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INVITATION

'Cross-disciplinary exchange workshop'

'How to overcome gaps of implementing biodiversity in EU policies – lessons learnt from transnational Alpine Space projects'

Should I attend?

Various sectors, such as land-use planning or agriculture, must be involved in order to ensure biodiversity. In many regions, the results of projects and studies are often not known or not directly applicable. How can the framework for a sustainable, efficient European environmental policy be improved? And how can the new EU funding programmes effectively contribute to maintaining biodiversity?

This workshop aims at addressing **biodiversity policy implementation gaps from regional to interregional level and delivering lessons learnt and hands-on approaches** during various years of working on transnational Alpine Space biodiversity matters. Policy recommendations will be presented that need to be implemented on EU level. A dialogue on EU level on how to overcome current difficulties that prevent an effective implementation of the existing policy framework can pave future pathways. Our greenAlps policy recommendations highlight that **policy gaps and needs will have to be met sectoral for successful biodiversity protection measures – so get involved in our cross-disciplinary exchange workshop!**

The INTERREG IVB Alpine Space project greenAlps was developed to capitalize results from former EU projects and to valorise them for actual and future biodiversity conservation policies in the Alps. The lead partner 'ALPARC - Alpine Network of the Protected Areas' as well as the project partners 'Berchtesgaden National Park' and 'Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology (FIWI), University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna' will share their experiences gained and discuss with you new future ways of cooperation and biodiversity policy implementation.

How can I register?

Please get in touch with Nina Kuenzer at n.kuenzer@the-blue.net or 0049 (0)89 890 488177 until November 17, 2014 to register and for further questions.

*We are looking forward to sharing our work with you!
The greenAlps partnership*



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AGENDA – November 27, 2014

**14.30h – 14.35h: Welcome note by Dr. Waltraud Ellenrieder-Woratschek,
Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU**

14.35h – 14.45h: Who we are and who are you? Introduction session

14.45h – 15.45h: Input session: 'The Alps - biodiversity – policies: state of play and lessons learnt'

- The Alps and biodiversity conservation – What did we do? Be up to date:
 - The Alpine Convention and its ecological network platform
 - Lessons learnt from INTERREG IV B Alpine Space projects ECONNECT and greenAlps – paving future ways of cooperation
by Dr. Yann Kohler, Alpine Network of Protected Areas (ALPARC)
- Thinking in a Macro-regional context – the ecological network in and beyond the Alpine Convention – new ways of cooperation!
by Dr. Guido Plassmann, Director of Alpine Network of Protected Areas (ALPARC)
- The local perspective of protected areas: good practices from Bavarian National Park Berchtesgaden - Why transnational cooperation on biodiversity conservation matters!
by Dr. Michael Vogel, Director of Berchtesgaden National Park
- The Political dimension: how to overcome the gaps in implementing biodiversity policy goals from regional to interregional level?
by Univ. Prof. Dr. med. vet. Chris Walzer, Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology - University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna

15.45h – 17.00h – cross-disciplinary exchange

Be invited to discuss with us and share your ideas on future biodiversity policy implementation from regional to interregional level!



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What to take home: Which European instruments can be improved to facilitate biodiversity policy and projects?

EU environmental legislation, including biodiversity conservation, is comprehensive and supportive of conservation of biodiversity and ecological connectivity.

- But how to overcome the gap of target and recommendation implementation in member states?
- How to empower policies to reach legally binding enforcement mechanisms? Those that do (e.g. Birds Directive and Habitats Directive) are nevertheless insufficiently implemented.
- Most biodiversity policies do not sufficiently capture important issues like inefficient land use, low water quality, waste, air pollution, loss of ecosystem services, biodiversity, and fish stocks. How to overcome the gap of cross-disciplinary exchange on different policy levels?
- Key sectors (environment, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, transport, construction, tourism, spatial/land-use planning) have conflicting goals and insufficiently co-ordinate actions. Integration of biodiversity targets into other (non-environment) sectors is patchy – how to move on?
- Years of experiences showed that a guiding, integrated, trans-sectorial landscape vision for the Alps needs to be developed, discussed and approved by policy makers and respective governments. Empower trans-sectorial environment policies – your future contribution.
- EU projects are still relatively abstract and local actors are not necessarily included. The demand for transnational collaboration in the above-mentioned topics requires political support at ministerial level and by regional administrations. What is your contribution for well-established and implemented EU projects on biodiversity?

~ 17.00h – networking drink

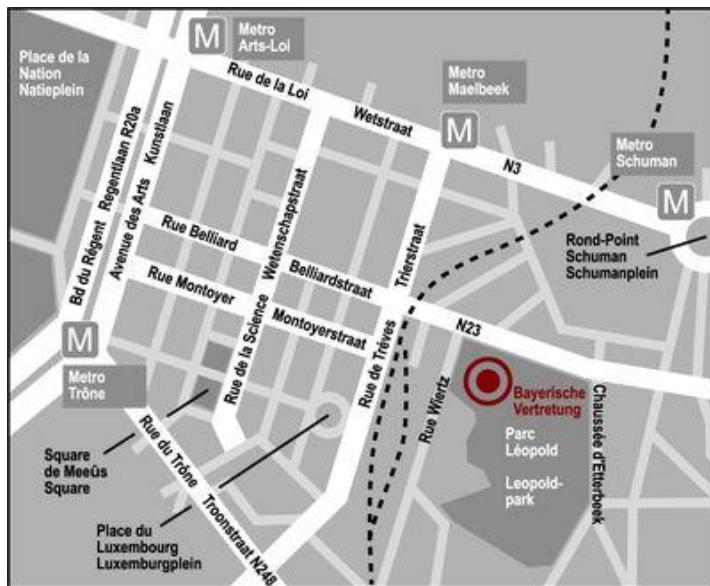


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