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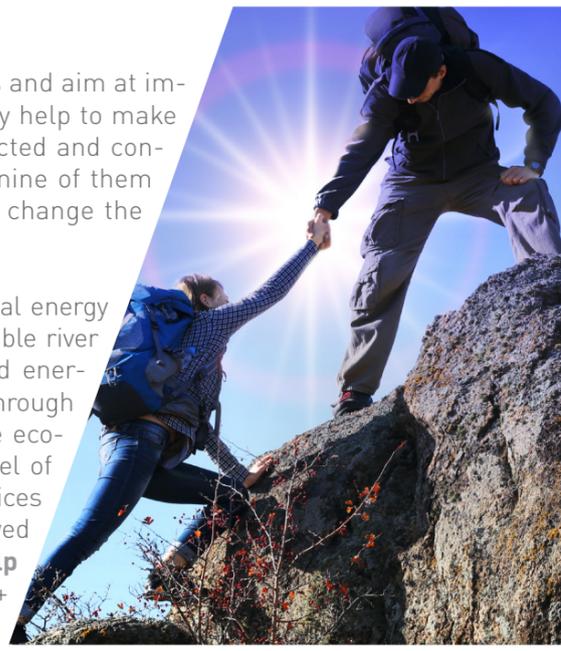
Facts & figures

Transnational cooperation matters!

Alpine Space projects work on common challenges beyond borders and aim at improving the quality of life for the 66 million people in the area. They help to make the region more innovative, environmentally friendly, better connected and contribute to an improved governance. With 49 projects running and nine of them ending in 2018, many projects have started to deliver results that change the programme area for the better. Some highlights of closed projects:

GRETA mapped and tested the potential for using shallow geothermal energy +++ **SPARE** created an action and policy support service for sustainable river management and stakeholder involvement +++ **THE4BEES** improved energy efficiency in buildings by triggering behaviour changes of users through co-created ICT tools +++ **AlpES** developed a webGIS tool to visualize ecosystem services +++ **CoNSENSo** implemented a new territorial model of health and care services for the elderly +++ **INTESI** developed new services of general interest in Alpine communities +++ **PEACE_Alps** improved the implementation of sustainable energy action plans +++ **C-TEMAlp** created a platform to support transnational business transfers +++ **BifocAlps** boosted innovation in Factory of the Future value chains

Status of the programme

49
Projects

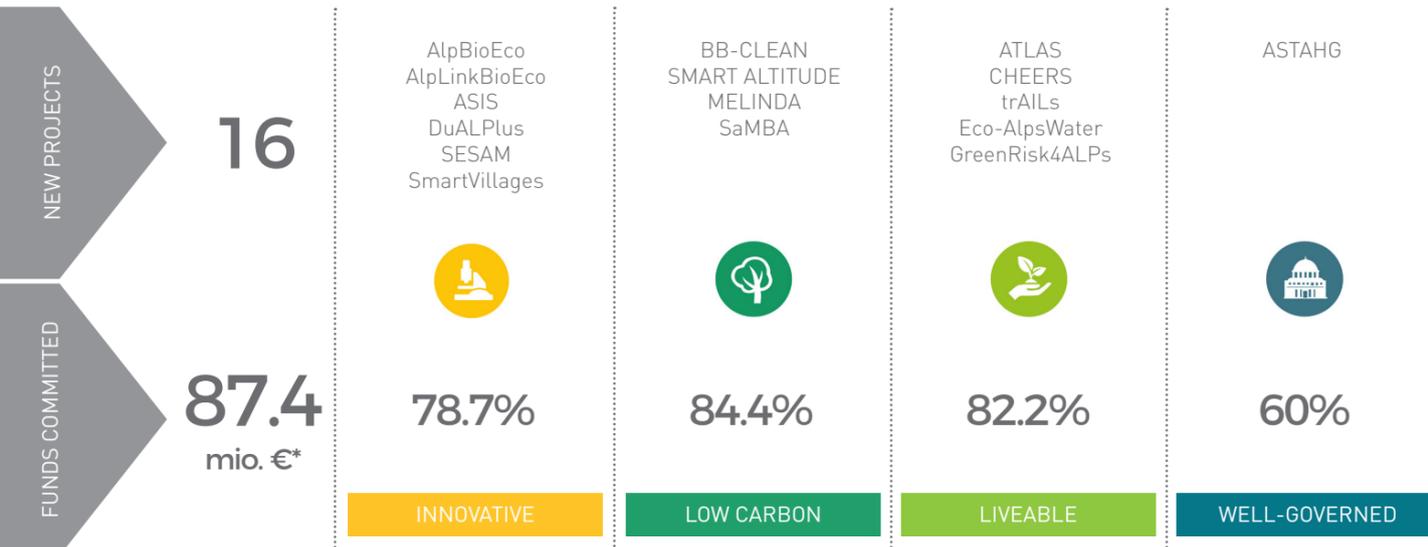**30.4**
mio. €
ERDF funds
paid

>550
Project
partners

After call 3, more than 550 project partners are working together in 49 projects. „Innovative Alpine Space" remained the most popular priority with 17 projects, followed by „Low-carbon" and „Liveable" (14 projects each), while 4 projects were running under the priority „Well-governed Alpine Space". By the end of 2018, almost 35% of the total ERDF funds committed to date have been paid to the project beneficiaries. The 57 outputs developed in 2018 range from strategies for policy makers to guidelines and tools for practitioners. They are continously being published in the project output library.

New projects and total funds committed per priority

NEW PROJECTS		AlpBioEco AlpLinkBioEco ASIS DuALPlus SESAM SmartVillages	BB-CLEAN SMART ALTITUDE MELINDA SaMBA	ATLAS CHEERS trAILs Eco-AlpsWater GreenRisk4ALPs	ASTAHG
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FUNDS COMMITTED	**87.4** mio. €*	78.7%	84.4%	82.2%	60%
		INNOVATIVE	LOW CARBON	LIVEABLE	WELL-GOVERNED

* Total ERDF funds committed in priorities 1-4. The percentages refer to the exhaustion rate per priority after call 3.

Key event 2018: Meet & Match

On 23 and 24 October 2018 the second **MEET & MATCH forum** took place in Salzburg, Austria. Networking opportunities, tips from the programme and running projects, innovative workshop formats and first-hand information on the fourth call for project proposals stimulated the development of new project ideas and partnerships.

Cooperation with EUSALP

The programme and its projects organized several events to foster cooperation with the macro-regional strategy for the Alpine Area, EUSALP: A **Summer Synergy Brunch** for projects and EUSALP took place in July in Klagenfurt, Austria. The event provided a networking platform for Alpine Space projects and programme bodies with EUSALP action groups and their projects (funded by ARPAF). At the EUSALP forum in November, the programme shared an exhibition stand with Interreg Central. The Alpine Space projects **GaYA**, **PlurAlps** and **CaSCO** were prominently featured throughout the forum.

Looking ahead: the future of the Alpine Space

At the Cooperation Alps 2020+ event in October, the programme invited representatives of other EU funding programmes, EUSALP, the Alpine Convention and DG REGIO to develop ideas for the future of European cooperation in the Alps. Besides identifying challenges for the Alpine area in terms of topics and governance the event focused on fostering alignment with EUSALP.

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