

# Alpine connectivity: current developments in the framework of the Alpine Convention



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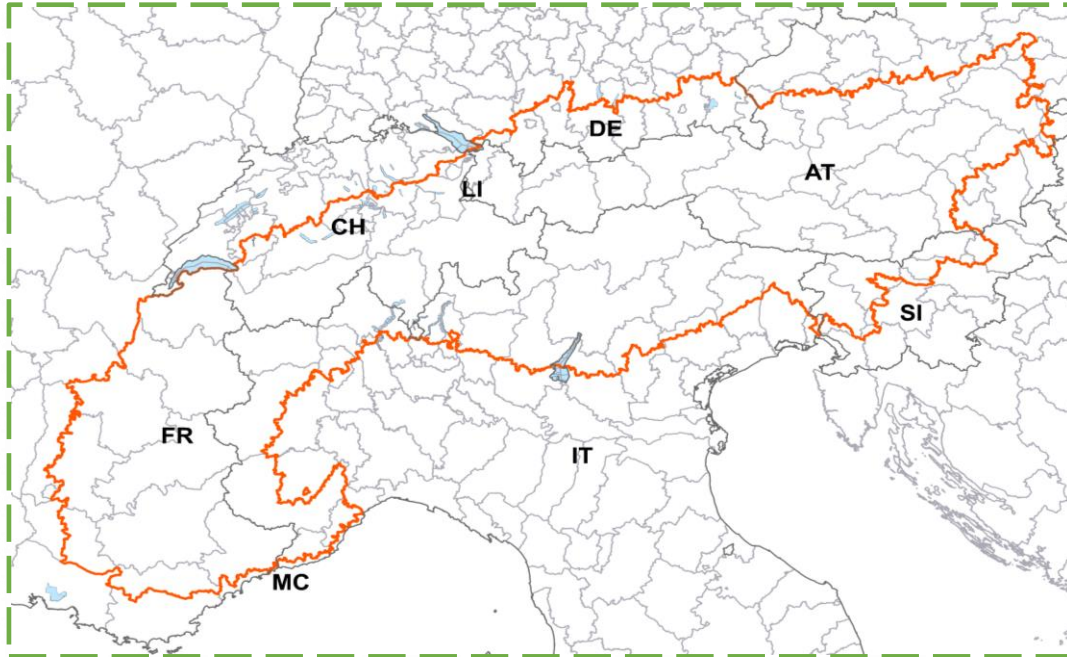
Workshop PlanToConnect  
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# The Alpine Convention: support of cooperation in the Alps

A pioneer of its kind: The first international treaty, signed in 1991, covering an entire mountain range that crosses several national borders.



## Signatories:



Austria



France



Germany



Italy



Liechtenstein



Monaco



Slovenia



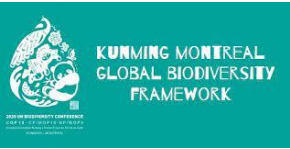
Switzerland



and the European  
Union



# International and European political context



## The Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

=> 23 targets including 5 with a specific focus on connectivity (targets 1, 3, 4, 8, 10)

To be implemented through **National Biodiversity Strategies (NBSAPs)**



## The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and its Nature Restoration Law

*“Member States should take account of the specific conditions and needs in their territory, in order for the plans to respond to the relevant pressures, threats and drivers of biodiversity loss, and should cooperate to ensure restoration and connectivity across borders”*

=> **Connectivity** appears 24 times in the law included one full article on river connectivity (Art. 9).

To be implemented through **National Restoration Plans (NRPs)**



## 2023-24 Slovenian Presidency – Biodiversity priority

### Policy Brief : how to implement the GBF's targets in the Alps?



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**Political recommendations** on conservation, restoration, monitoring and connectivity issues

- **Alpine Biodiversity Conference** (June 12, Kranjska Gora – SI)  
Working session on **connectivity**





## Draft Policy Brief: Recommendations on connectivity issues (draft submitted to the XVIII Alpine Conference)

**R4:** Agree on **strategic priority corridors** that need to be preserved or restored at international level in the Alps and with areas beyond, with **particular attention on transboundary areas**.

**R5:** Include **common connectivity objectives** for the Alps in national and regional programmes and strategies and **implement** these objectives through planning instruments.



## Next steps

### Alpine Biodiversity board – Mandate proposal 2025-26

#### ACTIVITIES **Core group “Connectivity” and its workshops**

- How can the Alpine Convention support the inclusion of Alpine ecological connectivity into spatial planning documents?

joint workshop *ABB, AG7, SPSPD WG, WISO, Transport WG*

- Exchanges of best practices on restoring Alpine connectivity

joint workshop *ABB, WISO, Transport WG, AG7*

#### OUTPUTS

⇒ **Contribution to the Alpine Biodiversity Action plan on the  
Connectivity pillar**



# Transnational cooperation on connectivity

## What will we need?

On a technical and operational level: **maps, data, pilot areas, Improve knowledge transfer and foster communication** between sectors, levels and stakeholders

On a political level: agree on **common objectives**, Integrate **spatial information** into decision making and anticipate social conflicts



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