

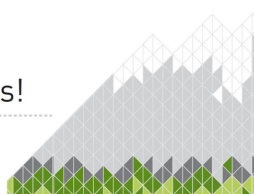
# The year 2017

## Facts and figures

### Alpine stakeholder networking

MEET & MATCH forum:  
Together we move mountains!

21-22 March 2017 | Milan | Italy



At the mid-term of the programming period, 2017 was an important year to attract newcomers to the programme and support synergy. The **MEET & MATCH Forum** was organised for this purpose ahead of the launch of the third call for project proposals, and took place on 21-22 March 2017 in Milan. The event, which gathered **220 participants** from both the public and the private sector, represented an opportunity for project partners and the EUSALP action group (AG) members to exchange views on achievements and future challenges, but also to meet potential partners and discuss ideas. **More than 100 participants** were newcomers to the programme.

2017 also marked the launch of the third call for project proposals. **Over 100 expressions of interest** were received in step one of the application procedure and **32 project partnerships were invited to submit an application form**.

### Evaluation - an improvement process

The programme would like to thank all the stakeholders who have contributed to the evaluation of its performance. Input from project applicants and beneficiaries, as well as programme bodies will help improving the programme procedures and its services in the future.

Read more about our projects [here](#).

Find more information about our projects and funding possibilities on [www.alpine-space.eu](http://www.alpine-space.eu)

### Tackling common challenges

The programme involves players from different sectors and policy levels from the seven partner countries. The supported transnational projects work on common challenges and aim at improving the quality of life for the 66 million people in the area. Actions range from social integration of migrants (**PlurAlps**), to the management of ecosystem services (**AlpES**), and to the governance of climate change adaptation (**GoApply**). They help to make the region more innovative, environmentally friendly, better connected and contribute to an improved governance.



### Cooperation with EUSALP

The close cooperation between the programme and EUSALP took a step further in 2017 at the **EUSALP AG forum** on 14-16 February in Garmisch-Partenkirchen where the Alpine Space projects met the EUSALP AG members.

At the first **EUSALP Annual Forum** on 23-24 November in Munich, the programme held a stand next to the AG, the Alpine Convention and the European Commission. Alpine Space projects were also introduced during the Forum: from **LOS\_DAMA!** by Bavarian State Minister Beate Merk herself, to **Scale(up)Alps**, **Links4Soils** and **GREENCYCLE** in the workshop of AG 1. **GaYA** was presented in the “Youth for EUSALP - Youth conference” and **AlpFoodway** was featured at the workshop on bio-based value chains and future ways for traditional economic fields.

More information on projects & EUSALP: [here](#).



### Projects in the spotlight

The Alpine Space project **SEAP\_Alps** became finalist of the European Commission Award for good practices and innovative projects in regional development: **Regiostars**.



SEAP\_Alps has adapted an EU Covenant of Mayors concept, the SEAP (Sustainable Energy Action Plans), to Alpine regions, thereby providing local authorities with a joint methodology for energy and climate adaptation planning. The results of the SEAP\_Alps project are now being built on in the framework of the **PEACE\_Alps project**.

On 23 November 2017, the Alpine Space projects **AlpFoodway**, **GaYA** and **GRETA** were awarded in Munich for having produced the best project videos. The awards were delivered by Brigitta Pallauf, President of the Regional Parliament of Salzburg, and Raffaele Cattaneo, President of the Regional Council of Lombardy and rapporteur on macro-regional strategies in the Committee of the Regions.



GaYA project partners receive the video competition award