

# Alpine Biodiversity Conference by Slovenian Presidency

The aim of the Alpine Biodiversity Conference is to present the Alpine Convention's efforts to strengthen biodiversity conservation as a contribution to the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) adopted in 2022. Moreover, the goal is to gather feedback and proposals for forward-looking activities from relevant policymakers, experts, scientists, and representatives of Alpine networks. The Slovenian Presidency of the Alpine Convention will present a draft policy brief which will serve as a basis for an in-depth interactive discussion between participants on the three areas of conservation, connectivity, and nature restoration. The conference will also bring in views from the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Carpathian Convention as a contribution to the implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the three Conventions.

# **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

#### TUESDAY, 11 June 2024

Arrivals and accommodation

20:30 Screening of the film "V kraljestvu Zlatoroga" (In the Kingdom of Zlatorog)

## WEDNESDAY, 12 June 2024

9:00 - 17:00 Alpine Biodiversity Conference

9:00 - 9:30 Welcome Mayor of Kranjska Gora, Henrika Zupan (tbc) Minister for Natural Resources and Spatial Planning, Jože Novak (tbc) Secretary General of the Alpine Convention, Alenka Smerkolj Chair of the Alpine Biodiversity Board of the Alpine Convention, Paolo Angelini (tbc)

#### 9:30 - 10:30 Global Biodiversity Framework and policy inputs

Convention on Biological Diversity Carpathian Convention Youth Parliament to the Alpine Convention on the protection of natural areas

The Alpine Convention implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework – Policy Brief

10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee break* 

#### 11:00 - 12:30 Parallel interactive sessions with policy and expert inputs

Workshop 1: Fostering the conservation of biodiversity in the Alps

Workshop 2: Ensuring connectivity between the core Alps and their surroundings

Workshop 3: Restoring nature and habitats in the Alps

- 12:30 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 15:30 Continuation of the workshops
- 15:30 15:45 *Coffee break*

## 15:45 - 16:45 **Panel discussion and reflections** Moderators of the workshops Alpine Biodiversity Board of the Alpine Convention Convention of Biological Diversity Working Group on Biodiversity of the Carpathian Convention

EUSALP Action Group 7 on Ecological Connectivity and Green Infrastructure

#### 16:45 - 17:00 Conclusions and way forward

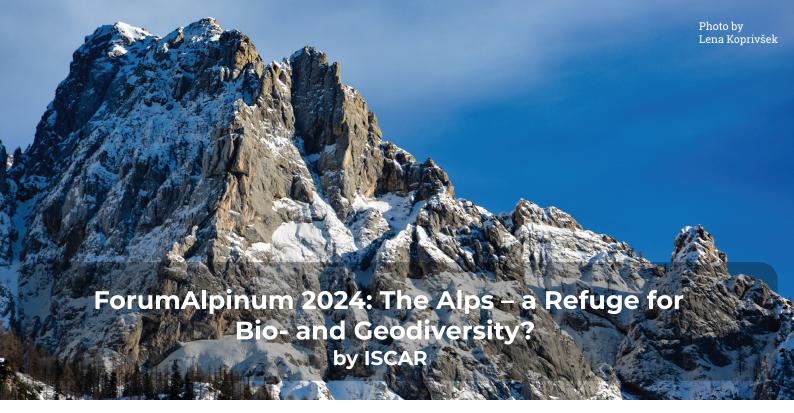
Closing of the conference

#### 19:30 Official reception

Address by the President of the Permanent Committee of the Alpine Conference, Emil Ferjančič

Address by the Director of Triglav National Park, Tit Potočnik, on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Triglav National Park

Address by former ISCAR Managing Director, Thomas Scheurer, on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ForumAlpinum



ForumAlpinum 2024 will focus on biodiversity and geodiversity that are under severe threat – worldwide and especially in sensitive ecosystems like the Alps. This ForumAlpinum will identify hot spots of bio- and geodiversity, their monitoring and management in the Alps, analyse land use conflicts and their impact on bio- and geodiversity, and assess the relevance of bio- and geodiversity protection in the regional, national or international context to discuss possible solutions.

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## THURSDAY, 13 June 2024

8:00	Registration	
9:00 - 18:30	ForumAlpinu	ım - ISCAR Scientific Conference
	9:00 - 10:15	Welcome, Introduction and Key note speakers Janez Nared, President of ISCAR Valerie Braun, President of Scientific Board
	9:15 - 9:45 9:45 - 10:15	<b>Key note 1</b> : Kurt Hanselmann <b>Key note 2</b> : Špela Čonč
	10:15 - 11:00	Coffee break
	11:00 - 12:30	Interactive parallel sessions I -II-III-IV
		Topic I: Biodiversity I Topic II: Grazing/Alpine pastures
		Topic III: Historic changes Tourism
		Topic IV: Tourism

12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 15:30	Interactive parallel sessions V-VI-VII-VIII
	Topic V: Biodiversity II Topic VI: New technologies Topic VII: Water resources Topic VIII: Spatial planning
15:30 - 16:30	Coffee break & Poster session
16:30 - 18:00	Interactive parallel sessions IX-X-XI-XII Topic IX: Biodiversity and culture Topic X: Ecological Topic XI: Past, present and future ISCAR objectives Topic XII: Geodiversity

18:00 - 18:30 Report to the plenary, short reflections and conclusions, Closure of the conference

# FRIDAY, 14 June 2024

Two excursions will be organized:

8:30 - 13:00	Radovna River valley
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8:30 - 15:00 Soča River valley

Details on excursions will be provided in detail on http://forumalpinum.org/.



