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ACTION GROUP 9

To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy

WORK PLAN

2026-2028

Executive Summary

Overview: EUSALP Action Plan

Climate change is a major challenge for the Alpine region, and efficient energy consumption and energy production are key to its mitigation. The European Union is committed to becoming the first climate-neutral continent and a world leader in renewable energy - a global hub for the next generation of advanced, competitive renewable energy technologies. However, in democratic societies, energy transition cannot be accomplished successfully without integrating the social dimension. Social acceptance is imperative to ensure a long-term perspective for an undisputed energy transition process. The necessary changes must therefore be implemented without causing economic or social imbalances. The European Green Deal and numerous directives aim to facilitate an economic transition that enables all sectors of the EU economy to meet the challenge of climate change, targeting a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of at least 55% by the end of this decade and achieving climate neutrality by 2050. Policies and strategies on energy efficiency and renewable energy are also in place in Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

Objectives of EUSALP Action Group 9 in work period 2026-2028

During the 2026–2028 work plan period, EUSALP Action Group 9 (AG9) will concentrate its activities on three main thematic areas. The first priority concerns the renovation wave in the Alpine area, with a focus on the renovation of residential buildings. Particular attention will be paid to the cost-efficiency of technical renovation measures in relation to avoided CO₂ emissions, in order to support the achievement of EU renovation targets. To underpin this work, an expert study will be commissioned to assess effective renovation approaches, and its findings will serve as the basis for the development of a set of policy recommendations.

A second thematic focus will be the expansion of power grids and storage infrastructure in the Alpine region. In this context, AG9 will collect and further elaborate good practices and policy instruments that have demonstrated their effectiveness in increasing social acceptance and public awareness of energy infrastructure projects. This work will be carried out through dedicated expert workshops, which have proven to be a valuable format for facilitating knowledge exchange and consensus-building.

The third priority area will be the enhancement of collaboration in the field of hydrogen. AG9 will organize a networking event aimed at connecting representatives from various small and large Alpine Hydrogen Valleys, as well as representatives of hydrogen working groups from the EUSALP regions. The objective of this event will be to exchange experiences related to the challenges and opportunities of hydrogen project implementation, with a particular focus on applications in hard-to-abate sectors and on hydrogen storage solutions.

With regard to stakeholder involvement, EUSALP AG9 will organize Harvesting Sessions to gather and consolidate inputs from relevant actors and will hold meetings with EU energy-relevant networks, such as FEDARENE. In addition, AG9 will contribute to and organize collaborative sessions within the framework of key macro-regional and European events, including the EUSALP Annual Forum, Macro-Regional Strategy Week, and EU Sustainable Energy Week.

Alongside these thematic and stakeholder-focused activities, EUSALP AG9 will continue to advance its long-term flagship initiatives. These include the further development of the Alpine Energy Data Platform, as well as the organization of the EUSALP Energy Conference and the EUSALP Energy Award, which will remain central instruments for fostering exchange, visibility, and innovation in the Alpine energy transition.

1. Focus and Scope of the Action Group

Action 9 focuses on promoting energy efficiency in all energy relevant sectors, the production and use of renewable energy in the Alps, as well as on balancing renewable energy production with the needs of nature, landscape protection, land use purposes and social acceptance. The main topics EUSALP Action Group 9 is focusing on are:

- Decarbonisation and energy efficiency**
 Support decarbonisation and energy efficiency across all sectors, with a focus on buildings and the economic sector. Promote energy-efficient renovation, low-carbon construction, circular use of materials and socially fair and economically sustainable support mechanisms.
- Local and regional decarbonisation initiatives**
 Empower regions and municipalities through integrated energy and spatial planning, citizen participation and energy communities. Support local initiatives such as positive energy districts, smart villages, renewable energy communities and sustainable mobility to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.
- Innovative technologies in the energy sector**
 Support the uptake of innovative technologies, including energy storage, green hydrogen and sector electrification, by promoting knowledge sharing, good practices and policy support at all Macro regional Strategies (MRS) relevant levels.
- Cooperation for renewable energy in the Alpine region**
 Promote cooperation and stakeholder participation to increase renewable energy production while balancing environmental protection, land use and social interests. Strengthen transregional and transnational cooperation and knowledge exchange to develop integrated and sustainable solutions.
- Cross-border energy infrastructure planning**
 Enhance cross-border coordination to ensure a reliable and resilient energy infrastructure, support the integration of renewable energy sources, improve transmission capacities and promote smart grid solutions adapted to Alpine conditions.

