

Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027

Transnational report on the
stakeholder consultation

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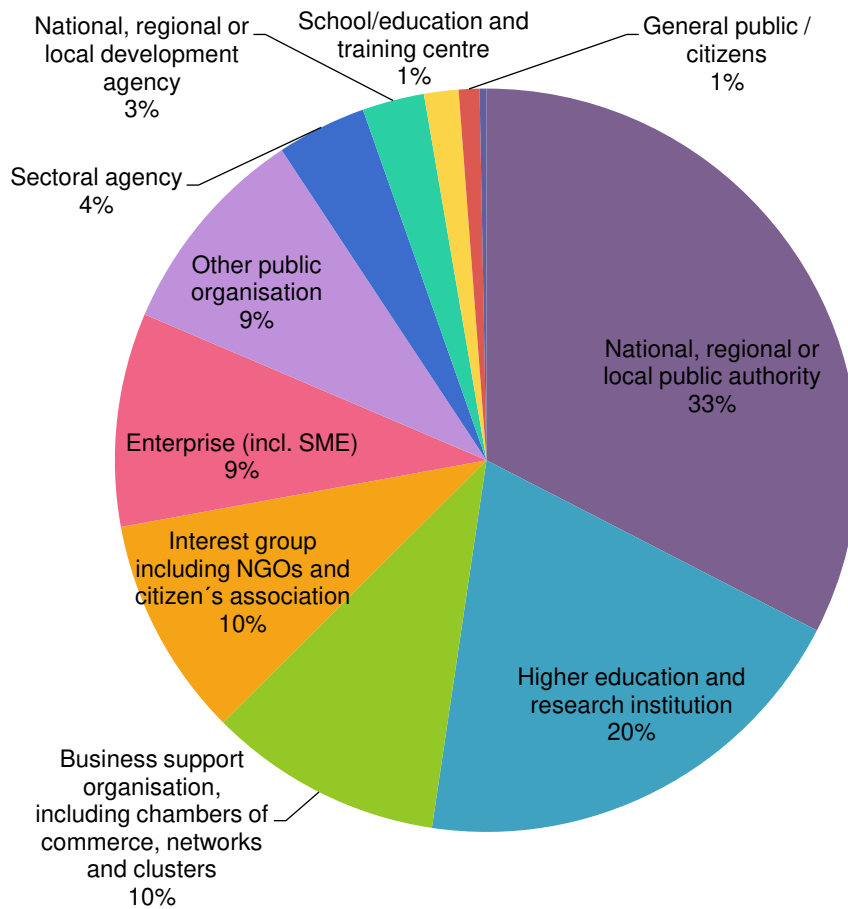




Response statistics

	Count	Percent
Complete	334	100

1. Please choose the category which describes your institution most accurately:



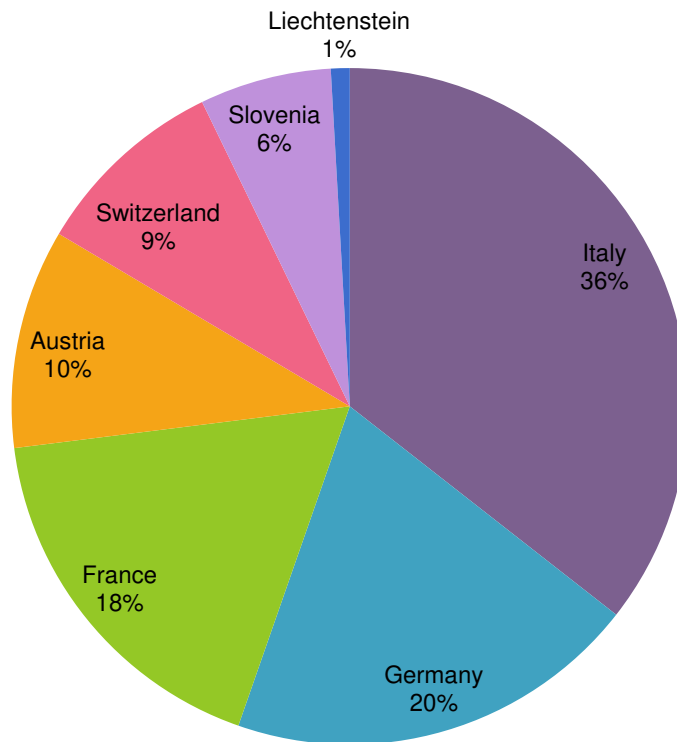
Value	Percent	Count
National, regional or local public authority	32.6%	109
Higher education and research institution	19.8%	66



Business support organisation, including chambers of commerce, networks and clusters	10.2%	34
Interest group including NGOs and citizen´s association	9.6%	32
Enterprise (incl. SME)	9.3%	31
Other public organisation	9.3%	31
Sectoral agency	3.9%	13
National, regional or local development agency	2.7%	9
School/education and training centre	1.5%	5
General public / citizens	0.9%	3
Social organisation	0.3%	1
	Totals	334



