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ALPBIONET2030

Integrative Alpine wildlife and habitat management for the next generation

Mid-Term Conference

July 2-4, 2018
Conference day: July 3rd

„Haus der Berge“
National Park Berchtesgaden

Dear Madam or Sir,

Ecological connectivity is the basis of Alpine and global habitat and species protection. However, with the fact of different regions having different tools to measure and improve biodiversity, it becomes a main issue to realize an integrative concept for the protection of ecosystems and biodiversity within the Alps, a beautiful and unique European landscape rich in valuable habitats and structures, but endangered by over-exploitation.

The overall objective is to consolidate and enhance transnational cooperation in the field of nature conservation and ecological connectivity for biodiversity conservation by introducing:

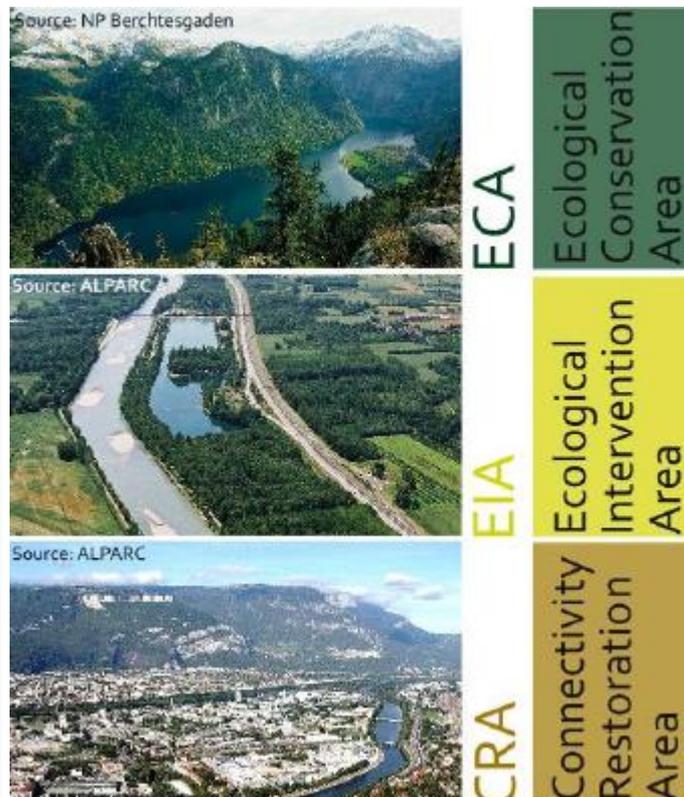
- An Alps-wide system of Strategic Alpine Connectivity Areas (SACA), reflecting the valuable and potential areas for ecological connectivity, defined at large scale and implemented in cooperation with the Alpine Convention and the EUSALP.
- An integrated wildlife management for the Alps and an increased level of defragmentation in sectoral policies (hunting, forestry, agriculture, tourism, spatial development, etc.).
- Solutions for human-nature conflict management as a crucial element of the success for the conservation of biodiversity and the establishment of ecological connectivity.

We need your expertise and feedback on the concept of SACA:

- Does it match with your national or regional biodiversity protection concept?
- Does it match your biggest concerns and best opportunities to strengthen biodiversity and nature protection?

What is a SACA?

The development of Strategic Alpine Connectivity Areas (SACA) is a crucial element of ALPBIONET2030 and of special importance for the Alps on their way of becoming a future model of ecological connectivity (EC). The project will provide recommendations to act for conservation policy and put concrete measures into practice for different types of SACA (CRA, EIA, ECA). A step necessary to be taken, if Alpine connectivity is to be significantly improved.



The ALPBIONET2030 project brings together 15 partners of 6 Alpine countries to further develop an Alpine Ecological (Connectivity) network, building on experience and previous actions and programs. A new momentum comes in by the EUSALP, the EU macro-regional strategy for the Alps which includes as well the Alpine metropolitan areas. The exchange between relevant EUSALP Action Groups (in particular AG 6 & 7) and the ASP project LOS_DAMA (representing the biggest Alpine cities), will support a cross-cutting exchange between the Alpine Convention and the EUSALP with their respective key players. Find more information on www.alpbionet2030.eu.

All interested citizens and members of relevant administration are invited to attend and contribute to the discussion with their expertise. A detailed conference program can be requested at info@alpbionet2030.eu.

Please make your hotel booking early as July is high tourist season in Berchtesgaden.

Kind regards,

The ALPBIONET2030 Communication Team