The Alpine Space Tale

Chiara was born in the Alps, in South Tirol. She is now 9 years old. She knows that Lana, her small city situated in a valley close to Bolzano is in Italy but she herself is German mother-tongue even if she already masters well Italian.

Her friends speak German and Italian and she regularly writes to her pen-friend **Paul** who lives in Albertville, close to Grenoble in France and who learns German. They exchange about what they have in common, the mountains.

They are quite interested in the surrounding impressive landscapes and wonder why the grown ups worry so much about what they call "natural hazards".

But thanks to Chiara's teacher, they understand now more by playing the Biber Berti game developed in the frame of the Alpine Space project AdaptAlp.

In some years they will play "Lake-adventures" developed by the project SILMAS to learn how to protect Alpine lakes ecosystems.

Ten years later

Chiara and **Paul** are students and are still in contact.

This summer they want to celebrate passing their A-Levels with an outstanding project: a hike across the Alps. They will follow the advice, maps and itineraries of the Via Alpina, association constituted after the end of the homonymous Alpine Space project. They will stop in some Alpine cities, use the e-bikes installed by the CO2-NeuTrAlp project in Padova, and follow information on cross-border public transport solutions developed by the AlpInfoNet project. Every day, before leaving, they check the fire risks on the ALPFFIRS operational system.

After the studies

Chiara and **Paul** have both finished theirs studies respectively in Bolzano and Grenoble.

They do not want to stay in the big cities and go back to their middle-sized cities: Lana and Albertville. But the life is not easy there for young people and they are happy to see that some people are looking for solutions in the frame of the InnoCité project. Chiara works on innovative solution for health, in home-office and likes the idea of open innovation. Thanks to the OpenAlps project, she can learn more about it and take part to the seminars and exchanges in the Alpine Space. Paul needs to commute to Chambéry or Grenoble twice a week for his work. He thinks consequently that the transport cost calculator developed for Munich in the frame of the MORECO project is a good tool which he hopes will also be developed in his region.

Chiara and Paul spend part of their holiday in the Alps. They are concerned by the impacts of climate change in their favourite destinations and discuss after a nice hiking day about the different adaptation strategies they found in the e-tool proposed by ClimAlpTour.

Settling

In their mid-thirties, **Chiara** and **Paul** decide to settle and buy a house in the Alps for their respective families.

Chiara follows the recommendations of the ENERBUILD project to buy a house applying low-energy standards.

Paul prefers to refurbish a traditional house. To have it adapted to today's standards, he asks the craftsmen to follow the guidelines form the AlpHouse project.

As energy is getting more and more expensive and in order to protect the environment, they want to reduce their consumption and go for renewable energies to cover the daily needs of their household. To visualise how they can do, they use the AlpEnergy visualisation tool.

Forty years later

Chiara and Paul are now fit pensioners. They are happy to know that in their favourite Alpine destinations, doctors can have access to their medical information through the ALIAS hospitals network if needed.

The Alpine environment and spatial planning will become friendlier for them thanks to the DEMOCHANGE project.

When they will have more difficulties to move and get very fragile, they will benefit from improved healthcare services thanks to the project NATHCARE.

The End

The Alpine Space projects

Even if coming from different countries, Alpine inhabitants face often similar challenges and have similar preoccupations.

The Alpine Space projects bring transnational and common solutions to these challenges.

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