

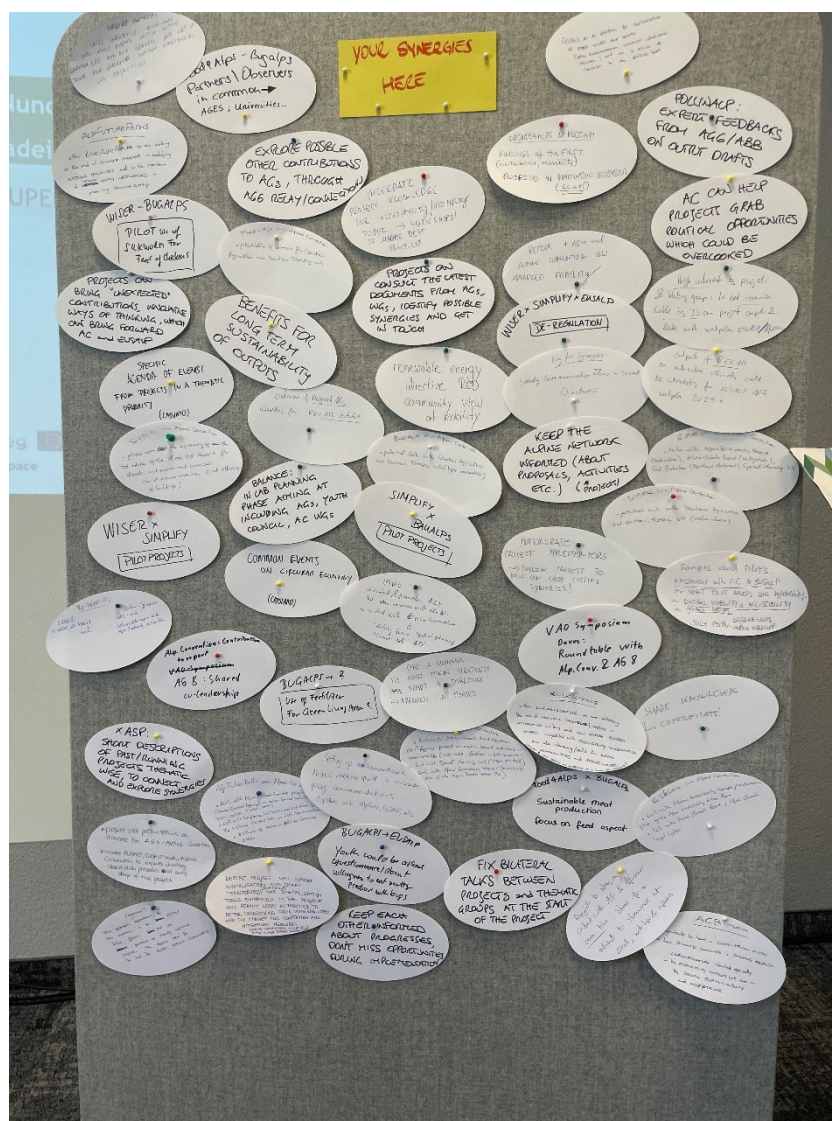


Synergy Tables

Summary of Outcomes

GET STARTED! SEMINAR • Salzburg

Synergies identified during the session of 24 June 2026





The Get started! Seminar (23-24 June 2026, Salzburg) brought together the lead partners of newly approved Call 3 classic projects, experienced project teams from previous calls, EUSALP Action Group leaders, and Alpine Convention Thematic Working Body representatives. Day 2 was dedicated to placing new projects within the wider Alpine cooperation ecosystem – connecting them not only with one another, but with the bodies whose mandates and work plans cover the fields in which projects operate.

During the synergy tables session of 24 June 2026, participants worked in thematic groups to identify concrete points of collaboration and recorded them on a shared board (photo above). The exchanges focused on implementation, asking what cooperation can look like in practice. This note compiles the resulting synergies so that participants can act on the connections made.

It is important to read this document for what it is: a collection of ideas and connections formulated during the seminar. It is a living starting point rather than a finished plan, a snapshot of the common ground identified on the day, offered as a basis for follow-up. Some entries are fully formed collaborations; others are early signals of shared interest that will need a conversation to develop. Not every possible synergy will have been captured, and participants are welcome to build on what is here.



