

**ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE
ALPINE CLIMATE BOARD
FOR THE PERIOD 2023-2024
(BETWEEN THE XVII AND XVIII MEETINGS OF THE ALPINE CONFERENCE)**

1. Overview of the mandate given by the XVII Alpine Conference

Summary of the objectives according to the 2023-2024 mandate

- Continued implementation of the Alpine Climate Target System 2050 with a particular focus on its prioritised implementation pathways, definition of potential gaps as well as options for stronger involvement of lead institutions and support by potential donors
- Focus on cross-cutting areas of the Climate Target System 2050 and enhancement of cross-sectoral cooperation between the established communities, including the promotion of new project ideas and a stronger focus of the activities on “blind spots” of the sectoral approach and potential conflictual aspects (e.g. renewable energy production/environment)
- Further development of the implementation communities for example through further developing the online exchange platform to the needs of the communities
- Furthering of the uptake of the topic climate-neutral and climate-resilient lifestyles in appropriate ways
- Continued exchange on new developments, e.g. impacts and consequences of the war in the Ukraine, with the focus on the need for an energy transition in compliance with the Alpine Convention and its Protocols, and emerging trends at transnational and global level (e.g. IPCC reports) and elaboration of subsequent proposals for adjustments to the implementation pathways in collaboration with the other TWBs, if necessary

2. Meetings

Summary of the meetings held (date, place, main topics and milestones)

- 16th meeting on 24 January 2023, online: Presentation of the programme of the SI Presidency; discussions on the implementation of the new mandate; identification of the three cross-sectoral hotspots to focus on: energy, nature-based solutions (NbS) and lifestyles
- 17th meeting on 16/17 May 2023, Vienna (AT): Discussion on all cross-sectoral hot-spots; preparation of Workshop on Climate and Biodiversity; Workshop on activities in the field of the NbS hot-spot
- 18th meeting on 17 October 2023, online: Discussion of a draft booklet on energy governance; preparation of a Workshop on the NIMBY (not-in-my-backyard)-phenomenon in the energy transition and of the lifestyle trainings
- 19th meeting on 18/19 January 2024, Munich (DE): Discussion on the future tasks of the caretakers; fine-tuning of crucial chapters of the energy booklet; first collection of ideas for a study on NbS governance; summary of the lifestyles trainings

- 20th meeting on 16/17 May 2024, Maribor (SI): Presentation of final version of the booklet on energy governance; information on the project application for the small-scale call of Alpine Space Programme on Governance; overview of the study on NbS in the Alps; discussion of the 2025-2026 mandate
- 21th meeting on 12 September 2024, online: Finalisation of the 2025-2026 mandate; adoption of the booklet on energy governance; presentation of the stocktaking update; information on the progress of the study on NbS; decision on topics for upcoming Webinars

3. Activities carried out

Activities carried out with their outputs and results, highlighting their contributions to the relevant priorities of the [Multi-Annual Work Programme 2023-2030](#)

- Cross sectoral hot-spot Energy (Contribution to all three MAP priorities):
 - Booklet on „Cross-sectoral energy governance. How cross-sectoral and integrated governance approaches can accelerate the transition towards climate-neutral and climate-resilient Alps”; insights on the elements of an integrated energy governance along five “energy nexus”
 - Workshops “Cross-sectoral approaches to support the energy transition in the Alps” (27 March 2023, online) and “The Energy Transition and the NIMBY phenomenon“ (4 April 2024, Salzburg, AT)
- Cross-sectoral hot-spot NbS (Contribution especially to MAP priorities on “Climate” and “Biodiversity”):
 - Study on NbS governance in the Alps (financed by the German Environmental Agency; project implementation by CIPRA International and Ifuplan; elaboration of the input paper “Nature-based Solutions and their Governance Structures for Climate Action in the Alpine Region; in-depth report due in January/February 2025)
 - Start of the project “AVadapt. Assessment of climate change impacts on alpine infrastructure and mountain sports and development of adaptation measures taking into account the potential of nature-based solutions” (by Club Arc Alpin with financial support from the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action), running until October 2025
- Cross-sectoral hot-spot Lifestyles (Contribution to MAP priorities “Climate” and “Quality of life”):
 - Webinar “Climate action and lifestyle: Explaining and overcoming barriers to climate action” (15 December 2022); Hands-on training: “Engaging Stakeholders for Climate Action: How to better consider the human factor and make use of positive narratives” (17 October 2023 online, 6 November 2023 in Bolzano/Bozen, IT and 12 January 2024 online); two sessions at AlpWeek (24 & 26 September 2024 in Nova Gorica, SI)
 - Project application for small-scale call on governance (Alpine Space Programme): “HumanFactor” - Closing the Implementation Gap in the Alps: Putting the Human Factor at the Center of Sustainability Transitions”: dealing with bridging the implementation gap, developing a skillset, working with multipliers who are active in the field of socio-ecological transformation (e.g. mountaineering associations) (led by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action); project approved and running until autumn 2026

