



Promoting Green Infrastructure in a European Macro-region: The Alps

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Developing an ecological network – an important objective of the Alpine Convention



First international treaty on a whole mountain massif (1991)

A specific protocol on Conservation of Nature and the Countryside

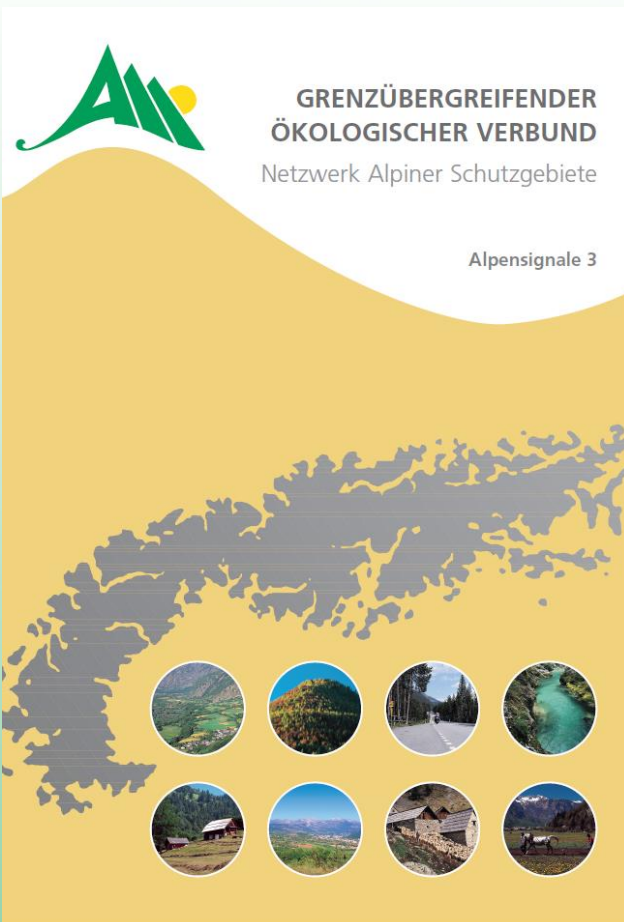
Article 12 : commitment to an ecological network



But green infrastructure also present in other protocols

- Tourism (balance between intensive and extensive, jobs creation and relation to nature...)
- Mountain forest (as a key green infrastructure...)
- Soil protection
- Spatial Planning
- Agriculture (multi-functionality, protection of the landscape)

An intensive work for more than 10 years



Report (2004)

Since 2007 an own Platform
“Ecological Network”

Alparc as an important actor for the
implementation of this objective



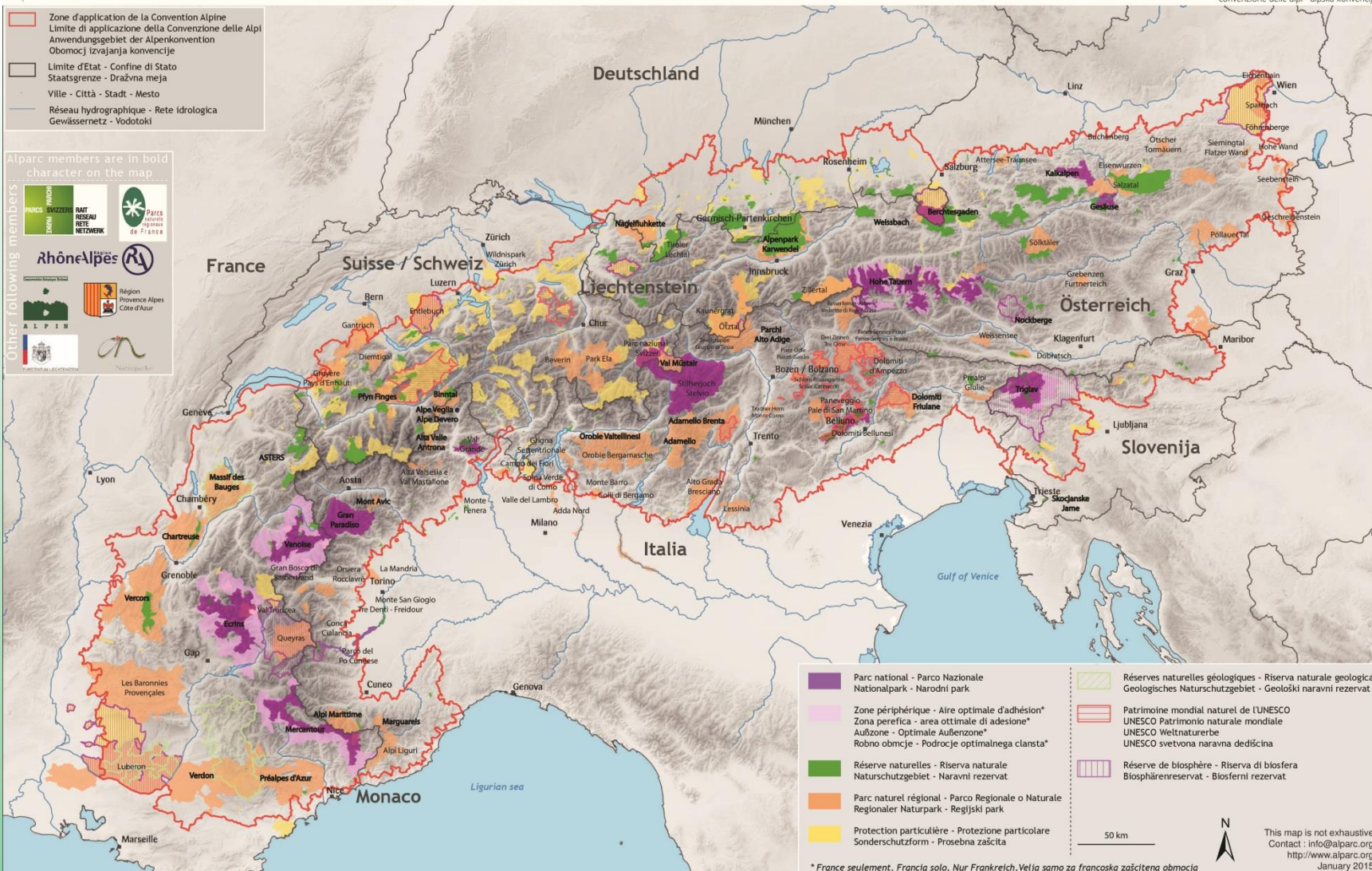
Importance of connecting the work from different types of actors