2. Key Tangible Achievements 2023-2025

Key Achievements 2023

Participation to EUSALP events	
Objective	Provide insights into the energy transition of the economic sector and raising awareness about its opportunities and gaps of implementation of measures.
Results	Participation to the Circular economy event organised by Swiss presidency, presentation during the aater event and mobility event organized by the Swiss presidency, participation to Friends of EUSALP and final event organised by the Swiss presidency in Brussel, participation to the MACro regional week in Brussels.
Alpine energy data platform	
Objective	Collecting and disseminating energy data from EUSALP regions to testify the advancement of the energy transition in the Alps. Aggregation of regional energy data to MRS relevant energy data to inform stakeholders and decision makers.

Results	Collection of energy related data for all EUSALP regions, start of the implementation of the platform Platform website: https://www.alpine-energy-data.eu/
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Key Achievements 2024

EUSALP Energy Award 2024 “Energy transition in SME’s”	
Objective	Through the EUSALP Energy Award, EUSALP AG9 raises awareness about best practices in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy through targeted involvement of key implementors of the energy transition. The award edition 2024 honoured measures, activities and projects of small and medium-sized enterprises that significantly lowered their energy needs making them energy transition pioneers in the Alps.
Results	Best practices honoured in 2024: • Zotter Schokolade, Austria • Arbor Chairs, Italy • Cyprianerhof Dolomit Resort, Italy • Winery Bozen / Bolzano, Italy Jury members were recruited from inside the EUSALP AG9 and the EUSALP Youth Council: • Bavarian State Ministry of Economic Affairs, Germany • Tenerrdis, France • Auvergne Rhone Alpes Energy and Environment Agency, France • Energy and Climate Agency of Podravje, Slovenia • Energy Agency Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy • Energy Agency Tyrol, Austria • Energy Agency South Tyrol, Italy • EUSALP Youth Council, Austria Online Flyer: EUSALP Energy Award 2024 winners
Follow-up	The 2026 award edition will be organized under the umbrella of the EUSALP Bavarian Presidency. The awarding session will be organized during the EUSALP Annual Forum, 21-22 October, in Lindau, in the frame of the EUSALP Energy Conference 2026.
EUSALP Energy Conference	
Objective	Provide insights into the energy transition of the economic sector and raising awareness about its opportunities and gaps of implementation of measures.
Results	EUSALP AG9 involved key stakeholders, including big Slovene companies from the hard-to-abate sectors as well as SME’s from various Alpine countries, ministries and authorities, energy agencies and the EUSALP Youth Council. List of stakeholders and institutions involved: Economic sector: Alpacem Cement (Slovenia), INEA company (Slovenia), Zotter Chocolate (Austria), Salonit Anhovo (Slovenia), Arbor Chiar (Italy), Winery Bolzano (Italy) Science: Faculty of Engineering, University of Ljubljana Policy: Ministry of Economy, Slovenia Energy Agencies: Energy and Climate Agency of Podravje, Energy Agency Friuli Venezia Giulia, Energy Agency South Tyrol CasaClima

	EUSALP Youth Council
Follow-Up	The 2026 edition will be organized under the umbrella of the EUSALP Bavarian Presidency and take place during the EUSALP Annual Forum, 21-22 October, in Lindau.
Alpine energy data platform	
Objective	Collecting and disseminating energy data from EUSALP regions to testify the advancement of the energy transition in the Alps. Aggregation of regional energy data to MRS relevant energy data to inform stakeholders and decision makers.
Results	The Alpine energy data platform was established with the help of the ASP Cervino project and finalized in 2024. The platform visualizes energy data (production and consumption by sector and source) from the regions, countries and the EUSALP in a comprehensive and interactive manner. Platform website: https://www.alpine-energy-data.eu/
Follow-Up	Within work plan period 2026-2028, the platform will be further developed and automatized with Eurostat data sets.

