

Alpine Convention Soil. What's new?

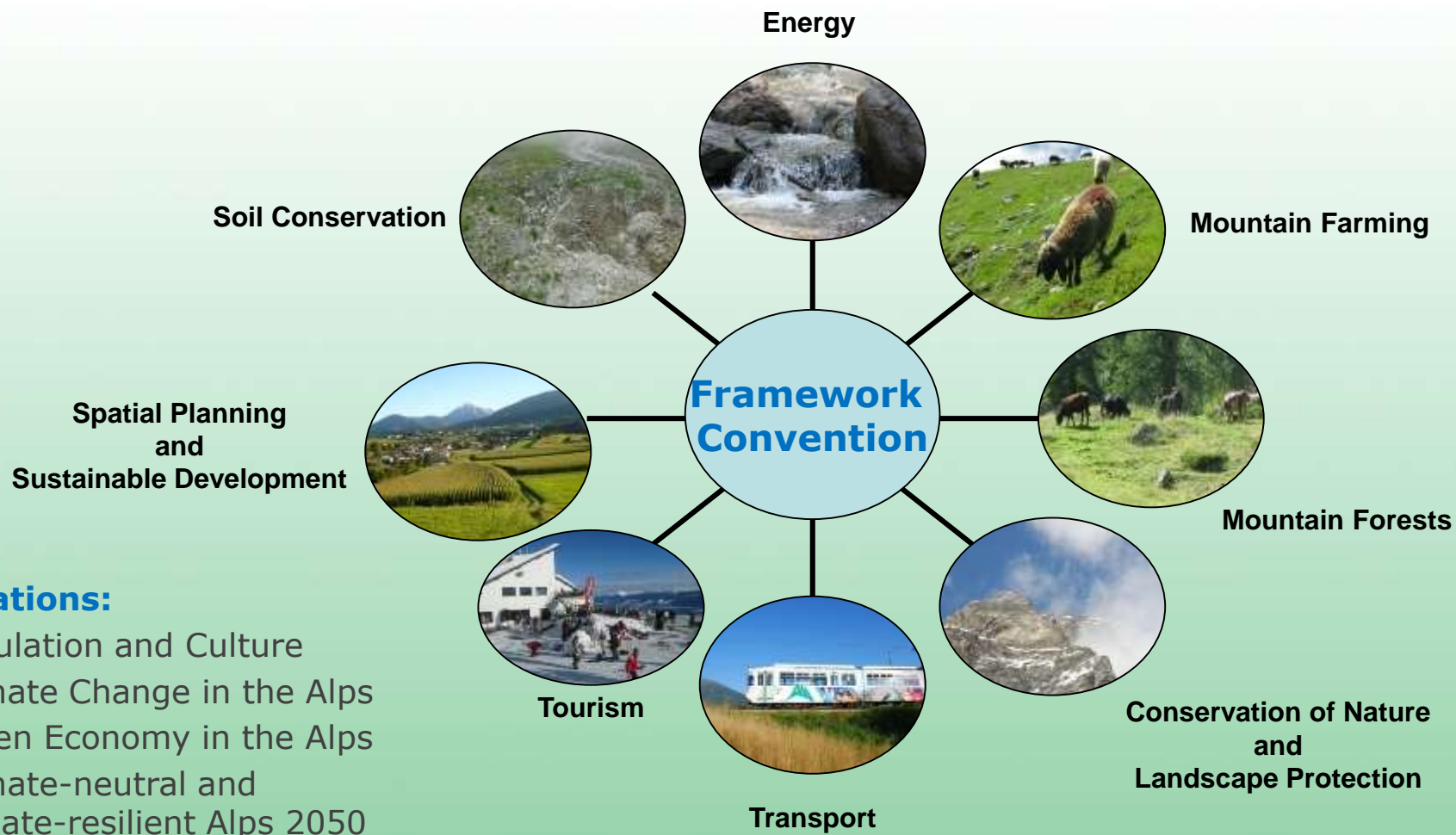


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- An aerial photograph of a mountain range, likely the Alps, showing green slopes and snow-capped peaks. The image is used as a background for a presentation slide.
- Soil conservation in the Alpine Convention and its Protocols
 - Current activities of the Alpine Convention related to soil conservation
 - Compliance Committee
 - Soil Protection Working Group
 - EUSALP Action Group 6
 - Connections to Links4Soils

Framework Convention & Protocols



Declarations:

- Population and Culture
- Climate Change in the Alps
- Green Economy in the Alps
- Climate-neutral and climate-resilient Alps 2050



Soil Conservation Protocol Fundamental Obligations

- **Ensure conservation and monitoring of Alpine soils and their diversity in order to safeguard and ensure their natural functions**
- **Protection before utilization**
- **Take into account the objectives of the Soil Protection Protocol in other policies**

Soil Conservation Protocol Specific Measures

- **Economical and prudent use of soils**
- **Limitation of soil sealing**





Soil Conservation Protocol Specific Measures

- Designation and management of endangered areas
- Effects of tourism infrastructures





Compliance Committee

- **In-depth review of the topic „Economical use of soil“**
Report in DE, FR, IT and SL available at
alpconv.org > [organization](http://alpconv.org/organization) > [compliance-committee](http://alpconv.org/compliance-committee)
- **Priority Topics:**
 - Appropriate and economical delimitation of settlement areas, including measures ensuring their actual development
 - Alignment and concentration of settlements along main transport infrastructures and/or adjacent to existing buildings as well as limitation of secondary residences
 - Limitation of soil sealing and soil consumption
- **Compliance with recommendations issued will be assessed 2024 based on national reports**



Soil Protection Working Group

- **Mandate 2019 - 2020**
 - Foster exchange and awareness raising on soil protection also through close cooperation with existing networks
 - Facilitate the implementation of art. 21 and art. 22 of the Soil Conservation Protocol
 - Address the linkages between qualitative and quantitative aspects of soil protection

EUSALP AG 6 Subgroup 1

- **Alpine wide political declaration on sustainable land use and soil protection**
- **Regional awareness raising events on reduced land take and soil protection**
- **Toolbox “less land take” for regional and local stakeholders**
- **Assessment of functions of agricultural soils**





Connections

Alpine Convention - Links4Soils

Cooperation between the Alpine Convention and L4S has been **mutually beneficial**

- Results of L4S have been useful for the work of the Compliance Committee
- PSAC has facilitated contacts to relevant AC bodies and contributed to promoting project results

Synergies between L4S and EUSALP AG 6 have been **exploited**

- Political Declaration on sustainable land use and soil protection refers to Alpine Soil Partnership
- Awareness raising events took place in combination with L4S events
- Content and structure of tool-box benefited from L4S questionnaire

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!
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