

ANNEX to the 2019 Eusalp Joint Declaration

Implementation priorities

Objective 1: Fair access to job opportunities, building on the high competitiveness of the Region

- Establish a transnational research and innovation network in the Alpine Region
- Develop a common Research and Innovation Agenda in the Alpine Region, also using the potential of Joint Programming
- Create a macro-regional Innovation Ecosystem, starting from Open Innovation
- Launch a bio-economy harmonized call in order to strengthen the transnational value chain
- Promote wooden constructions and projects in the Alpine Region and in the Alpine space
- Develop health tourism in the Alpine Region
- Establish a transnational educational space in line with the goals of the new ERASMUS+ programme, with a focus on dual professional training in the Alpine Region
- Support the sustainable involvement of young people by continuing the initiative youth.shaping.EUSALP, and organizing a first EUSALP Youth Camp in 2020.

Objective 2: Sustainable internal and external accessibility to all

- Support the modal shift to sustainable modes of transport, including by promoting intermodal and innovative sustainable solutions focused on railway freight transport generated from EUSALP Ports
- Develop a EUSALP-wide travel information platform
- Promote cross border commuting in the entire Alpine Region, by assessing good practices and implementing new approaches in selected areas
- Implement the Smart-villages-approach in the Alpine Region, to ensure digital connectivity as well as balanced living and economic development opportunities between rural and metropolitan areas
- Promote better mobility solutions between Alpine peripheral areas and the main European transport network;
- Propose test solutions to remove border obstacles
- Carry out a feasibility study on a cross border digital backbone
- Analyse the potentials of digitalization for SMEs in the in natural fibre-based value chains
- Realize a better connected mobility system including peripheral areas through integrated, innovative public services and ICT application and provide at crossborder level interoperability and harmonisation of procedures and standards

Objective 3: A more inclusive environmental framework for all and renewable and reliable energy solutions for the future

- Reduce land consumption and foster soil protection
- Strengthen the value of cultural landscapes
- Capitalize on the results of ARPAF and ARPAF II projects related to natural and cultural resources in order to implement UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Promote the inclusion of Alpine Food in the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Establish the Alpine Region as a model region for a trans-European Green Infrastructure by developing multifunctional, cross-sectoral solutions and spotlighting rural-urban relationships
- Further develop integral natural hazard management in the Alpine Region
- Adaptation strategies and resilience concepts related to global and climate change for the Alpine Region
- Promote the optimisation of the energetic and environmental footprint of the building sector
- Establish a EUSALP Energy Observatory in order to meet the common 2030 and 2050 energy and emission targets, by promoting green economy innovations as well as intelligent energy and decarbonisation strategies
- Set up a macro-regional energy efficiency network for improving efficiency in SMEs
- Strengthen cooperation between the EU macro-strategies in the field of energy policy