Key Achievements 2025

Policy Recommendations	
Objective	The EUSALP Action Groups were invited to further capitalise on their expertise with a view to deriving policy recommendations from their activities to support the political steering the EUSALP MRS.
Results	In work plan period 2023-2025, EUSALP AG9 focused on green hydrogen application roll-out in the Alps. For the development of policy recommendations in this field, a two step procedure was carried out. Step 1: Preparatory analysis of the hydrogen sector in the Alps A preparatory analysis of the H2 policy field was realized within the ASP project AMETHyST that was incubated by the EUSALP AG9 in 2022. The following activities within the framework of the ASP project AMETHyST were carried out: • Mapping and analysis of regional and national hydrogen strategies, policies and initiatives in combination with desk research of existing expert literature on hydrogen governance and stakeholder mapping as well as technical issues related to green hydrogen deployment. • Organization of 4 transnational expert discussion tables (events organised during the years 2023-2025 in Innsbruck (AT), Ljubljana (SI), Bolzano (IT) and Paluzza (IT) involving a variety of key stakeholders from economy and infrastructure, regional and national policy makers, H2 implementation projects, H2 valley platforms, energy agencies as well as science and research; 30 experts involved). • Input gathered through the AMETHyST Online Expert Survey to test hypotheses of policy recommendations and gather further input: »Enhanced Governance for Green Hydrogen in the Alps«. 37 experts involved. Based on these activities, the AMETHySt recommendations and policy principles for green hydrogen in the Alpine Space were produced.

	Step 2: Drafting EUSALP AG9 policy recommendations The AMETHyST recommendations and policy principles were used as the basis for the EUSALP AG9 policy recommendation “The EUSALP region: a European Frontrunner Area for Green Hydrogen” which were further developed with 2 Support EUSALP policy workshops and endorsed by the EUSALP AG9 representatives through 2 rounds of written feedback procedures in 2025. The final document was transferred to the Executive Board for approval in September 2025.
Follow-Up	AG9 will organise a networking meeting/conference with Alpine H2 projects in, Interreg and Hydrogen Valleys in 2027 to enhance the transregional cooperation in the Alps, as proposed as a follow-up activity in the EUSALP AG9 policy recommendations.
EUSALP AG9 Harvesting Session	
Objective	The objective of the Harvesting Session is to collect project outputs and policy recommendations from research and cooperation projects to advance the participation of stakeholders in the energy transition in the Alps and to harvest outputs that support the implementation of the EUSALP Action Plan and the EUSALP AG9 work plan.
Results	The EUSALP AG9 Harvesting Session was organized in 2025 for the first time. The following studies, projects and outputs were presented: • Conference outputs: “High voltage in the Alps” (27.02.2025, CIPRA International) and “Energy Autonomy and EUSALP” (08.05.2025, Vorarlberg) • INFRAS, Arge Alp Study “Energy supply in the Alpine region Advantages and opportunities for cross-border cooperation” • ASP projects: ECOLE, SmartCommUnity, H2MA, AMETHyST
Follow-Up	The format will be replicated every 1-2 years to involve and connect stakeholders relevant for the implementation of the EUSALP Action Plan and the EUSALP AG9 work plan.

3. Priorities 2026-2028

The Alpine region plays an important role in the production of renewable energy from hydropower, solar, biomass, wind and geothermal sources, and countries in the Alpine region have strong potential for improving energy efficiency. Action 9 focuses on promoting energy efficiency in all sectors, expanding the production and use of renewable energy, and balancing renewable energy production with nature and landscape protection, land use and social acceptance. The EUSALP action plan focuses on:

- Fostering cooperation and participation to improve renewable energy production in the Alpine region
- Cross-border cooperation in planning energy infrastructure
- Decarbonisation and energy efficiency in building, production and services
- Regional and local initiatives for the decarbonisation of municipalities and regions
- Linking technologies and innovation to drive the energy transition at regional and local level

In work plan period 2026-2028, EUSALP Action Group 9 will focus on three thematic areas:

- Renovation wave: Renovation of residential buildings with a focus on cost-efficiency of technical interventions in relation to avoided CO₂ emissions to meet EU renovation targets. An **expert’s study** will be commissioned and used as a basis for the drafting of a **set of policy recommendations**.

- Expansion of power grids in the Alps and storage infrastructure: Good practices and instruments will be collected and elaborated within **experts workshops** that have proved to raise social acceptance and awareness for the expansion of energy related infrastructures.
- Enhancement of collaboration in the field of H2: Networking Event will be organized to connect representatives of various small and large Alpine Hydrogen Valleys in the Alps such as NAVH, IMAGHyNE, HI2 Valley, TH2ICINO as well as representatives of the H2 working group from the EUSALP regions with the goal of exchanging of the challenges of H2 project implementation as well as their opportunities. Focus will lay on the hard-to-abate sector application and storage applications.

