

2019  
Eusalp  
annual  
forum



## CONCEPT

The third Annual Forum for the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP) will be organised by the Italian Presidency in cooperation with the European Commission on 28 & 29 November 2019 in Milan.

Along the year 2019, the Italian Presidency of the EUSALP Strategy has implemented various actions in the field of green economy, youth and stakeholder's involvement and cultural preservation, which benefit to the entire Alpine area, in close cooperation with the countries of the Strategy.

Moreover, the political agenda of the European Commission and the ongoing activities related to the elaboration of the future programming period give a unique opportunity to have discussions with stakeholders to “shaping.future.together” for the Alpine region.

Therefore, the Annual Forum in November has a twofold objective. On the one hand, the event will bring together high-level personalities acting for the Alpine region from the local to the European level, in order to reiterate their commitment to the Strategy and to explore new windows of opportunities. Not only political and institutional personalities will be present, but also the socio-economic and academic world, civil society and the general public of the EUSALP area. On the other hand, the Annual Forum will be a time to present the results of the initiatives carried out during the year of the Presidency, and to discuss on the way forward preparing for the following French Presidency in 2020. Especially, one will give a dedicated focus on the main topics such as green economy, youth and stakeholders' participation in the EUSALP process and the enhancement of the Alpine cultural dimension.

All of the sessions established in the following agenda are meant to be in adequation with the current EUSALP's objectives (e.g : Economic Growth and Innovation, Mobility and Connectivity, Environment and Energy, and Governance, including Institutional Capacity). Discussions held in plenary sessions and/or during the workshops will contribute to improve the EUSALP's functioning and to set up an ambitious framework of objectives for the alpine area and its inhabitants.

Last but not least, the European Commission & the Italian Presidency are wishing to involve as much as possible Action Groups of the Strategy and all of the stakeholders of the Alpine region in the fruitful discussions.

## VENUE

PALAZZO LOMBARDIA, MILAN (premises, meeting rooms, other facilities)

# DAY 1 - 28TH NOVEMBER 2019

**FROM 9.30** OPENING OF REGISTRATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL FORUM

*Venue*

## PARALLEL MORNING SESSIONS

**10.30 - 12.30** GENERAL ASSEMBLY - MINISTERIAL MEETING *on invitation only*

*Venue*

**12.30 - 13.00** PRESS CONFERENCE

*Venue*

**9.30 - 11.00** ACTION GROUPS MEETINGS *restricted to AG members*

*Venue*

**11.00 - 13.00** FINAL EVENT ALPGOV PROJECT

## AFTERNOON SESSION

**FROM 14.00** OPENING OF THE NETWORKING VILLAGE AND EXHIBITION AREA

**14.00 - 16.00** OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL FORUM

*Venue*

*Welcome address by the EUSALP IT Presidency (Lombardy Region):*

**Mr. Attilio Fontana**, *President*

*President of Piemonte, President of Veneto, President of Liguria, President of Valle d'Aosta, Presidents of Trento and Bolzano Provinces, President of Friuli Venezia Giulia (tbc)*

## POLITICAL STATEMENTS

- *David Sassoli - President of the European Parliament (tbc)*
- *Rapresentative of the European Commission*
- *Italian Ministers*
- *EUSALP Ministers*

## SHAPING THE FUTURE

- *Stefano Mancuso - Professor, Author of Plant Revolution*
- *Paolo Nespoli (Astronauta ESA) - Climate change: a planetary question*
- *Andreas Riehemann, President and CEO of BASF south Europe*

## OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES: A MACROREGIONAL OPPORTUNITY IN 2026

- *Antonio Rossi - Former Olympian and Regional politician, Olympic Games Committee*
- *Giorgio Rocca - Former IT Olympian*
- *Antoine Deneriaz - Former FR Olympian*
- *Others Olympian from EUSALP area (tbc)*

**MODERATOR** *Camila Raznovich*

## 16.00 - 18.30 **PLENARY SESSION: INVOLVING STAKEHOLDERS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EUSALP**

*Venue*

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

- *Lena Andersson Pench - Director, European Commission - DG Regional and Urban Policy Department*

### ROUND TABLE N° 1

#### PROTECTING THE NATURE OF THE ALPINE REGION

##### INTRODUCTORY SPEECH

- *Mr. Jocelyn Bleriot, executive officer of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation (tbc)*

### ROUND TABLE N°2

#### REINFORCING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE ALPINE REGION

*Discussion among representatives from academia, NGOs, SMEs, alpine projects*

## 18.30 - 19.00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

**EVENING RECEPTION: CHAMBER ORCHESTRA "CAMERISTI DELLA SCALA"**

## DAY 2 - 29TH NOVEMBER 2019

**FROM 8.30** WELCOME COFFEE AND OPENING OF THE REGISTRATIONS

IN PARALLEL

**9.00 - 10.30** PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS ON FUTURE PERSPECTIVES AND ON EUSALP PRIORITIES

- *Embedding and future of MRS within the next programming period (EC)*
- *Addressing territorial challenges with transnational cooperation and Macro Regional Strategies (EC)*
- *The Alps: a unique laboratory for sustainable development models (AG1)*
- *Towards an inspiring Alpine Space Programme 2021-2027 (AS)*
- *Climate Crisis and its effects on Forest and Timber Value Chains (AC)*
- *Perspectives for the energy transition -How to reinforce cooperation and integrated actions for a greener future - IMEAS Final Event*
- *Cross-border Mobility (AG4-AG5)*

IN PARALLEL

**9.00 - 10.00** B2B EVENT “CULTURAL ROUTES AS TOOLS FOR CULTURAL TOURISM IN THE ALPINE REGION”

**10.45 - 13.00** **PLENARY SESSION: “SHAPING.FUTURE.TOGETHER.WITH THE NEXT GENERATION” WHAT YOUTH OF EUSALP BRING TO THE ALPINE REGION**  
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- *Welcome addresses: Martina Cambiaghi - Regional Minister to youth policies*
- *Marco Zanni - European Parliament - Youth and Europe*
- *Dr. Josef Nierling - CEO Porsche Consulting S.r.l., Italia*
- *Young EUSALP politicians and entrepreneur representatives*
- *Andrea Marcolongo - young author of ‘La lingua geniale’*
- *Paolo Nespoli - Astronaute ESA*
- *Mountain Hackaton conclusions*
- *“Pitch Your Project” competition: final award*

**13.00 - 14.00** **CLOSING PLENARY**

- *Results of the Workshops*
- *Conclusions by the Italian Presidency*
- *Welcoming the upcoming Presidency 2019 (France)*



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