

LOMBARDY TAKES OVER THE EUSALP PRESIDENCY 2019, FONTANA: "WORKING TO PROMOTE OUR TERRITORIES AND SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE"



(LNews - Milan, 28 Feb) The year of Lombardy's presidency of EUSALP, the Alpine macro-regional strategy founded in 2013, officially started today with the ceremony during which the "Kolo Wheel" was handed over from Tyrol to Lombardy, in the presence of the Minister of Regional Affairs and Autonomy, Erika Stefani.

" This - stated the President of the Lombardy Region, Attilio Fontana - is a new experience for us, but it looks to the future with a strong focus on young people. A macro-regional strategy is critical if we are to provide a different approach to relations between people who live in Europe, between areas that have similar interests and require common answers".

THE MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC MATTARELLA

The President of the Republic, Sergio Mattarella, sent a message of greetings to the participants. "The regions, the local communities and the many areas that share these features - states the message - contribute substance and strength to European cooperation through a dimension that complements both that of the EU and that of national states, bringing them closer to the needs of their citizens.

"The engagement of civil society - continues President Mattarella's message - is crucial in this respect, and I hope that during the Italian presidency, there will be a further focus on the

opportunities that a macro regional approach offers in terms of potentials, growth, and development”.

FONTANA EXPRESSES HIS THANKS TO PRESIDENT MATTARELLA, TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

"We greatly appreciate the message from President Mattarella - continued Fontana - because it shows how he too views this strategy with great interest. I would also like to thank the Government for the presence of Minister Stefani, and the European Commission for their active support. We will continue to pursue the activities so successfully developed by Tyrol, and we will further explore the issue of sustainable and environmentally friendly development, with a special focus on increasing the engagement of our youth.

"We will seek - concluded the President of Lombardy - to further strengthen EUSALP because we are confident that it will be able to provide the answers called for by our territories."
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