Table 1 · Biodiversity & ecosystems

Participants: AfterAlpinelce, AlpsLife, BALANCE, LiveAlpsNature, PINO, PollinALP, RE-PEAT-it!, Alpine Convention Biodiversity Board, EUSALP AG6, Matteo Decostanzi, Florian Ortandel

- **BALANCE x AGs x Youth Council x AC WGs** — in lab-planning phase, aiming to involve AGs (AG2, AG3, AG6, AG7), the Youth Council and Alpine Convention Working Groups.
- **PollinALP x AG6 x ABB** — expert feedback from AG6 and the Alpine Biodiversity Board (ABB) on output drafts.
- **RE-PEAT-it! x Alpine Convention** — the ABB and Alpine Climate Board (ACB) are observers; the project delivers data inputs to the Alpine Biodiversity Action Plan. Links with ABB (restoration), ACB (mitigation), Soil Protection (peatland statement) and the Spatial Planning WG. *(also relevant to Table 2)*
- **RE-PEAT-it! x EUSALP** — contact with AG6 and AG7 (observers).
- **Alpine Convention (ACB) x projects with a tourism element** — a long-term vision of how climate change is shaping tourism is important. LiveAlpsNature is interested especially in biodiversity impacts, but also in social sustainability and acceptance.



Table 2 · Landscape, territory and spatial planning

Participants: AlpFuturePaths, BeyondSnow, DESIRE, OUT4INGOV, PINO, PlanToConnect, RE-PEAT-it!, ReSkiLience, Alpine Convention PLANALP, Alpine Climate Board, EUSALP Secretariat, Nuno Madera, Martina Bach

- **AlpFuturePaths x LiveAlpsNature** – working on the role of climate change in modifying outdoor practices and the importance of “healthy” path networks in preserving biodiversity. *(also relevant to Table 1)*
- **AlpFuturePaths x Alpine Convention** – link with the ACB’s project (German Environmental Agencies) on nature-based solutions in municipalities (2026-2029); link with the Spatial Planning WG; link with the Spatial Planning Conference (05/2027) and Exhibition of the Natural Hazards WG on risk communication; inclusion of project data in the Alpine Convention Atlas.
- **PINO x AG7 and other AGs** – in contact with and presenting to AG7, but also needs other AGs such as AG6. *(also relevant to Table 1)*
- **PINO x Alpine Convention** – link with the ACB / German Environment Agency project on nature-based solutions in municipalities (2026-2029, in both project consortia); link with the Spatial Planning WG and observer role (ARL); link with the ABB (Connectivity pillar of the Alpine Biodiversity Action Plan). *(also relevant to Table 1)*
- **ReSkiLience x LiveAlpsNature** – the role of natural / protected areas in attracting visitors and new nature-based offers, compatible with biodiversity conservation for local communities and stakeholders. Nature and outdoor health activity (OHA) offers as an alternative in former ski resorts? *(also relevant to Table 1)*
- **ReSkiLience x Alpine Convention** – link with the ABB / restoration pillar of the Alpine Biodiversity Action Plan; link with the ACB / Alpine Climate Target System.



Table 3 · Circular economy and materials

Participants: AlpTextyles, BAUHALPS, BUGALPS, Food4Alps, SIMPLIFY, WISER, Woolshed, EUSALP AG1, Adina Schmid, Juliette Hazell, Christian Wirz

- **BUGALPS x (project to be identified)** – use of fertilizers for green living area (e.g. Insect Frass Fertilizer)
- **BUGALPS x Alpine Convention** – potential link with the Mountain Agriculture and Mountain Forestry WG (topic: innovation).
- **BUGALPS x EUSALP Youth Council** – Youth Council to be involved (questionnaire) on willingness to eat poultry products raised on insect-based feed.
- **Circular economy projects** – involved in common events, thematic conference/event .
- **Food4Alps x BUGALPS** – partners and observers in common (AGES; universities) as a basis for cooperation; shared interest in sustainable meat production, with a focus on the feed aspect.
- **Food4Alps x Alpine Convention** – potential interest for the Mountain Agriculture and Mountain Forestry WG.
- **SIMPLIFY x BAUHALPS** – joint pilot actions (e.g. hemp-clay).
- **SIMPLIFY x Alpine Convention** – note the upcoming 3rd edition of the Clima Host award for climate- and environment-conscious tourist accommodation (including building efficiency).
- **WISER x BUGALPS** – pilot use of silkworm for feed of chickens.
- **WISER x SIMPLIFY** – joint pilot action.
- **WISER x SIMPLIFY x EUSALP** – de-regulation as a shared theme.
- **WISER x Alpine Convention** – potential link with the Mountain Agriculture and Mountain Forestry WG (value chain).