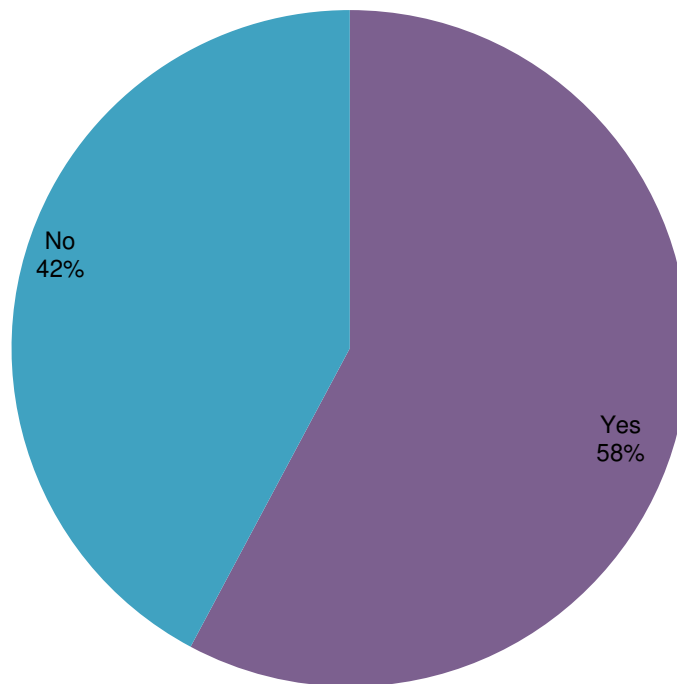
2. Where is your organisation located (main seat)?



Value	Percent	Count
Italy	35.6%	119
Germany	19.8%	66
France	17.7%	59
Austria	10.5%	35
Switzerland	9.3%	31
Slovenia	6.3%	21
Liechtenstein	0.9%	3
	Totals	334



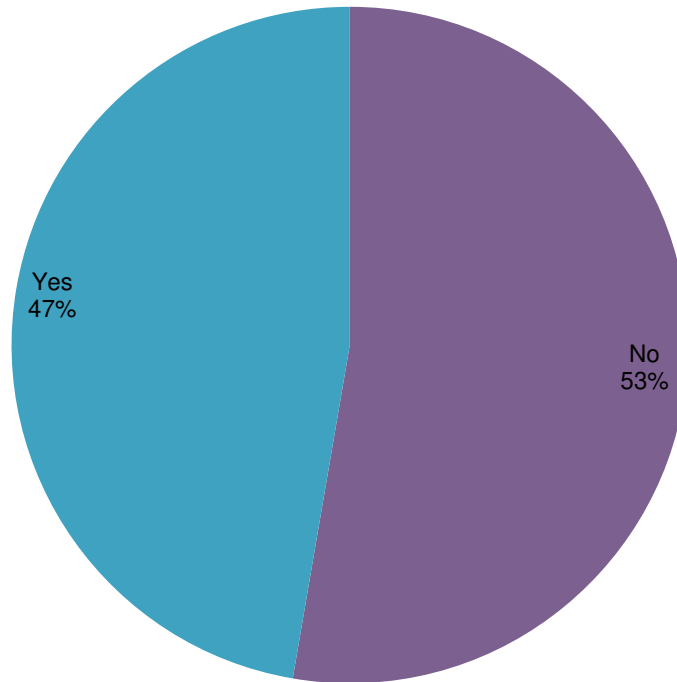
3. Have you already been involved in an Interreg Alpine Space project?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	57.8%	193
No	42.2%	141
	Totals	334



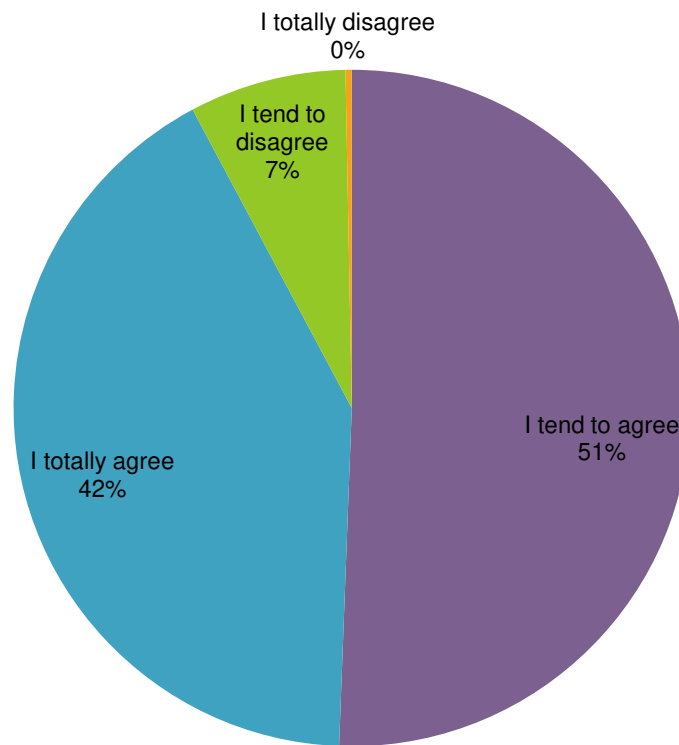
4. Have you already been involved in activities of the European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP), either in an official function or as stakeholder?



