

# ECONNECT final conference

Berchtesgaden

26-28 Settembre 2011

WP 6

*Ecological Connectivity in Alpine States Law:  
an overview*

## Main objectives of the WP6

- Identifying the legal barriers concerning protected areas
- Propose adequate solutions to remove hindering to the creation of ecological networks

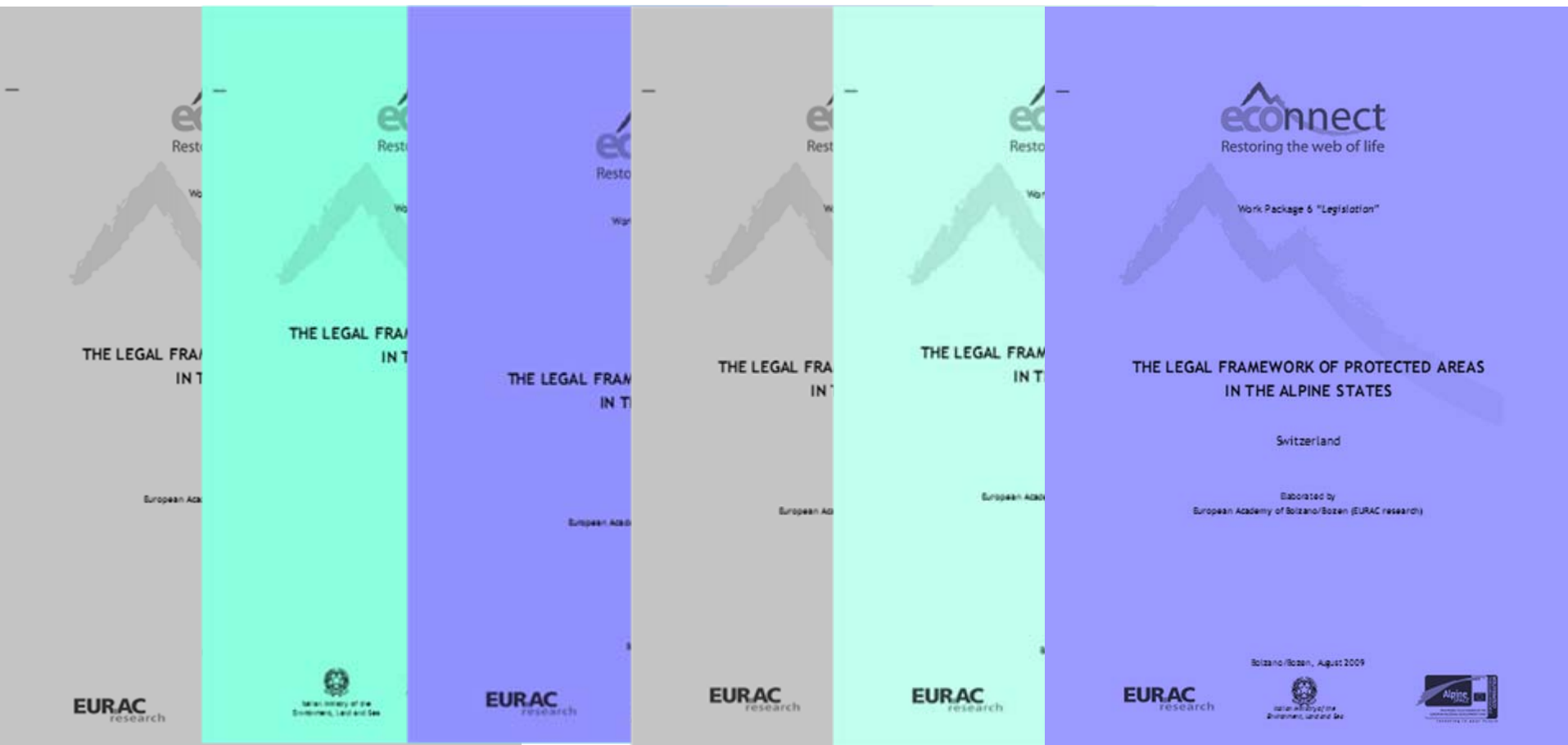
# the NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Pursuant to Action 6.1, a series of six national assessments on the legal situation of Austria, France, Italy, Germany, Slovenia and Switzerland with regards to protected areas was carried out by PP9 European Academy of Bolzano (CIPRA produced the study on French protected areas) under the coordination of PP8 (WPL) Italian Ministry for the Environment. The assessments took into account:

- The general organization of these different Alpine States.
- The national legislative framework concerning nature protection and spatial planning.
- The existing legislation - both at the national and regional level - and ongoing experiences in the field of transboundary cooperation, as well as the implementation of the EGCT (European Grouping on Territorial Cooperation) in each State.



# 1. National Assessments



## the COMPARATIVE OUTLOOKS

Pursuant to Action 6.2, a series of four comparative outlooks (Italy/France, Switzerland/Italy, Austria/Germany and Italy/Austria) were produced by PP8 and PP9. PP11 Region Valle d'Aosta and PP12 Alpi Marittime Natural Park contributed to the drafting of the comparisons between France and Italy and Italy and Switzerland.

