

End of year

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Taking great strides in 2011 ..
best wishes from the Alpine Space Programme

18 new project ideas past first step of selection process - Third Call for Project Proposals enters second phase

At its meeting 14/15 December in Basel, a task force composed of all seven Alpine countries participating in the Alpine Space Programme has pre-selected 18 out of 81 submitted Expressions of Interest to join the second (and final) round of the 3rd Call for Project Proposals. Shortlisted applicants are currently being invited to submit their full application package by 25 February 2011.

The overall number of submissions is pleasingly high, albeit with a persistent number of good quality proposals.

New applicants have joined the group of organisations interested to collaborate under the programme and develop shared solutions on specific Alpine issues. The biggest number of promising project drafts could be identified in the field of support to SMEs and economic clustering, next to projects addressing climate change.

The opening of the next Call for Proposals (currently foreseen for end of 2011) will be communicated on the programme website long in advance.

PROGRAMME NEWS

Strategy revision continued

Alpine Space Macro-regional Strategy

+ Reflection on an Alpine Space Macro-Regional Strategy and opinion forming in the Alpine Space Programme continues. Taskforce members will convene at a dedicated meeting 18 January in Vienna to discuss which role the Programme can take in the process.

Capitalisation as seen by the programme

+ In the INTERREG and project world capitalisation is on everyone's lips. Some of the Transnational Cooperation Programmes have launched specific 'Capitalisation Calls' inviting for activities building on preceding projects within a funding line. The Alpine Space Programme considers that capitalisation should be an idea mainstreamed into all the programmes activities:

projects should always be feeding into follow-on activities – transferred to policy level and cross-linked with related undertakings. Supporting this cross-linkage is on the menu for 2011. Also the 4th (and expectedly last) Call for Project Proposals with a foreseen launch end 2011 should contain a capitalisation dimension in its Terms of Reference.

Alpine Space at Joint Conference of Transnational Cooperation Programmes

+ Alpine Space specific flagship stories, in fields such as Climate Change or Transport should present why transnational cooperation matters also for this region on 15-16 September in Katowice under the Polish EU presidency in 2011. Looking into 2014+, the conference is expected to provide convincing arguments to politicians for next negotiation rounds.

EVENTS

Programme Event - Update

22 - 23 February 2011, Innsbruck (A)
Demographic Change Forum – Programme now available

Keynote speakers such as Austria's former Minister of Health and now Director for Health, Pricewaterhouse-Coopers (PwC) have confirmed their participation in this soundly structured forum - bringing together different dimensions of this so far very sectorally addressed theme.

The role of public services and civil engagement is one of 3 dimensions identified to be of key significance for the Alpine region when looking at multifaceted impacts of the megatrend demographic change.

Programme details can be found on www.alpine-space.eu. Places are limited, please contact jts@alpine-space.eu for details.

16-17 June 2011, Grenoble (F)
Alpine Space MidTerm Conference

Decision makers and politicians will be the focus of the first day of the Alpine Space MidTerm Conference in June 2011. Geared towards orientations and improvements for the next programme period, the event will be tailored to learn from achievements and their barriers and reflect latest European agendas around Europe 2020 and the 5th Cohesion Report key for the future shaping of the programme. Practical insights into project life and networking will find room in the second day of the event.

Visit the programme website

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