In relation to stakeholder involvement, EUSALP AG9 will organize:

- EUSALP AG9 Harvesting Sessions
- Meetings with EU energy-relevant networks such as FEDARENE
- Collaborative sessions in the framework of the EUSALP Annual For a, MRS week and EUSEW

In addition, EUSALP AG9 will carry on its long-term flagship projects:

- Advancement of the Alpine energy data platform
- Organization of the EUSALP Energy Conference
- Organization of the EUSALP Energy Award

3.1. Key Activities 2026-2028

Main topics	Key activities
Energy data collection on the Alpine energy data platform	2026-2028 Harvesting EUROSTAT data to produce energy related indicators and display them on the Alpine energy data platform. Production of a set of graphs and short analysis. Update of the Alpine energy data platform (https://www.alpine-energy-data.eu/) with energy related indicators (Energy consumption and production at regional and EUSALP scale),
Power grids	2027-2028 Expert workshop(s) <i>Experts workshops on electricity grids and big energy infrastructures in the EUSALP area, to enhance energy security, grid stability, resilience and digitalization, while SAFEGUARDING the interests and needs of the inhabitants of the affected areas and TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the value of nature and the ecological sensibility of the Alpine arc.</i> Explanatory note: Follow-up activity of Innsbruck Joint Declaration 2025
Renovation of buildings	2026-2028 Study on cost-efficiency of renovation activities in relation to avoided CO₂ emissions 2026: agreement on study design during AG9 meeting and commissioning of study 2027: conduction of study

	2028: presentation of the study outputs, elaboration of policy recommendations and dissemination Renovation of public buildings Public building renovation and financing: activities and trainings with the support of the LIFE CET PROSPECT3 project
Fostering and sharing of expertise within the EUSALP AG9 network	2026-2028 Communication activity: Improve capacities of public authorities and energy agencies to finance renovation of public buildings Promotion of the trainings offered in the capacity building LIFE CET project PROSPECT3 started on 01/10/2025 and the Managenergy initiative from the European Commission.
Connecting Hydrogen valleys and projects in the Alps	2027 Networking Event Organisation of a networking event during the French Presidency 2027 gathering representatives of various small and large Alpine Hydrogen Valleys in the Alps such as NAVH, IMAGHyNE, H12 Valley, TH2ICINO as well as representatives of the H2 working group from the EUSALP regions. Explanatory note: Follow-up of the H2 Policy Recommendation Implementation activity
EUSALP AG9 Harvesting Sessions	2026 – 2027 – 2028 Organisation of (yearly) online harvesting sessions with Alpine Space Programme and other projects with the goal to transfer good practices and harvest policy recommendations from stakeholders.
Representation of EUSALP in Brussels during European key events	2027 European Sustainable Energy week (EUSEW) Organisation of meetings with European networks such as FEDARENE, Energy Cities to enhance the internationalization, visibility and political standing of EUSALP in Brussels 2026 – 2027 – 2028 Representation during MRS week
EUSALP Energy Conference	2026 – 2027 – 2028 The conference gathers experts, decision makers and stakeholders to discuss the challenges of the energy transition in the Alps, to ease the transfer of good practices and to connect relevant stakeholders that are vital to implement further measures towards carbon sensitive Alps.
EUSALP Energy Award	2026 and 2028

	The Award recognizes best practices that are contributing to the implementation of the energy transition in the Alpine area through the roll-out of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures. The award is organised under changing annual topics to cover the many facets of the energy transition and to engage with the various implementation stakeholders.
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3.2. Missions

AG9's contribution to the EUSALP Missions will be defined based on the missions approved by the General Assembly, starting from 2026.

4. Communication

The referent for communication activities will be located within the office of the French co-leader organization AURA-EE. The staff will be the main contact point for the TSS communication officer, and in charge of promoting AG9 activities, results and events. Most important documents, reports, analysis delivered by AG9 will be uploaded on the website. An AG9 LinkedIn account will be created.

4.1. Dissemination and Communication Activities

EUSALP website and social media channels		
EUSALP website		
Topic / Item	Content by year	no
EUSALP Energy Award 2026 and 2028	1 announcement of opening of the call and presentation of the jury members 1 presentation of winners	4
AG9 video	1 video presenting AG9 on the EUSALP website	1
EUSALP AG9 Harvesting Session 2026 and 2028	1 programme announcement 1 debriefing	4
EUSALP Energy Conference 2026, 2027, 2028	1 programme announcement 1 debriefing of the conference	6
Study outputs on cost-efficiency of renovation activities in relation to avoided CO ₂ emissions	1 publication of the study	1
EUSALP Action Group 9 recommendations	1 Set of policy recommendations based on the findings of the study of cost-efficiency of renovation activities in relation to avoided CO ₂ emissions	1
Total		17
Social Media Channel (Linked In Account)		

