

EUSALP – CONFERENCE ON WATER IN/AND TRANSITION

AGENDA

The Alpine region is particularly affected by climate change and thus also the Alpine water cycle. The Alpine countries, their regions and municipalities face the great challenge of securing the water supply for both nature and people. We want to discuss this at the Thematic Conference in Scuol and strengthen exchange and cooperation.

15 June 2023

18.30 Welcoming Dinner at Scuol, Gemeindeschulhaus, Bagnera 171, 7550 Scuol

16 June 2023

8.30 Welcome Coffee at the Hotel Palace Scuol, Nairs

9.00 Welcoming Words - Overall moderation of the conference by Ulrich Seewer, Vice-Director of the Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE (CH)

- » Jon Domenic Parolini, State Councillor Canton of Grisons (CH)
- » Markus Dieth, State Councillor Canton of Aargau and President of the Conference of Cantonal Governments (CH) (Video statement)

9.15 Political Panel

Discussion on the balance between water use and conservation and the political framework conditions for a successful water management. What can the Alpine regions achieve together – through cooperation?

Speakers

- » Aita Zanetti, Mayor of Scuol (CH)
- » Jon Domenic Parolini, State Councillor Canton of Grisons (CH)
- » Alenka Smerkolj, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention
- » Stéphane Woynaroski, Regional Councillor in charge of biodiversity and water for the region Bourgogne-Franche-Comté (FR)
- » Rainer Siegele, Mayor of Mäder (AT)

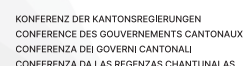
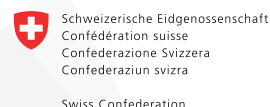
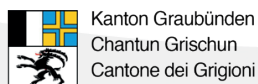
Water conservation

10.15 Best practices on water protection

Alpine rivers provide livelihoods for 80 million people. Conflicts of protection and use (settlements, infrastructure, expansion of hydropower), especially pressure on biodiversity is increasing. Watercourses are becoming the most threatened ecosystem types in the world. What consequences does adaptation to extreme weather conditions have on biodiversity and settlements?

Speakers:

- » Andreas Nemmert, Revital Integrative Naturraumplanung (AT)
- » Stefan Hasler, Director Verband Schweizer Abwasser- und Gewässerschutzfachleute (CH)
- » Paolo Mancin, Head of Water Protection Unit, Piedmont Region (IT)



11.00 Coffee break

Water as a resource

11.30 Panel – Water and Energy

Energy is clearly the engine of our economy and in many places the construction of power plants has contributed to regional development in remote mountain regions. Now the question is – how to proceed in the event of water shortage? What is the solution between hydropower, nature and landscape conservation interests? How can we adapt best and what are the consequences for regional policies?

Speakers

- » Gerhard Egger, WWF Austria (AT)
- » Flavio Ruffini, Head of Environmental Agency of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano (IT)
- » Etienne Viénot, Project Manager European and International Affairs, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes (FR)

12.15 Panel – Water and Tourism (Winter and Summer)

Rivers and lakes are very important features for the Alpine tourism. The attractiveness of watercourses results from the perception of freedom and the absence of regulations. And water is as well the key for winter tourism. What are the main challenges and potentials for the future? What are possible management strategies and planning approaches?

Speakers

- » Jan Mosedale, Interreg Alpine Space project Transtat, FHGR Institute for Tourism and Leisure ITF, University of Applied Sciences (CH)
- » Miro Kristan, Project team member, Soča Valley Development Centre (SI)
- » Bernhard Aeschbacher, Co-Director Tourismus Engadin Scuol Samnaun Val Müstair (CH)

12.45 Closing remarks – Outlook to the future

- » Members of the Youth Council and EUSALP representatives

13.00 Lunch

The Hotel Palace Nairs is located about 30 minutes walking distance from Scuol. Therefore, shuttles are offered to Nairs and back.

Shuttles from Scuol to Nairs

- Departure at the Hotel Belvédère: regular shuttles from 8.00-8.45
- Departure at Scuol-Tarasp train station: shuttle at 8.30

Shuttles from Nairs to Scuol

- Regular shuttles to Scuol-Tarasp train station after the conference from 13.00
- Individual shuttles to Scuol-Tarasp train station: on request during the conference

For those who cannot be on site in Scuol, the thematic conference on 16 June will be broadcast live.

