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Alpine rivers as society's lifelines

Rivers are the lifelines of sustainable development in the Alps. They provide clean drinking water for human use and irrigation for agriculture, they are home to a myriad of organisms, they provide recreation opportunities, and their power helps us to produce energy. Alpine rivers can only provide these and other services to society if we take care of them through comprehensive river management.

The SPARE (Strategic Planning for Alpine River Ecosystems) project aims at contributing to a further harmonization of human use requirements and protection needs. Nine project partners from six Alpine countries show how strategic approaches for the protection and management of rivers can be improved across administrative and disciplinary borders, and promote awareness of the services provided by Alpine rivers, as well as their vulnerability. The project lasts from December 2015 to December 2018.

OBJECTIVES

- increase the awareness and knowledge of the functions and services provided by healthy rivers
- improve existing river management practices by integrating ecosystems services and participatory approaches
- enable decision makers and river managers to select and apply strategic planning approaches according to their needs

ACTIVITIES

- provide a pan-Alpine overview of priority rivers with high protection need
- enable river managers in five pilot areas to plan, apply and evaluate participatory methods
- test integrated and participatory river management approaches
- provide an interactive action and policy support platform called "SPARE-LIVE"

PILOT AREAS

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