



Econnect International Workshop Grenoble 4 - 6 November 2009

ECONNECT – Restoring the Web of Life

International workshop: Sharing knowledge for the implementation of ecological corridors within and beyond the Alps

The project ECONNECT aims at the enhancement of ecological connectivity in the Alpine space. Protection of biodiversity and natural heritage requires an integrated approach which beyond protected areas considers high biodiversity areas and corridors as linking elements of an Alpine ecological network. International umbrella organizations linked to the Alpine Convention, scientific institutions and local implementation partners have joined forces to demonstrate needs and options for action and develop innovative instruments for ecological connectivity. The Alps are one of the most intensively exploited mountain ranges and one of Europe's largest biodiversity pools. As animals and plants need to migrate - even more in times of climate change - between habitats, it is essential to maintain, improve and create ecological networks across the entire Alpine region and to surrounding lowlands and mountain ranges.

As part of the actions in **ECONNECT WP 8 “Knowledge Transfer”**, the University of Innsbruck, Cemagref Grenoble and the Conseil Général de l'Isère (Pilot Region, France), organise an international workshop. This workshop will take place in Grenoble surrounding area in November 2009. International umbrella organisations linked to the Alpine Convention, scientific institutions and local implementation partners are invited to share their knowledge with the ECONNECT consortium. In order to discuss and demonstrate needs and options for actions as well as to develop innovative instruments for ecological connectivity. An important aim of the workshop is to discuss and exchange common methodological tools and concepts for a common understanding of the project aims. A knowledge transfer action will then be discussed for other mountain regions. Knowledge-transfer activities are targeted to reach key actors at all levels regarding their roles as stakeholders, conservation managers, NGOs, GOs, scientists, or opinion leaders. Also a multilevel spatial dimension will be targeted at the local Alps region and European levels. We aim at creating during the workshop a group dynamic to promote exchange and discussion among all participants.

DRAFT AGENDA

Please arrange your travel to be in Grenoble the 3th in the evening.

DAY 1 Wednesday 4 November -

8:45 Welcome

9:00 – 10:00 Introductions to ECONNECT and to the Workshop

Marie Odile GUTH: ecological network platform of Alpine Convention (to be confirmed), Thomas SCHEURER ISCAR and Continuum Project, Leopold FÜREDER ECONNECT WP 8 coordinator

10:00– 11:30 Plenary session: ecological network at different scales in France Moderated by J.J. BRUN

Speaker to be confirmed : Green and blue ecological network

Arnaud PIEL: Regional ecological network (Franche-Comté area)

Guy Berthoud: Local ecological network (Isère)

11:30 – 12 h 15: Round table discussion

12:45 – 17:30 Field trip with a pic nic: 3 fields trip to be choosen

Evening dinner & entertainment

DAY 2 Thursday 5th November

8:30 – 12:00 Plenary session about corridor knowledge and key case studies Moderated by S. VANPEENE

Anne sophie Croyal: Needs for evaluation measures and planning on the connectivity network at the local level

Paul Opdam (to be confirmed): Population viability analysis: an exemple of theory, tools and planning from the Netherlands

Santiago Saura: Analyzing and intergrating connectivity in landscape planning
break

Leopold Füreder: Aquatic connectivity

Stéphanie Manel: Genetic aspects of spatial connectivity

Rocco Scolozzi (to be confirmed): A method to assess landscape functional connectivity at local scale for target species

12:00 – 12 h 30 Round table discussion

Lunch

14:00-17:30 Break-out working groups with short 4-5 short talks and discussions

3 working groups to be choosen

Group 1: aquatic corridors animated by Leo Füreder

Group 2: terrestrial corridors animated by Sandra Luque

Group 3: Participation animated by Aurélia Ullrich

17:45 Transport by bus and evening dinner in Grenoble

DAY 3 Friday 6th November

8:30-10:00 Restitution of working groups Moderated by A.S. Croyal

10:00-12:00 Inputs for ECONNECT (working groups & speakers)

Lunch

14:00 Departures from Grenoble railway station and Satobus shuttle to airport.

The price will be 150 € before 1st October (without hotel) including 3 lunches and 2 dinners, transport and field trip.

Registration could be done after 10th august at <http://econnect2009.congres-scientifique.com>

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