PP8 also held regular consultations with both UNEP and FAO to ensure the global dimension was taken into account.

The legal situation of protected areas in each couple of neighbouring Alpine States was examined with the goal of identifying the most appropriate tools to establish and/or maintain ecological corridors and networks. Legal instruments were examined, pilot regions of the ECONNECT project were presented as case studies.

# 2. Comparative Outlooks

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*In the framework of the Action 6.2*

Bilateral Country Comparisons  
of the Legal Framework of Protected Areas  
DRAFT-STUDY Austria/Italy  
Pilot Regions: - The Rhaetian Triangle  
- Hohe Tauern

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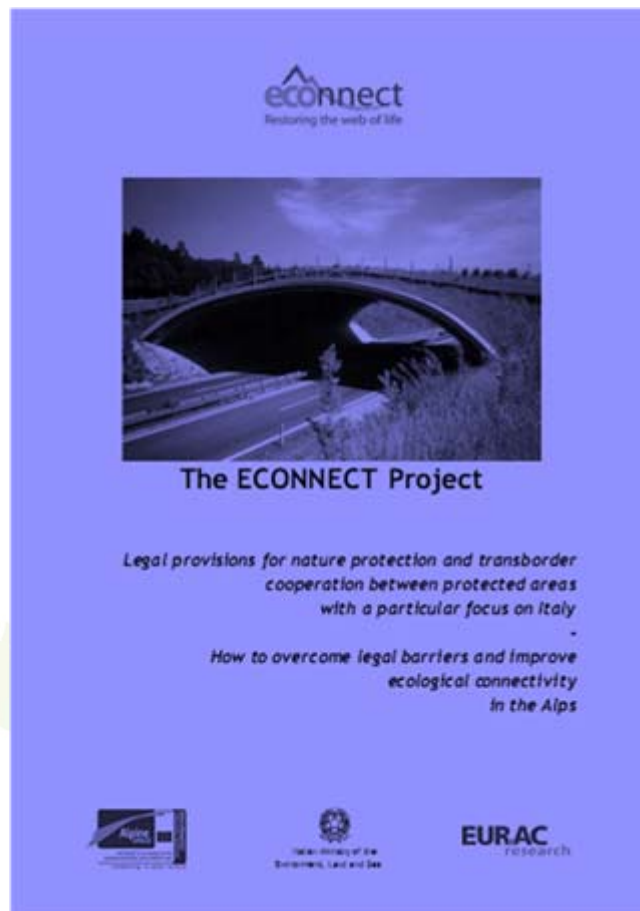
## the EGTC ANALYSIS

An analysis of the opportunities and challenges of the EGTC (European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation) was produced, as well as an **EGTC model**, developed from the Franco-Italian experience.

## a SYNTHESIS DOCUMENT

A shorter document, synthesizing the results of WP6, was prepared. It is aimed at decision-makers, stakeholders, as well as the general public.

## 3-4. EGTC Analysis and Synthesis Document





## the DOMODOSSOLA and GRENOBLE Proceedings

On 17 April 2009, pursuant to Action 6.3, PP9 organized a first transnational workshop in Domodossola. The workshop, by the title of “The legal framework of protected areas in each Alpine State”, aimed at identifying the legal situation of protected areas in each Alpine State, with an emphasis on transboundary issues such as Natura 2000 and the creation of an Alpine ecological network.

A thematic conference on the legal aspects of transboundary cooperation among protected areas was also held by PP8 alongside the workshop.

Pursuant to Action 6.4, on 6 May 2010, CIPRA organized a second transnational workshop by the title of “Legal barriers and possibilities for the implementation of ecological corridors in the Alps”. About forty people took part in the event, trying to assess the capacity of currently available legal tools to cope with the new challenge of ecological connectivity in the Alps.

Prior to the workshop a questionnaire was prepared and disseminated by PP8, PP9 and CIPRA. Moreover, under the coordination of PP8, PP9 prepared a synthesis for decision-makers, which collects the key results of the project component.

# 5-6. Grenoble Proceedings and Conference Program

**ECONNECT**  
LEGAL BARRIERS AND POSSIBILITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS IN THE ALPS

Thursday 6 May 2010  
Maison de la Nature et de l'Environnement de l'Isère  
Grenoble, France

About forty people took part in the day's exchanges, thereby bringing their points of view on the capacity of current legal tools to respond to the issues raised by ecological connectivity and more particularly by ecological connectivity when applied to a specific territory: the Alps.

This international technical seminar brought together a majority of French participants, but also Italian and Austrian. We regret the low level of participation of partners from the ECONNECT project, many of whom had informed us that they would not be able to come to Grenoble. We therefore wish to thank everyone warmly at those who came to the seminar from other countries.

**Summary of the Day's Presentations**

**MORNING**

**Introductions opening remarks, presentations of the seminar and the ECONNECT project**

The day began with a few opening remarks by Alexandre Migonno, Director of the French committee of the Convention International pour la Protection de Alpes (CIPRA France).