- politic / administration
- economic
- civil society / NGO
- scientific

Input also from Projects supported by the Alpine Space Program (e.g. ECONNECT, greenAlps...)



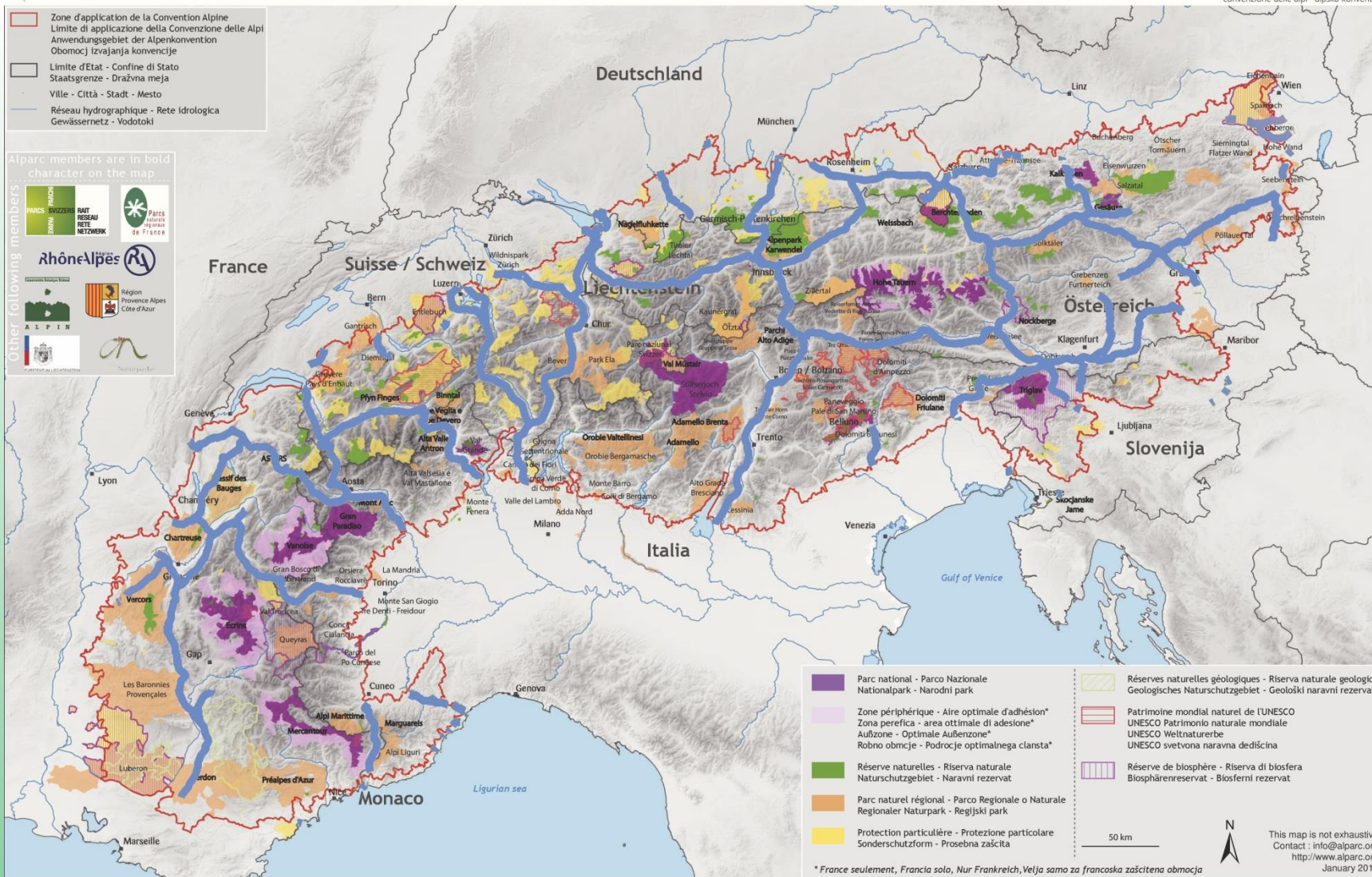
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* France seulement, Franca solo, Nur Frankreich, Veġja samo za francoska zaščitena območja

