



Protocol « Conservation of nature and the countryside »

Article 12 - Ecological network

The Contracting Parties shall pursue the measures appropriate for creating a national and cross border network of protected areas, biotopes and other environmental assets protected or acknowledge as worthy of protection. They shall undertake to harmonise the objectives and measures with the cross-border protected areas.



Platform « Ecological Network » of the Alpine Convention

Mandate from the Alpine Conference 2006 and 2009

Objectives:

- Group of exchange of information, experience and know-how
- Act as facilitator for the conceptualisation and implementation of projects concerning ecological connectivity
- Convene the different alpine initiatives towards a holistic and alpine wide planning and implementation process



The platform is composed of:

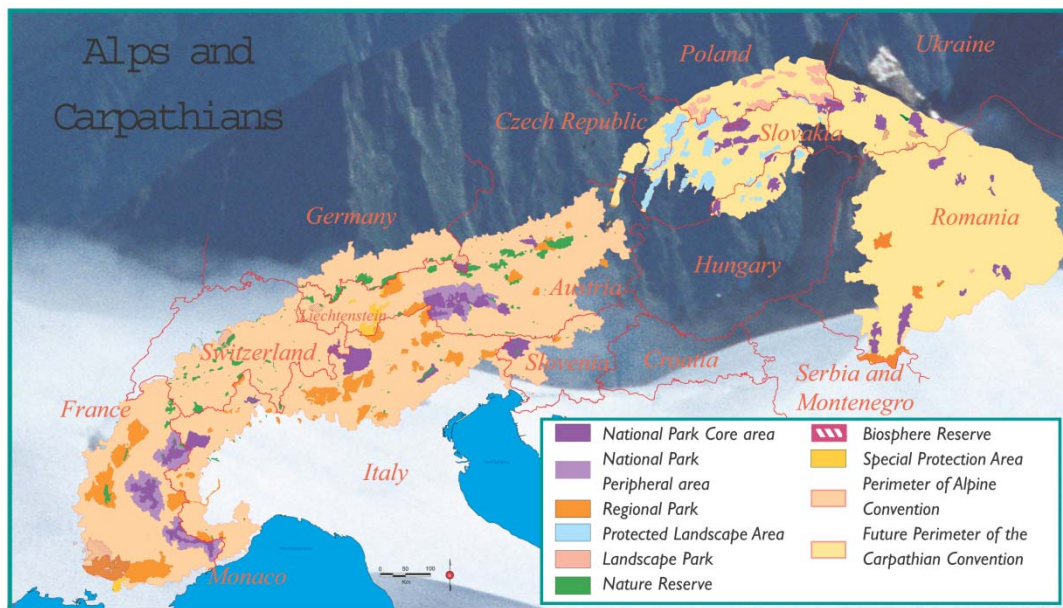
- representatives from national and regional administrations
- scientific and technical experts
- representatives of the contracting parties
- representatives of protected areas (pilot regions)
- representatives from NGOs
- different persons that may contribute to its activities



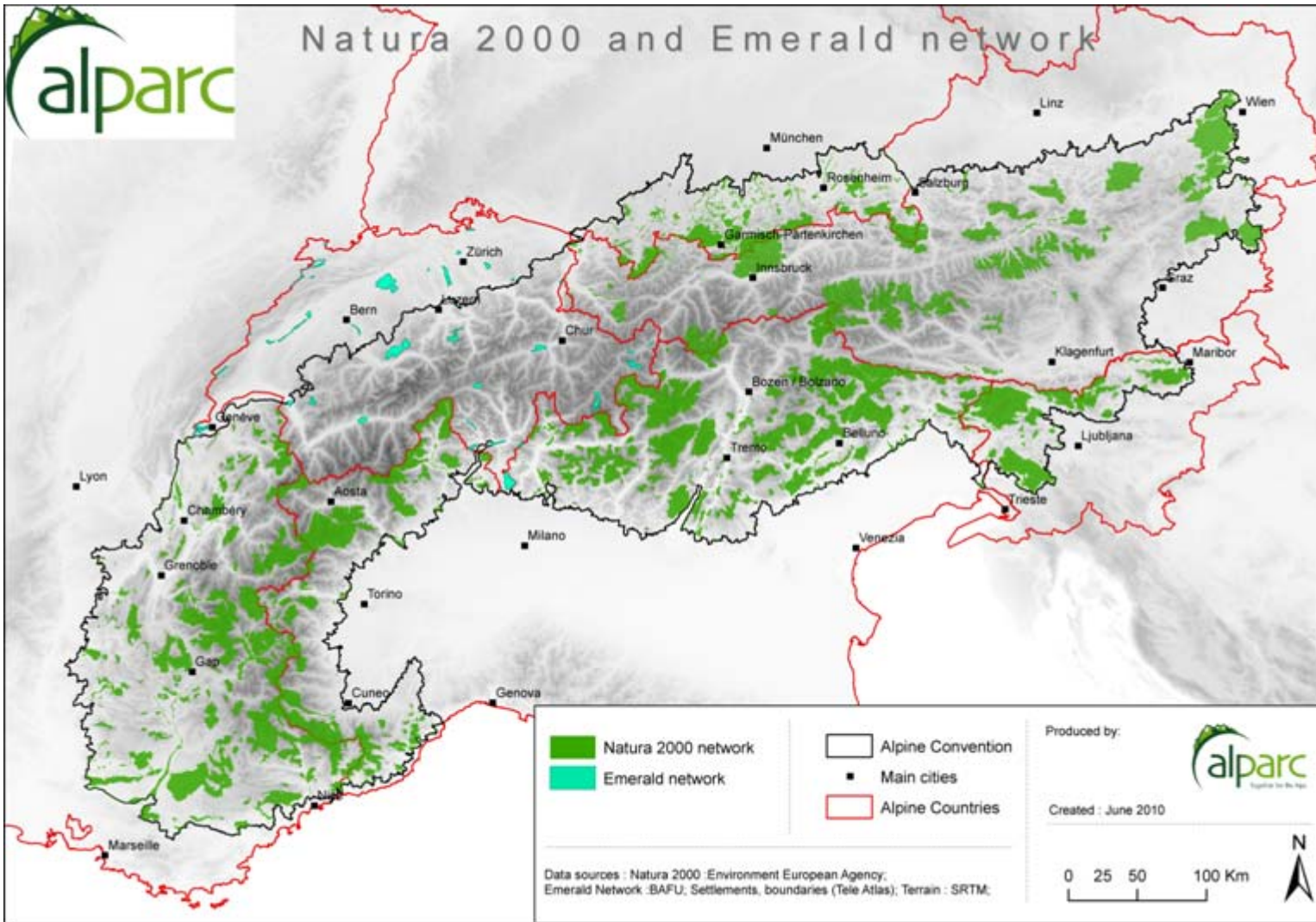
The Platform insures:

- **Scientific support** - fostering the development of methods, implementation mechanisms and a joint terminology
- **Project-oriented implementation** - support to pilot areas, testing of approaches
- **Communication and public relations**
- **Preparation of the official nomination of Pilot regions**

MoU with the Carpathian Convention and the CBD in mainly in the field of ecological connectivity



Cooperation since 2003 with the Carpathians and especially with the CNPA - Exchange of know-how and export of experiences and methodologies



Ecological networks - an answer to changing climate and habitats

1. Possibility of migration of species losing their natural habitat
2. Creation of larger habitats insuring better ecological processes
3. Ecological networks of an element of the Action Plan of the Alpine convention (« Plan climat »)