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Dear Sir, / Dear Madam,

In this year 2020, when European policies for the period 2021-2027 are being developed, the French Presidency of the European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region wants to facilitate the embedding of the priorities of the Alpine Strategy in the funding programmes of the European Union (especially the cohesion policy).

The meeting on 19 and 20 February in Brussels highlighted the projects whose support will enable the Alpine region to sustainably strengthen its attractiveness, while preserving its environment and unique natural resources, in line with the guidelines of the European Green Deal.

You will find attached a summary of our discussions and the main recommendations that were drawn from them, aiming at a better integration of the EUSALP priorities in the future programmes of the cohesion policy (ERDF, ESF) and European Territorial Cooperation. You will find them on the website www.eusalp.com along with all the

presentations given. The directory dedicated to the Managing Authorities of the Strategy is being elaborated and will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Since the meeting, we have all faced the dramatic health crisis linked to Covid-19 and its heavy consequences on the world economy. It is up to us to respond to this too, using the European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region as an excellent tool for cooperation and coordination of our actions in the Alpine Region. We are pleased to note that the Extraordinary Executive Council COVID 19 of the EUSALP, which took place on 18 of May, reacted quickly and presented the first proposals for action, including the establishment of a network of Managing Authorities in the Alpine Region.

In the context of the exceptional period that we are going through, we extend our warm and fraternal support to all of our EUSALP partners and express the hope that this crisis will soon disappear, without leaving behind too many victims. May this harsh experience strengthen our cooperation for the future, as we firmly believe that it is only through enhanced cooperation between all of us that these types of challenges can be overcome.

Yours faithfully,

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