



EUSALP AG2 MEETING

Lyon, 15-16 January 2025

Governance session

AG2 members were updated by the co-leaders Sylvain Guetaz and Massimo Lapolla on the last governance events, the kick off of the ESALP 2025 Austria-Liechtenstein Co-Presidency (Ruggel, Liechtenstein, 4th-5th February 2025) and the Executive Board meeting held in Vienna on March 19th. Discussions on the EUSALP strategy focused on the revision of EUSALP Action Plan, that is currently undergoing a consultation at the level of the EU Commission and that will be finalized by the end of 2025 and the future of Support EUSALP, with the new project being submitted before Mid-September 2025. The lead partner will still be Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur, and the budget will be around 3 million euros ERDF.

Thematic discussions

Thematic discussions were also carried out on different topics:

- **EU policies for competitiveness/ industrial strategies/twin transition/strategic autonomy** with the presentation of the MINASMART Project
- **Smart industries/AI:** Discussions focused on the joint study conducted by AG2 and AG5 (foreseen as output of the cross-cutting priority #2 on digitalization), that will be completed also by a study lead by Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes. Different projects were presented: RECENTRE, RE-Incite, and ECOLE.
- **Hydrogen:** follow-up on the event *Shaping the Alpine H2 Vision 2030*. The event had the objective of assessing the concrete impact of the European Hydrogen Strategy, launched in 2020, on the Alpine area, and define shared objectives looking ahead to 2030. AG2 and H2 Focus Group

members, with the help of the Secretariat, are currently working on a position paper and policy recommendations.

- **Tourism:** an idea was launched to establish a network focused on sports event management, involving tourism professionals responsible for these activities. The cluster innovation Salzburg will take charge of launching this group also in relation with the request made by some national delegations to the Executive Board to engage discussions on Winter Olympic Games 2026/2030 and other major sport event.

Policy recommendations

AG2 decided to work on three different topics for policy recommendations:

- **Circular economy** ([link with the CCP #4](#))
- **Hydrogen** ([link with the CCP #2](#))
- **Data and AI** ([link with the CCP #1](#))

A first draft of policy recommendations was presented to AG2 members, that will have the possibility to send written contributions. A provisional timeline that takes into consideration the EUSALP Policy cycle (Executive board meetings and general assembly) was also presented to participants and discussed.

Next steps

The next AG2 meeting *Shaping the Future of Alpine Ski Resorts: Sustainability & Youth Empowerment* will take place in Domodossola, Piedmont, **24th-25th June 2025**. The event is organized jointly by **AG2 and the Youth Council**. [Registration to the AG2 x YC Event](#)