The day of work was organized in partnership with CIPRA International within the framework of the Summit project (Strategic Alpine Area Programme). The general aim of the project is to promote the implementation of ecological corridors throughout the Alps. The work that we carry out within the Summit project is implemented into work modules which deal with the legal aspects of the implementation of ecological corridors in the Alps. This work module placed under the supervision of the Italian government, involves the drafting of a document which is based on two objectives and methods:

- Discussing and comparing the needs identified through a questionnaire from an external view, whether proposed by regulators or not, making rigorous plans to implement the policy of ecological corridors. Some countries have already become a driving force, setting up specific schemes (e.g. the Grand Alpes de l'Isère), what about the others? Are Alpine territories and regions working together? And if so, how?
- Identifying the legal obstacles, barriers and opportunities necessary to the development of ecological corridors in an Alpine scale.

Alexandre Migonno ended his own introduction to the day by insisting on the necessity of having dialogue in the Alps, cross-border level.

Austria Director of CIPRA International presented the Summit project in its globality (structure, system, objectives, pilot regions, etc.). This project aims at having the wishes of different kinds of players (administrative, regional, government, regional, agricultural, forest, industrial, urban, scientific...).

The Summit project is for the administrations of the pilot regions (7 throughout the Alpine Area) to meet together on a daily exchange in order to implement solutions to the implementation of ecological corridors in the Alps, thereby contributing in the best way possible the implementation of the landscape, the protection of biodiversity, the management of the knowledge and the subsequent in order to adopt a common methodology which takes into account local particularities. The project requires high level of collaboration on the part of the administrative level.

Summary: WP6 / seminario 04-05-2010 / Grenoble

**ECONNECT PROJECT**  
**FINAL CONFERENCE ON LEGAL BARRIERS (WP6)**

**ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY AND MOUNTAIN AGRICULTURE: EXISTING INSTRUMENTS AND A VISION FOR THE FUTURE**  
**CONNETTIVITÀ ECOLOGICA E AGRICOLTURA DI MONTAGNA: STRUMENTI ESISTENTI E UNA VISIONE PER IL FUTURO**

Thursday, 9 December 2010  
Aosta, Italy

**DRAFT PROGRAM**

**Meeting Session**

9:00 – 9:30 hrs: conference registration

9:30 – 9:45 hrs: Welcome Speech: Augusto Rollandin, Presidente della Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta; Giuseppe Isabella, Assessore all'Agricoltura e alle Risorse naturali della Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta

9:45 – 10:00 hrs: Douglas McGuire, Mountain Partnership Secretaries / FAO, TIC: Presentation of the Perspective of FAO

10:00 – 10:15 hrs: Harald Egerer, UNEP Vienna ZKCC, TIC: The Potential of the Alpine, Carpathian and (Future) SEE Conventions

10:15 – 10:30 hrs: Paolo Angelini, Italian Ministry for the Environment: General Remarks on the Structure and Objectives of the Conference and the ECONNECT Project

10:30 – 11:00 hrs: coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 : Morning Roundtable (Paolo Angelini, moderator) – a discussion on: Biodiversity and mountain agriculture:

- Riccardo Santolini (University of Urbino): Agricultural Diversity as an Ecosystem Service
- Andrea Casarri (University of Cambrino, TIC): Biodiversity and Territorial Branding
- Andrea Reale (Expo 2015, Milan, TIC): The Expo 2015 as an Opportunity
- Andrea Barozz, Istituto Agrario Regionale, Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta

12:00 – 12:15 hrs: Sara Tassin, Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta: WP6 and its Goals

12:15 – 12:45 hrs: Céline Raulier, EURAC Bolzano: A General Presentation of National Assessments

12:45 – 13:15 hrs: Gianpaolo Parodi, Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta: A General Presentation of Comparative Outlooks and the Case Studies

13:15 – 14:30 hrs: light lunch, typical products



# Deliverables

The following deliverables have been achieved

1. Draft national assessments / June 2010
2. Draft EGTC analysis / August 2010
3. Draft comparative outlooks with case studies / September 2010
4. Draft EGTC model / November 2010
5. Draft synthesis document / November 2010
6. Draft Domodossola and Grenoble proceedings / November 2010



# International Legal Framework – the Alpine Convention's provision

- **Main provision:** Article 12 of the Protocol on nature protection of the Alpine Convention



**Connectivity  
between  
biotopes**

**Transborder  
cooperation  
between  
protected areas**

**Others measures of the Alpine  
convention (*principle of integration*)**

- Mountain agriculture..
- Cooperation for datas collection
- ...

# Transborder cooperation between protected areas

- **INTERREG Programs**
- **New instrument: European Grouping on Territorial cooperation (EGTC)**
- **Cooperation between Alpine regions (Dreier Landtag, Euroregion Sudtirool, Eurorégion Alpes-Méditerranée,) (environment can be one of the cooperation's fields)**

## 3. Final Conference

# ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY AND MOUNTAIN REGIONS EXISTING INSTRUMENTS AND A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

WP6 final conference

Thursday, 9 December 2010

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## Main participants to the final conference in AOSTA

Augusto Rollandin, Presidente della Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta; Giuseppe Isabellon, Assessore all'Agricoltura e alle Risorse naturali della Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta

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THANK YOU

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