Topic / Item	Cotent by year	no
EUSALP Energy Award 2026 and 2028	1 announcement of opening of the call and presentation of the jury members 1 reminder of the call 1 presentation of winners	6
EUSALP AG9 Harvesting Session 2026 and 2028	1 programme announcement 1 reminder 1 debriefing	3
EUSALP Energy Conference 2026, 2027, 2028	1 programme announcement 1 debriefing of the conference	6
Study outputs on cost-efficiency of renovation activities in relation to avoided CO ₂ emissions	1 announcement of the publication of the study	1
Total		16

External dissemination (Interreg ASP and/or external communication channels)

Alpine Space Programme

- EUSALP Action Group 9 will develop a standardized “modus operandi” to manage the collaboration with 2nd step ASP projects and projects in implementation phase.
- AG9 co-leaders and members will participate to events organized by the Alpine Space programme and other cross border programmes such as ALCOTRA to present their work and outputs.
- EUSALP AG9 Harvesting Sessions will be organized to collect project outputs, esp. policy recommendations, good practices and tools that can be transferred throughout the EUSALP.
- EUSALP AG9 puts policy recommendations at disposition to the ASP programme committee.

Alpine Convention

- The ACB will be informed about any relevant events and studies conducted by EUSALP AG9.

Dissemination of results to policymakers

Experts advise from the EUSALP Action Group 9, will be coordinated and produced during AG9 meetings, during experts' workshops, with dedicated studies, with strategic stakeholder inputs (e.g. through the “AG9 Harvesting Sessions”) and cross-sectoral coordination with other AGs. The **dissemination of technical expertise on energy policies in the Alps**, will rely on multi-level collaborative environments within the EUSALP. The experts advice is made accessible in the form of recommendations or policy briefings and will be disseminated to regional, national and European decision makers in close coordination with the EUSALP Executive Board, the Annual Presidencies, DG Regio, the National Coordinators and the EUSALP Secretariat, **based on agreed processes** laid down by the Executive Board with the support of the BAGL and the EUSALP Secretariat. The following events, meetings and communication channels are strategic elements for the dissemination of the expert's working results to shape relevant policy fields as set out in the EUSALP Action Plan and further narrowed down by the EUSALP Joint Declarations and the AG's work plans:

EUSALP and EU level dissemination

Meetings and events:

- EUSALP Annual Forum and EUSALP General Assembly

- EUSALP Energy Conference
- MRS and Sea Basin week
- Friends of the EUSALP meetings
- Participation to European Sustainable Energy week in Brussels

National level dissemination

It will remain at the discretion of the national coordination offices to share the EUSALP expert results at the national level and, if applicable, with the regional network/ coordination tables.

Regional level dissemination

EUSALP Action Group 9 members will be invited to share policy relevant outputs with the corresponding technical implementation offices as well as political offices within their region in charge of climate and energy policies as well as other relevant departments.

Communication channels

- EUSALP website, newsletter and social media channels
- AGs social media channels
- Alpine Space Programme website
- Briefings with strategic stakeholders, eg. Alpine Convention
- Highlights could be inserted into the DG Regio implementation reports of the MRS
- Transfer of recommendations to EU Line DGs with the support of DG Regio

Success Stories

EUSALP AG9 will focus its communication on the following activities:

- EUSALP Energy Award 2026 and 2028 at all EUSALP levels (promotion of calls and selected best practices)
- EUSALP Energy Conference 2026, 2027, 2028
- Policy recommendations
- Study outputs
- Alpine Energy data platform updates
- Mission (if applicable)

4.2. Events and Research

Events

In cooperation with EUSALP presidencies, the EUSALP energy conference will be organised on a yearly basis, in 2026 in Lindau, in 2027 in France and 2028 in Italy. The EUSALP energy award will be organised in 2026 and 2028.

