national climate action
- Integrate cc mitigation and adaptation in all AC activities
- Initiate pilot actions
- Mobilise resources
- Foster exchanges with other mountain regions
- Develop a monitoring tool

UPDATE OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:

- Review of measures
- Regular update of stock-taking

COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION:

- Develop a communication strategy
- Explore new forms of cooperation
Cooperation

• Climate is by essence a transversal, a cross-cutting issue
• Declaration of Innsbruck: “The Alpine Conference [...] at its XV session on the 4th of April 2019 in Innsbruck [...] calls upon the Thematic Working Bodies of the Alpine Convention to contribute to the implementation of the Alpine Climate Target System 2050 in line with their respective mandates.”

→ Happy to extend cooperation with the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Climate Change!
Thank you for your attention!

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