Value	Percent	Count
No	52.7%	176
Yes	47.3%	158
	Totals	334



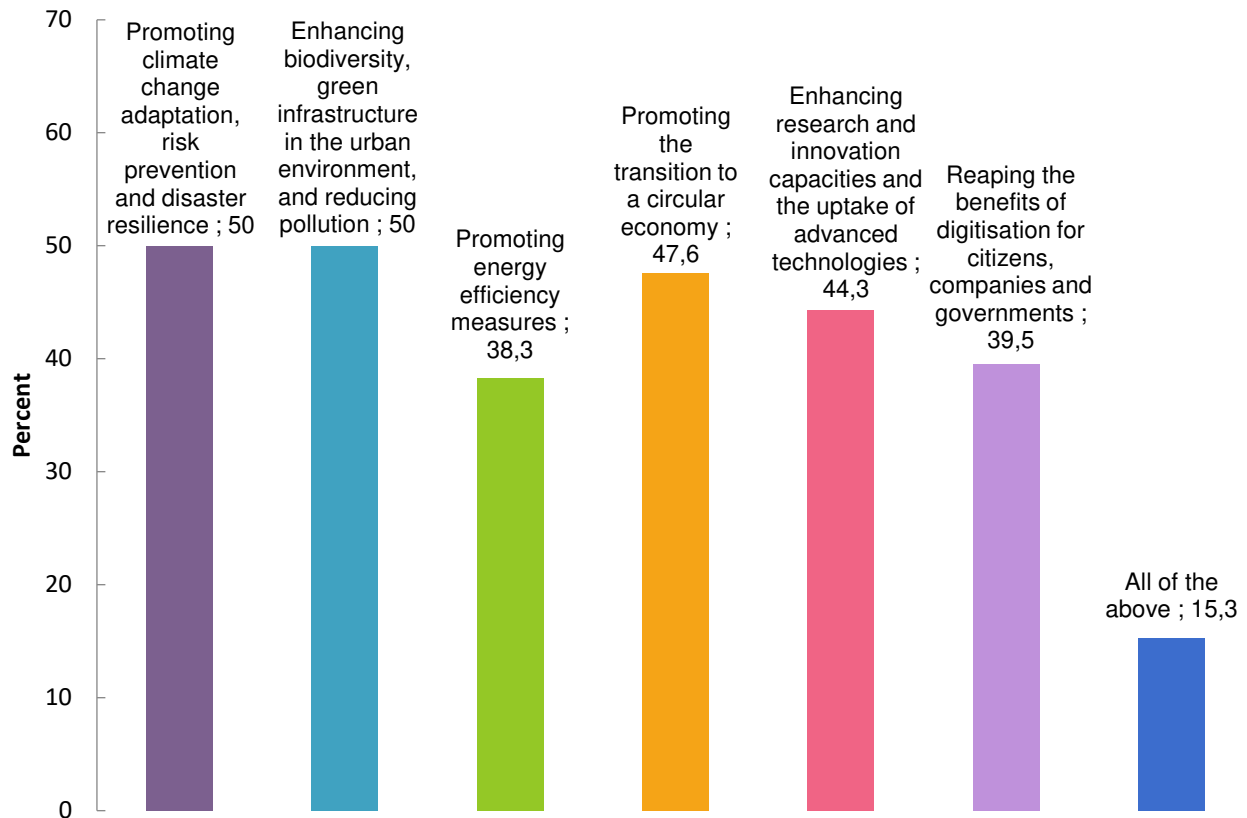
5. In your opinion, are the selected policy objectives relevant for the Alpine Space in the next seven years?



Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	50.6%	169
I totally agree	41.6%	139
I tend to disagree	7.5%	25
I totally disagree	0.3%	1
	Totals	334



