

WEBS OF LIFE -
ALPINE BIODIVERSITY NEEDS ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY
Results from the ECONNECT project

1ST DAY – September 26
Putting Connectivity on the Alpine Political Agenda

11.30 – Registration and lunchtime snack

12.45 – Press conference

INTRODUCTION: THE KEY MESSAGE OF ECONNECT

14.00 – Institutional welcoming

- C. Walzer, Lead Partner ECONNECT, *FIWI Vienna (A)*
- F. Rasp, *Mayor of Berchtesgaden (D)*
- M. Vogel, Transboundary Pilot Region “Berchtesgaden-Salzburg”, *Berchtesgaden National Park (D)*
- H. Hinterstoisser, Transboundary Pilot Region “Berchtesgaden-Salzburg”, *Land Salzburg Nature Conservation (A)*
- M. Onida, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention - TBC

14.15 – Welcoming by Joint Technical Secretariat of Alpine Space Programme

M. Gaifami, Joint Technical Secretariat of Alpine Space

14.30 – The key message of ECONNECT: introduction, background, main results

C. Walzer, Lead Partner ECONNECT, *FIWI Vienna (A)*

14.45 – Regional dimension of ECONNECT outcomes

- Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Public Health (D) - TBC

- Provincial Government Land Salzburg (A) - TBC

15.15 – Global dimension of ECONNECT

Luis Gomez-Echeverri, *Global Energy Assessment, IIASA*

“Environment and Economics - Turning global trade-off challenges into co-benefit opportunities”

15.45 – Coffee break

SESSION 1: CONNECTIVITY IN THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL DIMENSION

16.30 – Key results from ECONNECT for Alpine and European policy

M. Vogel, Transboundary Pilot Region “Berchtesgaden-Salzburg”, *Berchtesgaden National Park (D)*

17.00 – The Alpine dimension of connectivity

M. Onida, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention - TBC

17.15 – The spatial dimension of connectivity

R. Haller, *Swiss National Park*

17.30 – Conclusions, outlook, recommendations

Speaker TBC

18.00 – End of the first day: Alpine Aperitif and common dinner in Berchtesgaden

For the Alpine Aperitif we kindly invite you to bring a speciality of your region (food or drinks) to share with the other participants. The registration office will take care of your contributions and arrange a common buffet with the delicacies of all participants.

2nd DAY – September 27

Key Results of ECONNECT

SESSION 2: OBSTACLES AND SOLUTIONS TO ALPINE CONNECTIVITY

9.00 – Introduction

C. Walzer, Lead Partner ECONNECT, *FIWI Vienna (A)*

9.10 – Geographic data availability in the Alps: the case of ECONNECT

K. Renner, *EURAC Bolzano (I)*

9.30 – Aquatic species as example for the modeling

A. Bou-Vinals, *University of Innsbruck (A)*

9.50 – Developing a tool of the potential ecological connectivity in the Alps: the Joint Ecological Connectivity Analysis and Mapping Initiative (JECAMI) and the ECONNECT GeoPortal

Swiss National Park (CH) & EURAC Bolzano (I)

10.25 – Coffee break

SESSION 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF CONNECTIVITY IN THE PILOT REGIONS

11.15 – Motivation and challenges for an ecological network in the Alps

National Park of Berchtesgaden (D) & Department of Isere (F)

11.35 – Tools, planning and stakeholder involvement for the establishment of an ecological network

Gesäuse National Park (A), Berchtesgaden National Park (D)

12.15 – Implementation of concrete measures in the Pilot Regions

Hohe Tauern National Park (A), Department of Isere (F), Natural Park Alpi Marittime (I), Gesäuse National Park (A)

12.45 – Lunch



14.00 – Connectivity – from motivation to implementation: difficulties and opportunities of a challenging project - Round table

Impulse introduction of the ECONNECT implementation recommendations

Moderation: G. Plassmann, *Task Force Protected Areas / Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention* and M. Vogel, *Transboundary Pilot Region “Berchtesgaden-Salzburg”, Berchtesgaden National Park (D)*

SESSION 4: THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONNECTIVITY

14.50 – The EGTC (European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation) as a tool to overcome legal barriers between protected areas

P. Angelini, *Italian Ministry of the Environment (I)*

15.20 – Coffee break

SESSION 5: BEYOND ECONNECT

15.50 – Developing an European continuum: other projects on connectivity

- Dipl. Ing. Anke Hahn "Reflexions from the TransEcoNet Project", *ETC Central Europe*
- Dr. Marie Vandewalle "Report from the BiodiversityKnowledge Project", *Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ*
- Mr. Mircea Verghet "Ecological connectivity in the Carpathian Mountains", *Lead Partner from ETC SEE project BIOREGIO*

17.20 – Ecological networks and the Alpine Convention

- M. Bruno Stephan Walder and Mrs Christine Fehr, *FOEN - Federal office of the Environment*
- German and French Presidencies of the Platform Ecological Network of the Alpine Convention
- S. Reppe, *German Ministry of the Environment (D)*
- M-O. Guth, *French Ministry of the Environment (F)*

17.55 – Conclusion: next steps forward

C. Walzer, Lead Partner ECONNECT, *FIWI Vienna (A)*

18.30 – End of the conference

19.30 – Common dinner in Berchtesgaden

3RD DAY – September 28

**Webs of Life in the Transboundary Pilot Region “Berchtesgaden-Salzburg” -
Promotion and Establishment of an Ecological Continuum in the Northern Alps**

9.00 – Start of the field-trip

12.30 – Lunch break

15.00 – End of the field-trip