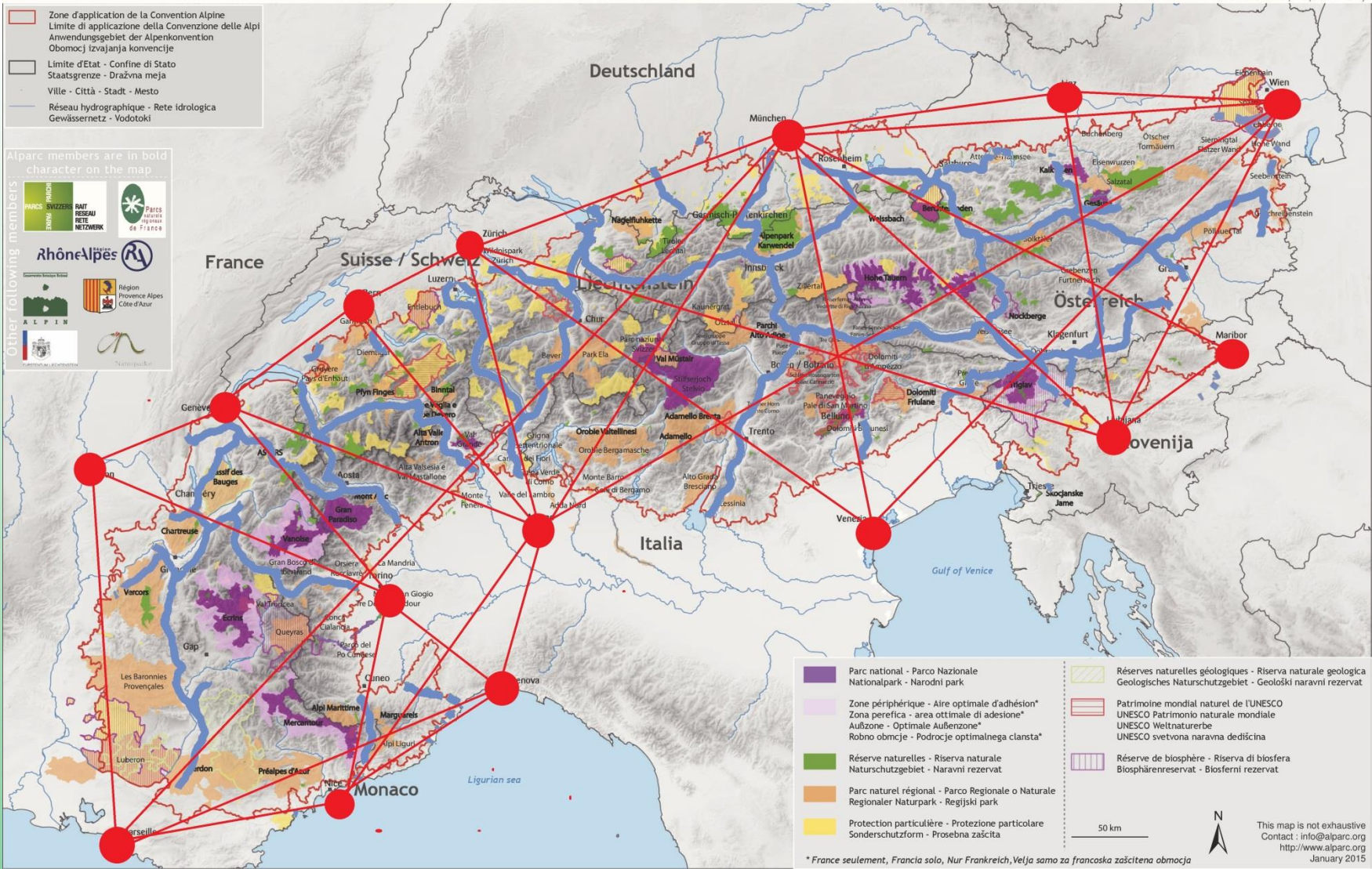


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Ecologic connectivity is a question of fine stitches

Some pictures of measures...



Calstrom warning system to prevent wildlife vehicle collisions in the Pilot Region Isere © M.-O. Guth

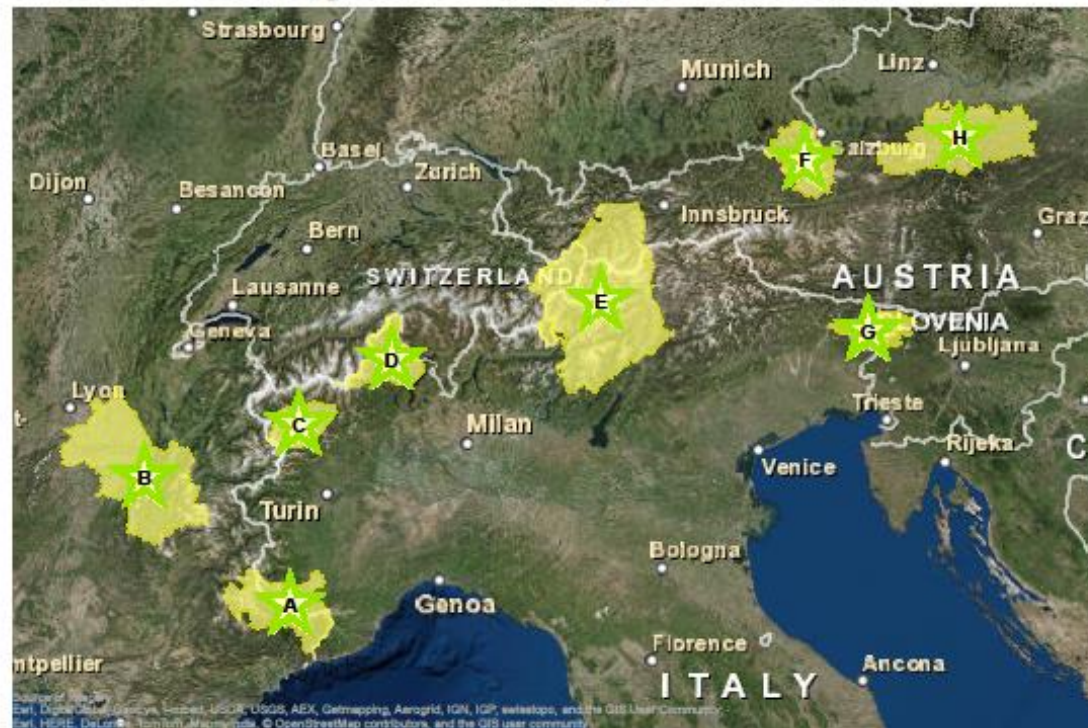


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Noise protection wall in Lower Austria © Umweltbundesamt

Official Pilot Regions of the Alpine Convention



- A South-Western Alps - Mercantour - Alpe Maritime, France/Italy
- B Department Isère, France
- C Gran Paradiso - Mont Avic - Mont Emilius, Italy
- D Alpe Veglia e Devero, Italy
- E Rhaetian Triangle, Switzerland/Austria/Italy
- F Berchtesgaden – Salzburg region, Germany/Austria
- G Prealpe Giulie – Triglav region, Italy/Slovenia
- H Northern Limestone Alps, Austria

 Pilot Regions nominated by the Alpine Convention

green  lps

0 50 100 150 200 Km

Scale 1:7.000.000



This map has been created in October 2014



Ecologic connectivity – a subject of exchange with other international organisations

Collaborations (MoU) with :

- Carpathian Convention
- CBD

=> These exchanges have also highlighted that there is a need to have a more global approach (EU, macro-regional strategy)

EUSALP as a chance to extend the work

Based on :

- its former experience
- the importance to extend the work besides the core area of the Alps



Interest of the Alpine Convention to play a leader role in the action aiming at develop ecological connectivity in the whole territory of the EUSALP



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