Table 4 · Mobility, climate transition and energy

Participants: ALPHA, DEGREE4ALPS, DESIRE, DIVERSE, IncluDiMi, MOBiREC, RECCAM, SUPER, EUSALP AG4, EUSALP AG9, Alpine Convention Transport Working Group, Ales Kegl, Thomas Fleury, Roberto De Marco

- **DEGREE4ALPS x RECCAM** – findings and outcomes of the first (such as digitalisation and accessibility) in the innovation ecosystem (CCAM), useful for the second's activities.
- **DEGREE4ALPS x Alpine Convention x EUSALP** – synergies about pilots: exchange with the Alpine Convention and EUSALP on what pilot areas are implementing on digital mobility and accessibility in rural areas. DEGREE4ALPS online workshop on 15 July.
- **DESIRE x Alpine Convention x AG5 x AG9** – DESIRE project partners will organise kick-off and update events with the Alpine Convention, AG5 and AG9 leaders. The project supports digitalisation and smart territories (AG5 EUSALP): its digitalisation tools will help local authorities understand their vulnerabilities and set targets for adaptation and mitigation measures, in line with the Alpine Convention initiative (Alpine Climate Target System 2050). *(also relevant to Table 2)*
- **RECCAM x AG4 x Alpine Convention** – on advanced mobility; output of RECCAM on advanced vehicles could be of interest for the EUSALP AG4 work plan 2028+.
- **AG4 x Alpine Convention x projects** – project pilot actions presentations as showcase.

Cross-cutting outcomes and programme-level connections

Synergies and recommendations that concern all tables or the programme as a whole.

- **Alpine Convention x AG8** – roundtable at the Virtual Alpine Observatory (VAO) symposium in Davos (9-11 March 2027); AG8 shared co-leadership; projects to stay in contact with AG8 and the Alpine Convention over time, sharing information to showcase at events and working groups.
- **EUSALP x projects** – more systematic (temporary) appointment of new members in the EUSALP AGs that are partners of newly approved projects (requests to be sent to EUSALP National Coordinators).
- **Projects working in the same thematic field** – share a specific agenda of events.
- The Alpine Convention can help projects “grab” political opportunities that could otherwise be overlooked.
- Benefits for the long-term sustainability of project outputs through these connections.
- Consult the latest AGs / WGs documents: projects can review the latest documents from AGs and WGs, identify possible synergies, and get in touch.
- Explore further contributions to AGs through an AG6 relay / connection mechanism.
- Find a framework to start making strategies and open a dialogue – approached in phases.
- Fix bilateral talks early: set up bilateral talks between projects and thematic groups at the start of the project.
- High interest among projects and working bodies in obtaining an overview table from the JS on project outputs and links with the EUSALP / Alpine Convention work plans.
- Integrate project implementers: follow projects to build on cross-cutting synergies.
- Integrate project knowledge into workshops on accessibility and mobility topics, to share best practice.
- Invest in an international publication – visually engaging, a sort of curated yearbook – to present projects’ outcomes.
- Involve EUSALP, the EUSALP Youth Council and the Alpine Convention as experts during stakeholder processes at early stages of projects.
- Keep each other and the wider Alpine Network informed: share progress, proposals, activities and developments, and maintain a steady communication flow in several directions so opportunities are not missed during implementation.
- Projects can bring “unexpected” contributions and innovative ways of thinking, which can move the Alpine



Convention and EUSALP forward.

- Projects x AGs: structure the communication / consultation steps and phases between projects and AGs; provide seminars on how to develop “good” policies and how to share data.
- RED – renewable energy directive: community view of mobility as a shared reference point.
- Set up a transnational ad-hoc working group to co-create policy recommendations together with the Alpine Convention, EUSALP and others.
- Short, thematic descriptions of past and running projects for the Alpine Space programme, to connect and explore synergies.
- Use EUSALP as a platform for capitalising project results and outputs (policy recommendations, instruments, databases, networks...) and as a vehicle for messages to the political level.