6. Which of the following specific objectives would you like to comment?

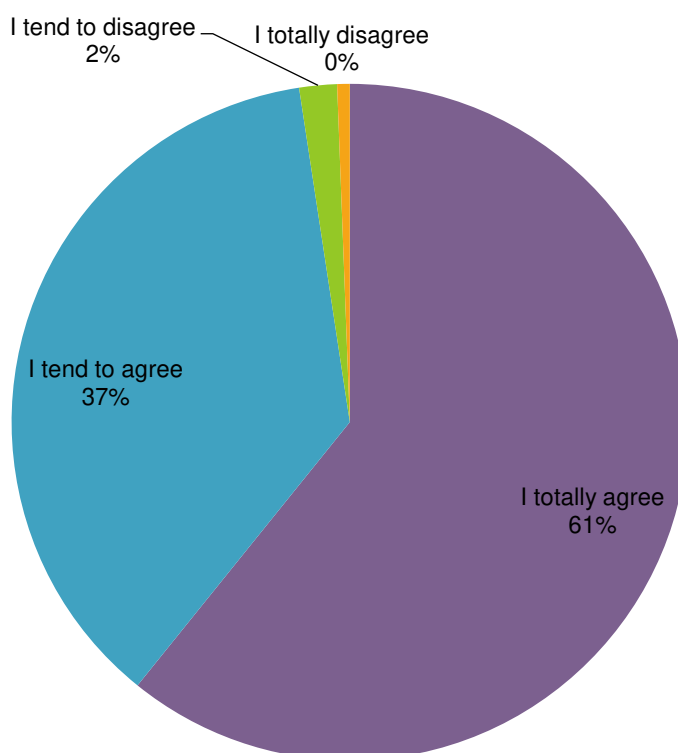


Value	Percent
Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience	50.0%
Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution	50.0%
Promoting energy efficiency measures	38.3%
Promoting the transition to a circular economy	47.6%
Enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	44.3%
Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies and governments	39.5%
All of the above	15.3%



SO 1.1 Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience

7. The thematic orientation proposed for this specific objective is relevant for the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027.



Value	Percent	Count
I totally agree	60.8%	104
I tend to agree	36.8%	63
I tend to disagree	1.8%	3
I totally disagree	0.6%	1
	Totals	171



8. Which are the most relevant actions that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant in the field of climate change adaptation.

Value	Percent
Developing strategies, models and pilots to rise the preparedness and adaptive capacity of the alpine society, economy and nature in order to cope with the impacts of climate change (e.g. societal/economic adaptation, changes and needs of ecosystem services, financial aspects of adaptation);	80.6%
Organising frameworks to bridge the gap between climate research and practical implementation and to integrate new research results into adaptation practice at different levels and for different types of territories;	72.4%
Exchanging information and supporting trans-regional learning-processes on climate-change adaptation measures to foster and improve the Alpine-societies knowledge and awareness.	45.9%
Supporting information exchange and knowledge transfer at transnational/regional/local level in order to adapt to changing weather patterns (e.g. heat, precipitation) as well as extreme weather events and to raise awareness of risks and natural hazards among experts and policy makers;	45.3%
Supporting frameworks and initiatives aiming at the establishment of climate services in the Alpine region;	25.3%

9. Which are the most relevant actions that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant in the field of risk prevention and disaster resilience.

Value	Percent
Setting-up of preventive planning measures in the fields of spatial planning and risk management through the joint development of tools, interoperable databases; disaster monitoring-, warning- and response- systems at different territorial levels;	52.4%
Improving skills and competences for policy makers and stakeholders at different policy levels to make better use of digitalization in the field of risk prevention, risk management and climate change adaptation , e.g. by harmonizing and sharing data and implementing enhanced and innovative digital tools.	44.7%

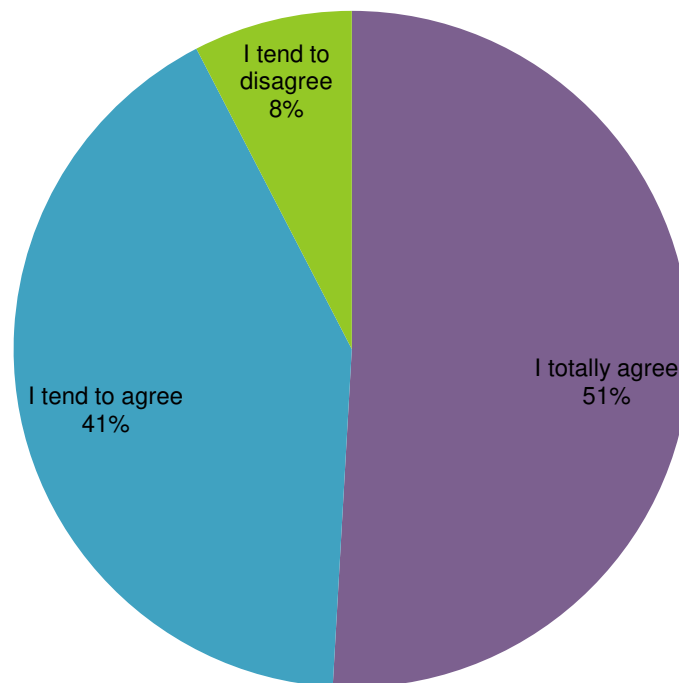


Developing transnational/national/local strategies and implementing of pilot projects regarding organizational measures in risk governance considering different governance levels;	43.5%
Implementing integrated and participatory concepts and strategies in risk management as well as communication measures aiming at raising awareness and preparedness among policy makers at different policy levels and citizens.	39.4%
Developing concepts and setting up coordination structures for the sustainable management of multifunctional and protective forests, green and blue infrastructure also including water management and ecosystem services;	38.2%
Developing methodologies and tools aiming at measuring and monitoring the specific impacts of climate change on the lithosphere-biosphere-hydrosphere-cryosphere.	26.5%
Developing strategies and concepts for different types of territories in highly affected and exposed regions (e.g. high altitude environment - glacial masses reduction, permafrost degradation, or regions specifically hit by draught).	22.4%
Developing concepts preventing, monitoring and managing abiotic and biotic climate related risks, as well as supporting their transnational roll-out.	11.2%



SO 1.2 Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution

10. The thematic orientation proposed for this specific objective is relevant for the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027.