2026	
19 March 2026, online	Action Group 9 meeting
5 June 2026, online	EUSALP Action Group 9 Harvesting Session Stakeholders will be given the opportunity to present studies and projects in line with the EUSALP Action Plan and AG9 work plan. Interest lays on good practice exchange, policy advice and policy recommendations.
21- 22 October Lindau, Lake Constance	EUSALP Annual Forum

	Under the Patronage of the Bavarian EUSALP Presidency, AG9 will organize the Energy Conference and the EUSALP Energy Awarding Session, during the EUSALP Annual Forum. Also, an in-person AG9 meeting will be organized during this occasion. • EUSALP Energy Conference • EUSALP Energy Awarding Session • EUSALP Action Group 9 Meeting
2027	
March, online	Action Group 9 meeting
April, France	Networking event with Alpine H2 valleys and projects
May-June	EUSALP Action Group 9 Harvesting Session
June, Brussels	European Sustainable Energy Week Meeting with EU energy relevant networks
October-November, Nice	EUSALP Annual Forum • EUSALP Energy conference (tbc) • EUSALP Action group 9 meeting (tbc)
2028	
March, online	Action Group 9 meeting
May-June, online	EUSALP Action Group 9 Harvesting Session
Autumn, Italy	EUSALP Energy Conference (tbc)
Autumn, Italy	EUSALP Action Group 9 meeting
October-November, Italy	EUSALP Annual Forum

Research Publication

Study on cost-efficiency of renovation activities in relation to avoided CO₂ emissions (2028)

5. Work Plan Outputs and Results

5.1. Monitoring Indicators

Project/Activities

Name	Pillar	Action	Topic	Goal	Activities	Start Date	End Date	Funding source
Alpine Energy data platform	Pillar 3: Environment and Energy	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Regional and local initiatives for the decarbonization of municipalities and regions	Update of the Alpine energy data platform (https://www.alpine-energy-data.eu/) with energy related indicators (Energy consumption and production at regional and EUSALP scale)	Harvesting EUROSTAT data to produce energy related indicators and display them on the Alpine energy data platform. Production of a set of graphs and short analysis. Update every 2 years.	01/01/2026	30/06/2029	4support EUSALP, based on the platform developed in Alpine Space project Cervino
Capacity building activities	Pillar 3	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Regional and local initiatives for the decarbonization of municipalities and regions	Improve capacities of public authorities and energy agencies to finance renovation of public buildings Promotion of the trainings offered in the capacity building LIFE CET project PROSPECT3 started on 01/10/2025 and the Managenergy initiative from the European Commission.	Organisation of 2 trainings with AG9 members	01/01/2026	30/06/2029	LIFE Clean Energy Transition "Prospect Cube"
Connecting Hydrogen valleys and	Pillar 3	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy	Cross-border cooperation in the planning of energy infrastructure	Follow-up of the H2 Policy Recommendation Implementation activity	Organisation of a networking event during the French Presidency 2027 gathering representatives of various small	01/01/2026	31/12/2027	4Support EUSALP and

projects in the Alps		efficiency and renewable energy			and large Alpine Hydrogen Valleys in the Alps such as NAVH, IMAGHyNE, HI2 Valley, TH2ICINO as well as representatives of the H2 working group from the EUSALP regions.			regional funds
EUSALP energy award	Pillar 3	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Regional and local initiatives for the decarbonization of municipalities and regions	The Award recognizes best practices that are contributing to the implementation of the energy transition in the Alpine area through the roll-out of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures. The award is organised under changing annual topics to cover the many facets of the energy transition and to engage with the various implementation stakeholders.	Organisation of EUSALP energy award in 2026 and 2028	01/01/2026	31/12/2028	4Support EUSALP
EUSALP energy conference	Pillar 3	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Linking technologies and innovation to drive the energy transition to the implementation on regional and local level	The conference gathers experts, decision makers and stakeholders to discuss the challenges of the energy transition in the Alps, to ease the transfer of good practices and to connect relevant stakeholders that are vital to implement further measures towards carbon sensitive Alps	organization of a yearly EUSALP energy conference in cooperation with presidencies	01/01/2026	31/12/2028	4Support EUSALP

Harvesting sessions	Pillar 3	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Regional and local initiatives for the decarbonization of municipalities and regions	Getting inputs from Alpine space projects and other regional projects.	Organisation of (yearly) online harvesting sessions with Alpine Space Programme and other projects with the goal to transfer good practices and harvest policy recommendations from stakeholders.	01/01/2026	31/12/2028	4Support EUSALP
Participation to digital alps and mobility conference	Pillar 3	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Linking technologies and innovation to drive the energy transition to the implementation on regional and local level	Foster cooperation with other AGs and promotion of AG9 activities	Participation to yearly digital alps conference	01/01/2026	30/06/2029	4Support EUSALP
Policy recommendations	Pillar 3	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Regional and local initiatives for the decarbonization of municipalities and regions	Provide policy recommendations based on the outputs of the study on cost-efficiency of renovation activities in relation to avoided CO ₂ emissions	Elaborate policy recommendations and promote them during EUSALP energy conference and EUSALP annual forum	01/01/2026	30/12/2028	4Support EUSALP
Power grids	Pillar 3	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Cross-border cooperation in the planning of energy infrastructure	Foster cooperation in cross border energy infrastructure	2027-2028 Expert workshop(s) Experts workshops on electricity grids and big energy infrastructures in the EUSALP area, to enhance energy security, grid stability, resilience and digitalization, while SAFEGUARDING the interests and needs of the inhabitants of the affected areas and TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the value of	01/01/2026	30/12/2028	4Support EUSALP

