Alpine Space Programme 2014-2020

...the Programme in a nutshell.

Aim

The Alpine Space Programme 2014-2020 is an EU transnational cooperation programme to support sustainable regional development in the Alpine region. Contributing to the EU 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, it provides stakeholders with a framework to develop, test, implement and coordinate new ideas.

In its role as a driver of development and change, the Programme combines three functions:
- trigger and fund result-oriented projects contributing to the Programme objectives;
- nourish debates on cohesion policy and the future of the Alpine Space;
- act as a catalyst of cooperation and common solutions in the Programme area.

Priorities

1. Innovative Alpine Space

2. Low Carbon Alpine Space

3. Liveable Alpine Space

4. Well-Governed Alpine Space
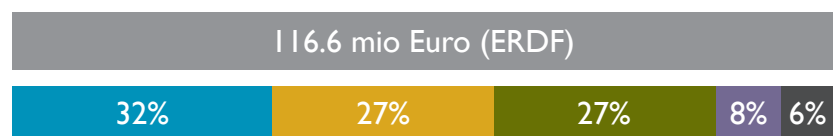
5. Technical Assistance

Beneficiaries

The Programme targets actors from the public and private sector:

public authorities • agencies • SMEs • higher education institutions • education/training centres • business support organisations • interest groups including NGOs • etc.

Public private cooperation is strongly encouraged.

Budget

The total Programme budget is almost 140 mio Euro, of which 116.6 mio Euro are contributed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Projects can be co-funded with up to 85% of ERDF.

116.6 mio Euro (ERDF)				
32%	27%	27%	8%	6%

Cooperation Area

How to get involved?

Projects are selected in a two-step application procedure. Calls for proposals are opened on a regular basis, usually once a year. The first call of the 2014-2020 Programme is expected to open in early 2015. The Programme bodies inform and support organisations interested in becoming a project partner.

Find further information on **www.alpine-space.eu**

1. Innovative Alpine Space
Aiming at business, social and governance innovation

Specific objectives

1.1 – Improve the framework conditions for innovation in the Alpine Space
The Programme aims to improve framework conditions (awareness and foresight, legal, economic, administrative, governance, organisational issues, policy solutions, technology, impact assessments) for stakeholders in the fields of research and innovation in order to increase knowledge transfer between business, users, academia and administration actors (quadruple helix approach) of the Alpine Space. It will also enhance the potential for business innovation using research results on topics of Alpine Space importance.

1.2 – Increase capacities for the delivery of services of general interest in a changing society
The Programme will help to achieve more efficient, adaptable and adequate services of general interest through developing, testing and adopting new social innovation solutions. Innovation is crucial in the face of a rapidly changing framework (i.e. on demographic and social transition, demand, environmental and community trends, societal challenges, public finances etc.). Services of general interest should not only be maintained, but continuously developed. The Programme will also take action for the promotion of social inclusion and utilisation of its potentials.

Selected examples of actions

- Set up transnational frameworks, platforms and networks for the coordination of innovation policy
- Develop transnational models for the design, testing, up-scaling, comparison and evaluation of innovations (policies, tools, processes, actors, organisations and interfaces) in the fields of business innovation, services of general interest, social services and public administration
- Set up models and test pilot actions for a better participation of all social groups, actors and users in the design and delivery of social services and services of general interest

Low Carbon Alpine Space
2.
Aiming at a low emissions, efficient and sustainable society; mobility and transport solutions

Specific objectives

2.1 – Establish transnationally integrated low carbon policy instruments
The Programme will establish low carbon policy instruments in the area, providing practical responses to the specific Alpine Space needs and challenges. It will advance spatial development policies, strategies and processes through the combination of available or potential technological and operational innovations and tools in low carbon systems.

2.2 – Increase options for low carbon mobility and transport
The Programme aims at an integrated organisation of spatial interaction, economic activity and mobility and transport patterns in order to provide the prerequisites for a low carbon economy and society. It will increase the options available for low carbon mobility and transport by adopting technological, financial and organisational solutions, taking also in account climate change aspects, resource efficiency and resilience.

Selected examples of actions

- Develop research to business networks and cooperation structures on relevant issues for capitalisation and/or generation of Alpine Space low-carbon applications and technologies (conversion to a post-carbon energy system through energy saving, energy efficiency, decentralised energy grids based on renewable resources, energy saving settlement patterns and public transports etc.)
- Develop policy networks, strategies, models and toolboxes (e.g. of an Alpine Space climate footprint system, "carbon proofing" tools for integrated spatial development policies, strategies and processes etc) for setting up local/regional low carbon model areas and regions including special needs areas such as nature protection regions
- Design and test operational, technological and funding models for low-carbon mobility and transport

3. Liveable Alpine Space

Aiming at the sustainable utilisation of the natural and cultural heritage and the protection of the Alpine Space ecosystems

BUDGET
31.5 mio Euro
(ERDF)

Specific objectives

3.1 – Sustainably valorise Alpine Space cultural and natural heritage
The Programme aims to increase the consistent, balanced and sustainable use of the Alpine Space cultural and natural heritage by raising awareness on the present potential and future challenges and developing new solutions (e.g. adoption of governance tools and the development of new production chains, conflict management tools etc).

3.2 – Enhance the protection, the conservation and the ecological connectivity of Alpine Space ecosystems
The Programme aims to harmonise management approaches, facilitate knowledge transfer and share responsibilities with the goal of integrating Alpine Space ecosystem functions and needs into policies.

Selected examples of actions

- Develop Alpine Space-wide cultural initiatives to promote a transnational Alpine identity, enhance awareness and envisage what the future Alpine cultural heritage could be
- Set up, test and implement negotiation, mediation, participation and conflict resolution models in the context of tourism, culture, local needs and aspirations and economic growth in the context of cultural and natural heritage
- Develop concepts, strategies, models and pilots for sustainable and innovative management of resources, green infrastructure and biodiversity, landscape management and green corridors
- Set up partnerships for the provision of capacity development mechanisms in order to develop alternative valorisation approaches for Alpine ecosystem services, increase awareness and integrate them in the implementation of policies

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BUDGET
9.3 mio Euro
(ERDF)

Well-Governed Alpine Space

Aiming at enhancing multilevel and transnational governance in the Alpine Space

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Specific objective

Increase the application of multilevel and transnational governance in the Alpine Space
The Programme aims to increase multilevel and transnational governance by triggering and guiding the debate for governance innovation in the Alpine Space. It will support public administrations in re-defining their tasks, approaches, services and processes by developing, testing and adopting innovative solutions in the light of transnational cooperation.

Selected examples of actions

- Develop transnational models for the design, testing, up-scaling, comparison and evaluation of innovations (tools, processes, actors, organisations and interfaces) in the field of public administration
- Set up a policy foresight for governance challenges in relation to the Alpine Space driving forces
- Develop innovative models for institutional co-operation and spatial organisation for and between different territorial types