Value	Percent	Count
I totally agree	50.9%	87
I tend to agree	41.5%	71
I tend to disagree	7.6%	13
	Totals	171



11. Which are the most relevant types of action that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant.

Value	Percent
The implementation of pilot projects with regards to biodiversity protection solutions, Green and Blue Infrastructures (GBI) projects, Nature Based Solutions (NBS) and sustainable management;	36.9%
The development of transnational strategies and the implementation of pilot projects on sustainable land use management, climate-friendly settlement development, soil protection and the sustainable valorisation of natural and cultural heritage (particularly cultural landscapes);	32.1%
The implementation of pilot projects with regards to biodiversity protection solutions and green infrastructure management taking into account their enhanced (economic) valorisation and rural-urban relationships;	29.8%
The joint development and establishment of transnational green infrastructure-networks ("TEN-G") in order to strengthen Alpine biodiversity, biodiversity clusters and ecosystem services as cultural and social services;	28.0%
Transnational cooperation, knowledge-exchange and reinforced research on the concrete impacts of climate change on Alpine biodiversity as well as the impacts of mitigation and adaptation measures for different types of territories;	25.0%
The development of innovative methodologies of Green and Blue Infrastructures (GBI) strategic planning at different scales and for different territories also considering multi- and cross-sectorial approaches;	22.6%
The development of common methodologies for assessing and valorisation of the environmental, economic and social benefits of Green and Blue infrastructure and related ecosystem services in different territorial types.	18.5%
The elaboration of policy frameworks and strategies to increase wilderness areas and macro-regional scale ecological connectivity priority areas as well as tools and instruments to manage these areas and to valorise them in the context of sustainable tourism;	17.3%
Investments in Green Infrastructure for natural flood prevention, biodiversity and soil protection;	14.3%

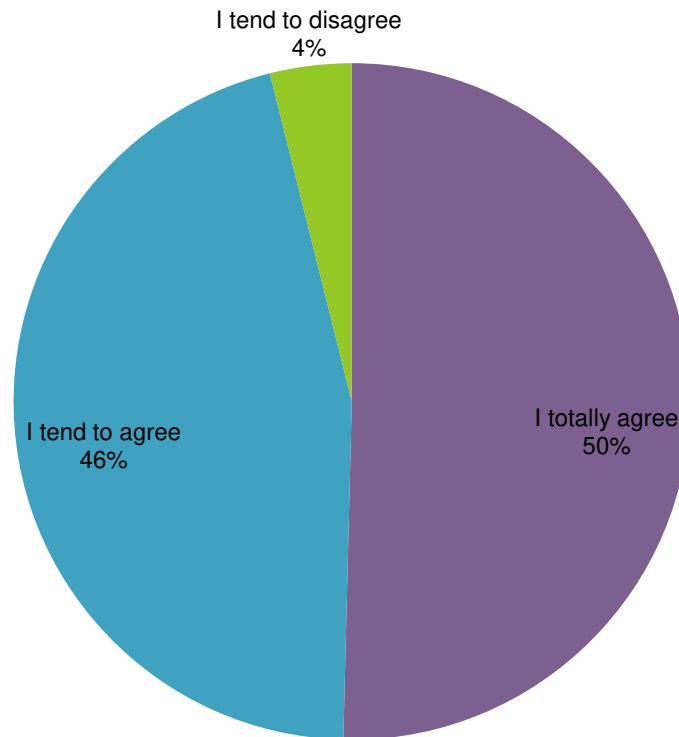


The joint elaboration and implementation of strategies which explore the potential of Green infrastructures related to the impacts of climate change on Alpine biodiversity and further ecosystem services, also specifically in and for urban regions;	13.1%
Measures of communication and awareness raising among different political levels and the public, concerning the consolidation of green infrastructure strategies across borders and their integration into planning;	11.3%
The development of strategies and tools for better air quality considering innovative means of measuring emissions and monitoring systems;	8.9%
The development of methodologies and tools/toolboxes on transnational biodiversity management and green infrastructure development that pay special attention to the implementation of digitalization and new information systems, specifically in the field of data harmonization and data accessibility;	8.3%
The development of methodologies and tools as well as strategies and action plans to cope with the impact of energy management, hydro power, and energy grids on ecosystems and biodiversity;	7.7%
Investments in Green Infrastructure for the conservation or restoration of connectivity areas (animal and plant species).	7.7%



SO 2.1 Promoting energy efficiency measures

12. The thematic orientation proposed for this specific objective is relevant for the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027.