					nature and the ecological sensibility of the Alpine arc.			
Representation of EUSALP in Brussels during European key events	Pillar 3	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Regional and local initiatives for the decarbonization of municipalities and regions	Foster EUSALP Action 9 visibility in Bruxelles	2027 European Sustainable Energy week (EUSEW) Organisation of meetings with European networks such as FEDARENE, Energy Cities to enhance the internationalization, visibility and political standing of EUSALP in Brussels 2026 – 2027 – 2028 Representation during MRS week	01/01/2026	30/12/2028	4Support EUSALP and regional funds
Study on cost-efficiency of renovation activities in relation to avoided CO ₂ emissions	Pillar 3	AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Decarbonisation and energy efficiency in the building, production and service sectors	Better knowledge of renovation activities	2026: agreement on study design during AG9 meeting and commissioning of study 2027: conduction of study 2028: presentation of the study outputs, elaboration of policy recommendations and dissemination	01/01/2026	30/06/2029	4Support EUSALP, regional funds?

Indicators

Action	Object	Name	Indicators Category	Type of Unit	Unit	Target	Value
AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Alpine Energy data platform	Alpine energy data platform	a) Information/knowledge platform b) Digital exchange platform c) Structure for information/knowledge sharing	Status of implementation of the platform	1	1,00	0,50

AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Connecting Hydrogen valleys and projects in the Alps	Alpine Hydrogen event	a) Discussion forums/dialogue events; b) Brainstorming; c) Active exchanges; d) Joint formulation of concepts	N° of participants/stakeholders	50	50,00	0,00
AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	EUSALP energy award	EUSALP energy award	a) Events, Forums; b) Newsletters, Social Media campaigns, Storytelling; c) Dedicated Website	N° of events and activities	2	2,00	0,00
AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	EUSALP energy conference	EUSALP Energy conference	a) Events, Forums; b) Newsletters, Social Media campaigns, Storytelling; c) Dedicated Website	N° of events and activities	3	3,00	0,00
AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Power grids	Expert workshop on power grids	a) Discussion forums/dialogue events; b) Brainstorming; c) Active exchanges; d) Joint formulation of concepts	N° of participants/stakeholders	50	50,00	0,00
AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Capacity building activities	Fostering and sharing of expertise within the EUSALP AG9 network	a) Training programmes & activities b) Mentoring/peer exchanges c) Skills workshops/Labs d) Mobility, exchanges, Study tours e) Application of new business models and methodologies f) Innovation transfers g) Toolkits/tools	Training programme set up: Yes/No?	2	2,00	0,00
AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Participation to digital alps and mobility conference	Fostering cooperation with other AGs	a) Events, Forums; b) Newsletters, Social Media campaigns, Storytelling; c) Dedicated Website	N° of events and activities	6	6,00	0,00
AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Harvesting sessions	Harvesting sessions	a) Discussion forums/dialogue events; b) Brainstorming; c) Active exchanges; d) Joint formulation of concepts	N° of participants/stakeholders	25	25,00	0,00
AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Representation of EUSALP in Brussels during European key events	representation of EUSALP in Brussels	a) Discussion forums/dialogue events; b) Brainstorming; c) Active exchanges; d) Joint formulation of concepts	N° of participants/stakeholders	10	10,00	0,00

AG9: To make the territory a model region for energy efficiency and renewable energy	Study on cost-efficiency of renovation activities in relation to avoided CO ₂ emissions	Study on cost efficiency of renovation activities in relation to avoided CO ₂ emissions	a) Studies, surveys, mapping, data collection b) Good practices/Case studies c) Knowledge networks/ Think tanks / d) Observatories e) Thematic workshops/conferences"	N° of studies/surveys/mapping	1	1,00	0,00
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5.2. Work Plan Outputs