- Caretakers: Supporting thematic communities working towards the implementation of the CAP 2.0; network management and new ideas for a more feasible structure; meeting of caretakers on 7 March 2024 online
- Workshops and Webinars: ABB+ACB Workshop “Alpine Biodiversity through the Climate Lens: Nature-based solutions, biodiversity data and best practices“ (5.10.2023, online); Webinar “Permafrost Thawing in the Alps: New insights on risks, monitoring and hazard management“ (28.9.2024) (both targeting MAP priorities “Biodiversity” and “Climate”); Webinar “Spatial Planning and Climate Change in the Alps” (25.11.2024)
- Stocktaking report: Update on projects/activities dealing with mitigation and adaptation in the Alps

4. Cooperation

Cooperation developed with other Alpine Convention bodies and further relevant partners and processes, and resulting benefits

- Cooperation with SI Presidency (especially for the 20th meeting of the ACB, where an exhibition on long term impacts of the climate change, done in the framework of the project IP LIFE CARE4CLIMATE, was displayed, and for the climate change education activities)
- Cooperation with various TWBs of the AC (ABB for the common workshop; PLANALP for the Interpraevent conference); invitation to all Chairs of the TWBs to support the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2.0
- Cooperation with Oxalis (FR), Protect our Winters (AT) and Intersectoral School of Governance (DE) for the application for the Alpine Space Programme call
- Cooperation and mutual information exchange with EUSALP AG8 about activities relevant to the Alpine Climate Target System 2050 and promotion of alignment of the AG8 work programme towards relevant implementation pathways of the CAP 2.0
- Cooperation with Lead of EUSALP AG 9 (CasaClima) for the booklet on energy Governance

5. Communication

Communication measures and outreach activities carried out, specifying their respective target groups

- Communication: Providing communication material (updated slides in 5 language versions) for our members and caretakers („ambassadors“ for the ACB/CAP 2.0)
- Regular updates of the www.alpineclimate2050.org website
- Presentations of the ACB at various events by the Chair, members and the Permanent Secretariat: UNFCCC (COP27, COP28, COP29 and Expert Dialogue on Mountains and Climate Change), Interpraevent 2024 (including active participation of ACB members in conference workshop on NbS for (climate) risk management), C3S NCP Forum (2nd Forum of the National Collaboration Programme of the Copernicus Climate Change Service), ISPO Munich (International trade fair for sports and outdoor) (presentation and discussion of the topics “Alps, Sustainability and Sports”)

6. Attachments

List of the documents attached to this report, such as papers proposed for approval by the XVIII Alpine Conference (thematic reports, guidelines, statements etc.) and supporting documents (workshop proceedings, survey reports, communication materials etc.).

- *Booklet* „Cross-sectoral energy governance. How cross-sectoral and integrated governance approaches can accelerate the transition towards climate-neutral and climate-resilient Alps”
- *Input paper* “Nature-based Solutions and their Governance Structures for Climate Action in the Alpine Region”
- *Report* “Stocktaking Update 2024. An information source for further developing the activities of the Alpine Climate Board”
- Programmes of webinars and training sessions