Value	Percent	Count
I totally agree	50.4%	65
I tend to agree	45.7%	59
I tend to disagree	3.9%	5
	Totals	129



13. Which are the most relevant types of action that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant.

Value	Percent
Support cooperative and innovative approaches including the funding of concrete pilot or small scale actions for energy efficiency and energy communities, that seek for solutions that go beyond efficiency, foster specifically integrated concepts of well-being and post-carbon lifestyles as well as cross-sectorial approaches for different types of territories, e.g. in the building/ housing/ residential/ mobility/ energy sector(s);	63.6%
Support the exchange of knowledge, good practices and R&D activities focusing on the transition from energy efficiency to sufficiency oriented approaches and to support the transition towards a carbon neutral – or even post carbon economy and society in the Alpine region considering Multi-Energy System Integration;	31.8%
Set-up and promote innovative energy communities, taking into account existing networks and activities on national level;	28.7%
Foster cooperative and cross sectorial projects that enable policy makers and stakeholders at different policy levels to implement sufficiency and post-carbon oriented approaches and support the development and implementation of regulatory frameworks to support the transition from efficiency to sufficiency and post-carbon oriented approaches;	27.1%
Develop cooperative, innovative and sustainable approaches to improve energy poverty policies concerning adequate warmth, cooling, lighting and energy to power appliances to enhance social inclusion and encourage common policies for the Alpine region.	23.3%
Improve skills and competences for policy makers and stakeholders at different policy levels to support the transition from efficiency measures and concepts to sufficiency and post-carbon oriented approaches;	21.7%
Support measures of communication and raise awareness among different political levels and the public/consumers using approaches like behaviour economics and political framing concerning the paradigm shift towards sufficiency oriented and post-carbon approaches in order to support a better understanding for the needed transformation processes	20.2%
Support information exchange and knowledge transfer at transnational/regional/local level on the use of energy efficiency measures in order to raise awareness among different stakeholders and the population in order to support behaviour change and to encourage the adoption of energy efficient practices and to stimulate bottom-up activities and initiatives.	18.6%

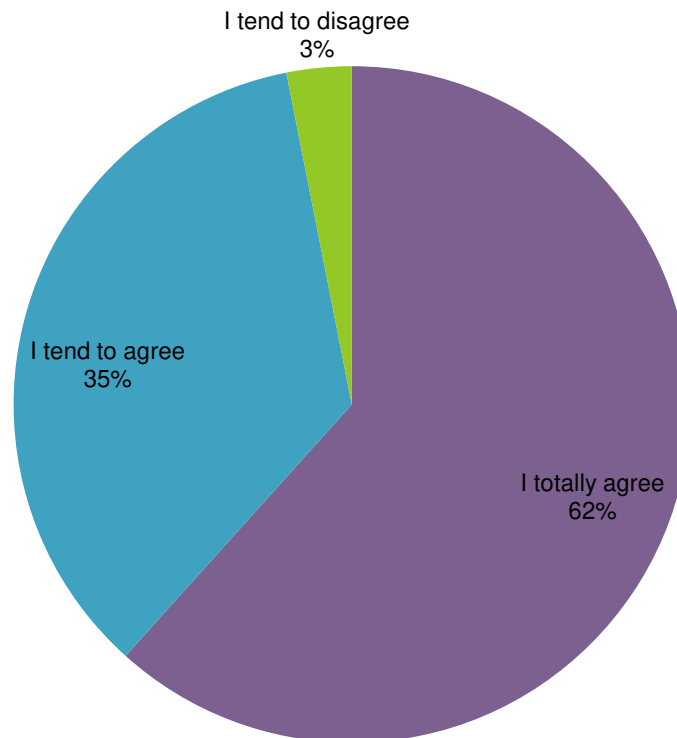


Promote energy accounting and energy management systems at local level with a focus on transnationally connecting existing networks on national level;	17.1%
Raise competences in Energy data collection (Energy Observatory and Energy Survey).	10.1%
Support the elaboration of policy tools and indicator sets for measuring societal well-being of post carbon-oriented approaches at the level of the Alpine region with a focus on transnationally connecting existing networks on national level	9.3%



SO 2.2 Promoting the transition to a circular economy

14. The thematic orientation proposed for this specific objective is relevant for the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027.



Value	Percent	Count
I totally agree	61.6%	98
I tend to agree	35.2%	56
I tend to disagree	3.1%	5
	Totals	159



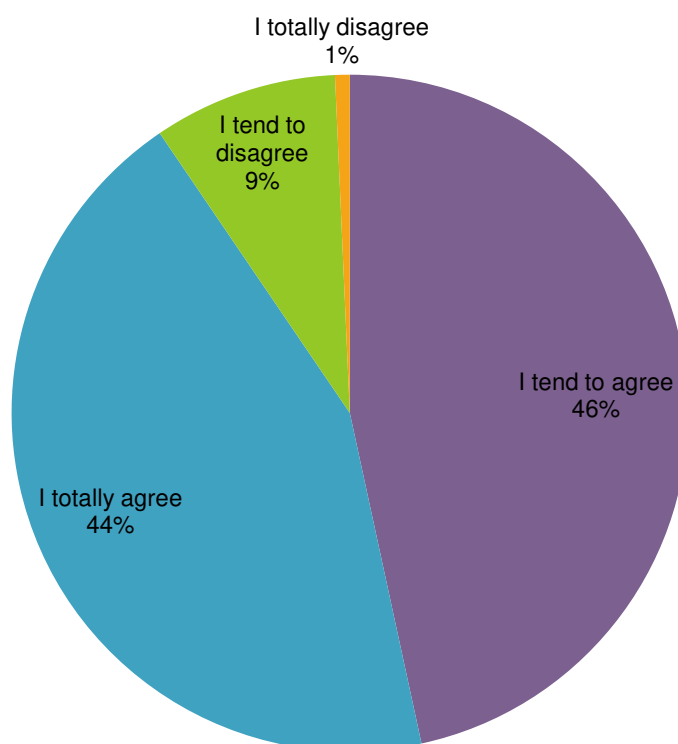
15. Which are the most relevant types of action that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant.