Project/Activity	Expected Output
Alpine energy data platform	Platform updated with EUROSTAT data to better monitor the energy transition in the Alps via macro-data sets
Participation to Prospect3 cube training courses	5-10 AG9 members/EUSALP stakeholders trained on 2 topics on financing energy transition (e.g. intracting, white certificates, project development Assistance, ELENA, green bonds...) to boost energy transition in the Alps in the public sector
Eusalp energy award	6 best practices published
Study	1 Study published
Policy Recommendations	1 Set of policy recommendations developed based on a experts study
H2 networking event	1 networking meeting organized

5.3. Action Group Results

Project/Activity	Expected Result
Alpine energy data platform	Access and availability of energy relevant data for EUSALP
Participation to Prospect3 cube training courses	Better trained and skilled AG experts and members in the field of innovative financing
Eusalp energy award	Awareness about good practices
Study	Access to knowledge
Policy Recommendations	Visibility of EUSALP as a political cooperation platform
H2 networking event	Enhanced collaboration between various H2 projects in the Alps

6. Action Group's Organisation and Targets

6.1. Composition and Organisation

Action Group Leader/Co-Leaders	
Energy Agency South Tyrol - CasaClima Auvergne Rhone Alpes Energy and environment agency	
Number of Appointed Members	
tbc	
Represented Countries	Represented Institutions
☒ Austria ☒ France ☒ Germany ☒ Italy ☐ Liechtenstein ☒ Slovenia ☒ Switzerland	Austria: Energy Agency Tyrol (DMC) Dpt. Energy, Land Tyrol (DMC) Dpt. Economic Development, Land Vorarlberg (DMC) Energy Institute Vorarlberg (DMC) Energy and Environment Agency Lower Austria (DMC) Dpt. Energy, Land Salzburg (DMC) Dpt. Location, Spatial Planning and Energy, Land Carinthia (DMC) France: Auvergne-Rhone Alpes Energy and Environment Agency (DMC) Germany: Bavarian State Ministry Economy (DMC) Italy: Energy Agency South Tyrol - CasaClima (DMC) Agenzia per le Risorse Idriche ed Energia (DMC) EURAC Research Dpt. Energy, Piedmont Region (DMC) Energy Agency Friuli Venezia Giulia (DMC) Aosta Valley (DMC) Lombardy Region (DMC) Energy Agency IRE Liguria (DMC) Slovenia: Energy and Climate Agency of Podravje (DMC) Switzerland: SUPSI (DMC)
Observers	
Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention Alpine Space Programme EUSALP Youth Council DG Regio Eurochamber Network	

Internal organisation of work

- The activities of EUSALP AG9 are directly managed by AG9 Co-leaders
- Working groups will be installed to implement targeted short-term activities (e.g. steering group for EUSALP Energy Awards)

“Modus operandi note” to manage collaboration with external projects

In work plan period 2026-2028, EUSALP Action Group 9 will agree on a “modus operandi note” to manage the collaboration with external collaboration projects, esp. Alpine Space projects. The focus of the “modus operandi note” will lay on, first, the management of collaboration requests during application phase and, second, the representation of EUSALP AG9 during the implementation phase of the projects.

Meetings 2026 – 2027 – 2028

- 2 AG9 meetings per year (Action Group members, 1 online and 1 in-person)
- 2-4 EB-BAGL meetings per year (Action Group co-leaders)
- 2-4 BAGL meetings per year (Action Group co-leaders)
- 2-6 SUPPORT EUSALP meetings per year (Action Group co-leaders)

6.2. Involvement of the Stakeholders

The main channels to engage with EUSALP stakeholders are:

1. EUSALP Energy Conference
2. EUSALP AG9 “Harvesting Session”
3. EUSALP Energy Award
4. Experts Workshops

6.3. The Role of the Youth Council

EUSALP Energy Award

EUSALP Action Group 9 offers one Youth Councillor the possibility to join the jury work of the EUSALP Energy Award. The Youth Councillor will gain full voting rights to select the Alpine good practices to be awarded as a good practice within the field of energy efficiency and the roll-out of renewable energy in the Alps.

EUSALP Energy Conferences

Depending on the topics tackled during the EUSALP Energy Conference, Youth Councillors will be given the possibility to join experts’ discussion as panellists.

Proposals by the Youth Council

EUSALP Action Group 9 experts are open to discuss any position paper or requests prepared by the Youth Council that concern the competence fields of the Action Group.