



IN COOPERATION WITH THE SWISS NATIONAL PARK



1. INTERNATIONAL PILOT REGION MEETING

“Coordination and approaches for Pilot regions of ECONNECT”

Zernez (CH)
18, 19 and 20 of May 2009

PROPOSED PROGRAMME

This meeting aims to discuss with alpine protected areas and their pilot region representatives about a coordinated approach for the implementation of the goals of ECONNECT and especially the WP7 obligations – planning and start of the implementation of an ecological network in the Alps.

It will be the occasion to draft a general overview of the work done and about ongoing actions in the different Pilot regions and to facilitate the cooperation between the different Work Packages linked to the actions of WP7.

*The meeting place is the national park administration of Zernez (Castle of Zernez in opposite to the new National Park visitor centre). Please contact the hotel by yourself for your room reservation. Practical information's are given on a separate document. An excursion is proposed on Monday, May 18th. Please inform us if you wish to participate on this excursion with your official inscription **before May 6th**.*



The Task Force Protected Areas of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention organises this event for the Alpine Network of Protected Areas - ALPARC.

**Monday, May, 18th 2009: Excursion Swiss National Park - Lower Engadine:
"Beginning of a transboundary ecological network, current project and future ideas"**

- 13:00: Start of Excursion, Meeting point: in front of the National Park visitor centre.
 13:45: Ardez, a traditional village and nearby Natura 2000 habitats, "Econnect topics": Emerald-network; including the ecological continuum into a regional planning process
 15:30: Ramosch; "Vesper" on a farm; visit of the traditional cultivated area of the lower Engadine. "Econnect topics": ecological networks on local level; setting up of a foundation and projects for a better collaboration between different sectors; conservation of traditional cultural landscape
 17:00: Strada: the riverine system of the lower Engadine
 18:30: Dinner in Vnà, including a short presentation of an innovative ecological Hotel project) (<http://www.hotelvna.ch/>)
 21:00: Return to Zernez

Tuesday, May, 19th 2009: MEETING OF PILOT REGIONS WP7 - FIRST Part

HOURS	TOPIC	IN CHARGE OF
8:20	Registration	TFPA/SWISS NP
8:30	Institutional welcoming	Heinrich Haller , Director of the Swiss National Park Christian Walzer , Lead Partner ECONNECT Kerstin Lehmann (Platform Ecological Network, BfN/D) Ruedi Haller (SNP)
	Organisational aspects	
9:00	Situation of the ECONNECT project and the Pilot regions	Christian Walzer (FIWI)
9:30	ECONNECT and WP 7 - activities and organisation	Guido Plassmann, TFPA/PSAC
10:00	Theme 1: Common approach - procedure and tools (and cooperation with WP 5)	Patricia Rossi (Alpi Marittime Nature Park)
10:00	The common methodology of the Pilot areas (developed by the Continuum project) - European wide strategies	Thomas Scheurer (ISCAR)
10:30	Coffee break	Castle
11:00	The guidelines for Pilot regions and proposed concrete procedure for regional and Alps wide approach (WP 5 + 7)	Bernhard Schwarzl (UBA), Guido Plassmann, TFPA/PSAC
11:30	Neophytes and ecological continuum	Christoph Kueffer (MIREN)
11.45	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	Patricia Rossi (Alpi Marittime)
13:00	Lunch break	Buffet Castle
14:30	Theme 2: Planning process and activities in the Pilot regions	Michaela Künzl (Berchtesgaden NP)
14:30	Part 1: <i>Planning process: Delimitation of the PR and definition of landscape types</i>	One speaker for each region (10 minutes each)
15:30	DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS	ALL
16:00	Coffee break	Castle
16:30	Part 2: <i>Actions in the PR: Concrete projects and definition of indicator species for special landscape types</i>	One speaker for each region (10 minutes each)
17:30	DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS - DECISIONS	ALL
18:15	Platform of the Alpine Convention - Nomination of Pilot Regions (state of the art and benefits)	Kerstin Lehmann (BfN/D)
18:30	DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS	ALL
19:00	Conclusions of the Theme 2	Michaela Künzl (Berchtesgaden)
20:00	Dinner	Hotel Il Fuorn (Dinner offered by the BfN - Germany)

Wednesday, May, 20th 2009: MEETING OF PILOT REGIONS WP7 – SECOND Part

8:30	Theme 3: DATA needs – Cooperation with WP4	Lisbeth Zechner (Gesäuse NP)
8:30	Introduction and needs	Ruedi Haller (Swiss NP)
9:00	The requested data for an alps-wide and regional approach: objectives and difficulties	Kathrin Renner (EURAC)
9:30	Needs of Pilot regions – presentation of available data, data need, transformation, common standards, procedure	All Pilot regions
10:30	Coffee break	Castle
11:00	Theme 4: Cooperation between WP6 and WP7	Aurelia Ullrich (CIPRA International)
11:00	The importance and opportunities of the legal aspects for the ecological network	Alexandre Mignotte (CIPRA France); Celine Randier (EURAC)
11:15	Practical experiences in the department Isère	Anne Sophie Croyal (Isère)
11:30	Analysis of legal obstacles and opportunities in the Pilot Regions	ALL
12:00	Theme 5: Communication activities and cooperation with WP3 and WP8, organisation WP7	Ferdinand Lainer (Hohe Tauern NP)
12:00	Common activities between WP3 and WP7	Danusia Piovesana (WWF Italia)
12:15	Common activities between WP7 and WP8	Jean-Jacques Brun (CEMAGREF)
12:30	Discussion/questions	ALL
13:00	Establishment of 3 working groups for the coordination of the pilot projects (implementation strategy, planning/data needs, information and publicity) and planning of meetings	Guido Plassmann (TFPA/PSAC)
13:30	Lunch	Hotel Spöl
14:30	End of the meeting	Have a nice travel back!

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The number of **participants** is limited. In case of too many registrations, we will insure an adequate representation of the different pilot regions.

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For all practical information (hotels, access), please consult the joint documents.