Value	Percent
Implement pilot projects that support inter-regional circular economy approaches that promote bio-economy and the use of biological and regional products.	52.2%
Set-up circular/green/ bio-economy-processes to facilitate the development and implementation of circular and green economy-approaches among different actors with a focus on Alpine key resources and key sectors above mentioned and implement innovative collaborative (pilot)projects;	50.9%
Improve skills and competences of stakeholders at all policy levels and in the relevant business sectors to pave the way towards the implementation of circular and green economy-approaches as well as bio-economy approaches including the definition of common standards, indicators and monitoring systems;	35.2%
Develop and implement "transnational value chains"-concepts based on regional assets, competences and needs referring to the EU-key-concept of "strategic value chains", supporting industrial and innovation stakeholders in the Alpine region;	29.6%
Support measures of communication and raise awareness among different political levels and the public/consumers using approaches like behaviour economics and political framing concerning the concept of "circular economy", "green economy" as well as "bio-economy" in order to support a better understanding for the needed transformation processes.	29.6%
Support the development of clusters specialized in circular and green economy-approaches as well as circular bio-economy fostering research, innovation, implementation and cooperation particularly in the in the above mentioned key sectors;	25.2%
Set up innovative processes to reduce waste incineration and general waste reduction in the Alpine region;	22.6%
Capitalize and exchange good practices and experiences on transnational circular and green economy-approaches as well as bio-economy in the above mentioned key sectors (including e.g. refurbishment activities, sustainable use of resources, enhancing supply chains, ...);	22.0%
Support joint capacity building and trainings with regards to the implementation of circular and green economy-approaches as well as bio-economy for policy makers at different levels, with consideration of transnational activities;	13.8%



SO 3.1 Enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

16. The thematic orientation proposed for this specific objective is relevant for the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027.



Value	Percent	Count
I tend to agree	46.6%	69
I totally agree	43.9%	65
I tend to disagree	8.8%	13
I totally disagree	0.7%	1
	Totals	148



17. Which are the most relevant types of action that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant.

Value	Percent
<p>Develop or support development of common policies, strategies, policy instruments and management tools as well as pilot projects or activities to support innovation and uptake of advanced technologies, particularly in the fields of priorities 1 and 2 Priority 1: Climate resilient and green Alpine region; Priority 2: Carbon neutral & resource sensitive Alpine region as well as other topics of particular relevance (SGIs including health care, sustainable tourism) with involvement and alignment of policy-making with regards to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shaping an innovation ecosystem that builds on the natural resources of the area, and supporting the development of new sustainable value chains (or better integration of existing ones) with involvement of all relevant actors, including individuals; • addressing innovation gaps in non-urban areas, reinforce urban-rural linkages in the field of innovation, support access of rural businesses to the urban innovation support services; • stimulating the demand for innovative environmentally friendly products, technologies and services at the private and public level. • innovation models which better address sustainability issues as well as issues of highest relevance in the Alpine region priorities 1 and 2 as well as other topics of particular relevance; • promoting and exploring solutions for eco-innovation and green economy as a trigger for regional development in the Alpine region (e.g. tackling finances, green skills, and covering sectors e.g. energy, mobility, tourism, forestry, agriculture, construction); • promoting and exploring solutions in social innovation, process innovation, SGIs and sustainable tourism; • ideas for “greening” of transnational innovation activities and entrepreneurship in all sectors, processes and ecosystems in the Alpine region, solutions for identifying and mitigating adverse environmental impacts; • diffusion of innovation services, clusters and cooperation in different territories; 	80.4%
<p>Implement networking activities, networking tools, advisory services and exchange platforms to support the innovation potential in areas of highest relevance in the Alpine region: priorities 1 and 2 Priority 1: Climate resilient and green Alpine region; Priority 2: Carbon neutral & resource sensitive Alpine region as well as other topics of particular relevance (incl. organisational and non-technological innovation), uptake of green technologies by businesses, especially SMEs and enterprises located in non-urban areas with involvement of policy-making;</p>	60.8%

