

EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION



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→ Approved

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Duration

Project start date: 01/07/2009
Project end date: 30/06/2012



COMUNIS is one of 35 co-funded projects under the European Territorial Cooperation programme for the Alps – Interreg IVB Alpine Space

„Interreg B has become an important instrument of **European integration** and an essential element of cohesion policy in the context of the EU27“ (BBSR)

OBJECTIVE 1

Convergence
283 billion € / 81.54%

OBJECTIVE 2

Regional Competitiveness
and Employment
54,96 billion € / 15.95%

OBJECTIVE 3

European Territorial
Cooperation
8,72 billion € / 2,52 %

CROSS-BORDER

TRANS-NATIONAL

INTER-REGIONAL



The cooperation area



+ 7 Partner States:

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+ 5 Member States,
2 Non-EU Member States

+ 34 (NUTS II) regions

+ 450.000km²

+ 70.000 million inhabitants

Thematic fields of cooperation

- + The Alpine Space Programme 2007 – 2013 identifies three thematic fields of cooperation called »priorities«:



Priority 1

**Competitiveness and
Attractiveness**



Priority 2

**Accessibility and
Connectivity**



Priority 3

**Environment and
Risk Prevention**



Priority 1
**Competitiveness and
Attractiveness**



The objectives

- + strengthening **innovation capabilities of SMEs**, creating appropriate environments for their development and fostering stable cooperation between **R&TD centers and SMEs**;
- + enhancing development options based on **traditional sectors and cultural heritage**, as well as on emerging sectors
- + strengthening the role of **urban areas as engines** for sustainable development;
- + strengthening **rural-urban relations** and the development of peripheral areas.

Fields of Activities and Synergies

AlpEnergy
AlpHouse
ALPlastics
Alps 4 EU
ALPS Bio Cluster
CAPACities
CCAAlps
ClimAlpTour
COMUNIS
DEMOCHANGE
ENERBUILD
INNOCITÉ
OPEN-ALPS



Priority 1

Competitiveness and
Attractiveness

City development

Clusters

Creative sectors

SME support

Innovation

Skills

Energy

Tourism

Transnational Cooperation

CHALLENGES

- + Bridging local activities into a transnational setting
- + Elevating from exchange of experience to joint working and implementation
- + COMUNIS: tandem regions, observers





The Programme's Expectations?

Creating territorial impact

COMUNIS – concrete pilot implementation, *follow up*

Creating a transnational added-value

COMUNIS – transferability of the organizational model, knowledge management system, *Supporting other interested communities*

Promoting the uptake of your results by relevant levels

COMUNIS – develops guideline *and spreading them actively*

Contributing to policy development

COMUNIS – involving relevant actors at local level, observers, *maintaining the network*



The Programme's Expectations?

Meet your objectives!

- + Supporting industrial and commercial development
- + Diversification and efficiency of economic activities
- + Establishing sustainable structures for managing CLD in the pilot regions
- + Finding solutions relevant to the whole Alps
- + Initiating an alpine wide innovation process regarding CLD

Thinking Long term



COMUNIS: permanent management structures

- + The **work** is not over
- + **Mainstream** your results, use multipliers
- + Continue your **cooperation**
- + Enable the **capitalisation** on your results
- + Make sure **others** use your examples
- + Create an **impact** for the Alpine Space



Upcoming events

+ Communication Seminar
23/24 April 2012 in Marseille

+ Call 4

+ ASP supports the Alpine
Regions that are seeking a
Macro Regional Strategy

+ ASP launched a Strategy
Development project

Where to find further information and assistance?

www.alpine-space.eu

Thank you for your attention!