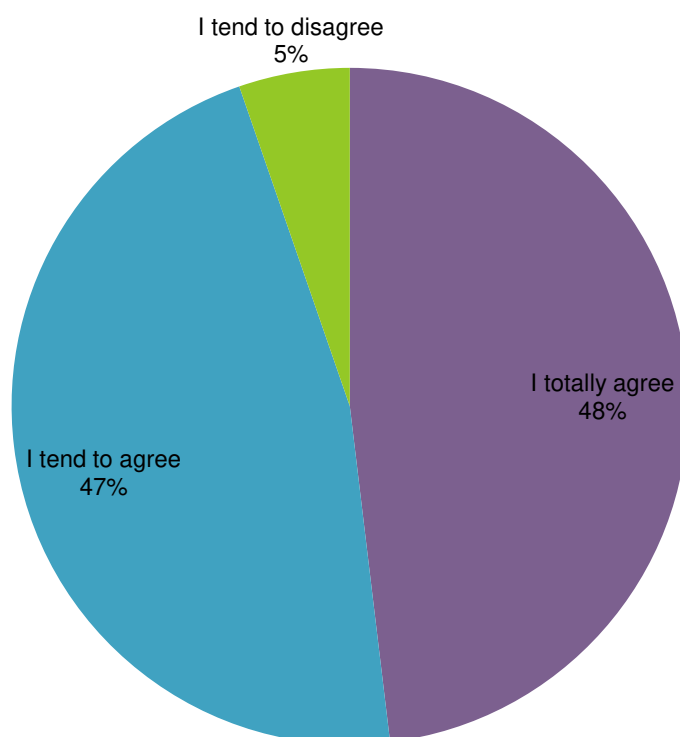


Develop common data collection, indicators and monitoring systems harmonized across borders, ensure the update and sustainability of data collection and monitoring systems.	42.6%
Support the coordination between innovation activities and policies and other policy domains of highest relevance in the Alpine region priorities 1 and 2 Priority 1: Climate resilient and green Alpine region; Priority 2: Carbon neutral & resource sensitive Alpine region as well as other topics of particular relevance, and supporting involvement of policy makers;	33.8%



SO 3.2 Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies and governments

18. The thematic orientation proposed for this specific objective is relevant for the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027.



Value	Percent	Count
I totally agree	48.1%	64
I tend to agree	46.6%	62
I tend to disagree	5.3%	7
	Totals	133



19. Which are the most relevant types of action that the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 should support? Please select up to 3 of those you deem most relevant.

Value	Percent
<p>Develop common policies, strategies, policy instruments and management tools as well as pilot projects or activities for development and implementation of digitalisation solutions for different types of areas and particularly supporting priorities 1 and 2 Priority 1: Climate resilient and green Alpine region; Priority 2: Carbon neutral & resource sensitive Alpine region as well as other topics of particular relevance (SGIs, sustainable tourism, labour force mobility, mobility and transport planning):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing digitalisation models, policies and solutions that better address the response to sustainable development efforts, and to contribute to solutions for climate resilience, resource sensitivity, green and carbon neutrality; • developing digitalisation models, policies and solutions that better address the response to demographic trends and increase in well-being; • providing digital solutions and e-services such as: SGIs in remote/ mountainous areas, e-health/smart health, e-government, e-learning, new working structures, promotion of local/regional products and marketing, other digital product and service development; • providing digital solutions (such as the above) particularly to address Alpine territorial specificities affected by remoteness and lack of accessibility and use synergies between urban and rural areas; • exploring opportunities for innovative solutions from advanced innovative digital solutions and services (AI, machine learning, IoT, Alpine-wide semantic interoperability of data, monitoring demand on data) for private and public purposes and especially in the topics of relevance; • closing the digital divide, such as solving technical ICT problems, digital capacity building, exploring synergies between rural and urban areas through digital solutions; • contributing to elaboration of Smart Villages and Smart Cities concepts; • mitigating digitalisation-related risks such as cyber security and data protection; • pilot projects or other activities to accompany SMEs in their digital transformation, with the overarching aim to reduce their carbon emissions and foster resource-sensitive, green and carbon-neutral solutions while focusing on fostering SME competitiveness from a sustainable development perspective (e.g. using digitalisation to showcase carbon positive integrated solutions that reduce their carbon footprint and increase competitiveness); • pilot projects or other activities to stimulate the demand for digital products and services at the private and public level; 	<p>78.2%</p>



<p>Implement activities to facilitate networking activities, networking tools, advisory services and exchange platforms, for different types of areas and particularly supporting priorities 1 and 2 Priority 1: Climate resilient and green Alpine region; Priority 2: Carbon neutral & resource sensitive Alpine region as well as other topics of particular relevance (SGIs, sustainable tourism, labour force mobility, mobility and transport planning), for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • setting up or supporting transnational network structures and platforms for sharing exchange of good practices and knowledge with regards to policy solutions supporting digitalisation; • setting up or supporting Digital Innovation Hubs; • contributing to interoperability practices across the Alpine regions; 	<p>67.7%</p>
<p>Develop common data collection, indicators and monitoring systems harmonized across borders, ensure the update and sustainability of data collection and monitoring systems.</p>	<p>40.6%</p>
<p>Support the coordination between digitalisation activities and policies and other policy domains of highest relevance in the Alpine regions and in response to sustainable development efforts, demographic trends and increase in well-being;</p>	<p>36.8%</p>