

Launch Conference
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PROGRAMME

25 January 2016, MONDAY

Moderator: Igor Evgen Bergant, journalist

9:00 – 11:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Plenary Session "Diversity in the Unity of EUSALP" (Grandis Hall) Host: Karl Erjavec, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corina Crețu, EU Commissioner for Regional and Urban Policy • Violeta Bulc, EU Commissioner for Transport • Alenka Smerkolj, Minister without portfolio responsible for Development, Strategic Projects and Cohesion of Slovenia • Harlem Désir, Minister of State for European affairs, France • Michael Linhart, Secretary General at the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria • Benedetto Della Vedova, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy • Georges Martin, Deputy State Secretary of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation • Joachim Bleicker, Director for Relations with European Union Member States, German Federal Foreign Office • Martin Frick, Director of the Office for Foreign Affairs, Liechtenstein <p><i>EN, SI, FR, DE, IT</i></p>
12:30 – 14:30	Networking Lunch
13:45 – 14:45	Possibility of site visit of the Brdo estate (onsite registration)
14:30 – 15:00	Projection of videos on European Territorial Cooperation
15:00 – 16:30	<p>Panel "Alpine Leadership" (Grandis Hall) Chair: Lena Andersson Pench, Director, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beate Merk, State Minister for European Affairs and International Relations, Bavaria, Germany • Roberto Maroni, President of Lombardia Region, Italy • Günther Platter, Governor of Tyrol, Austria • Norman Gobbi, President of the Ticino Government • Representative of a French Region (TBC) • Mercedes Bresso, Member of the European Parliament • Herwig van Staa, Member of the Committee of the Regions <p><i>EN, SI, FR, DE, IT</i></p>
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 – 18:30	<p>Panel "Partnership with Stakeholders" (Grandis Hall) Chair: Charlina Vitcheva, Director, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoran Jankovič, Mayor of Ljubljana, Ljubljana EU Green Capital 2016 • Iliana Iotova, Member of the European Parliament, rapporteur of the "Cohesion policy in the mountainous regions" • Andrej Zorko, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee • Markus Reiterer, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention • Andreas Pichler, Deputy Director Cipa International • Georges Elzière, French Federation of Mountain Associations (FFCAM) • Uroš Brežan, Mayor of Tolmin – Alpine town of the year 2016, Slovenia <p><i>EN, SI, FR, DE, IT</i></p>
18:30 – 19:30	Cocktail Reception

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26 January 2016, TUESDAY

08:30 – 09:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
09:30 – 11:00	Parallel Panels – round 1	EN
<p>Panel 1: Building and increasing knowledge Policy area 1: Economic growth and Innovation Room: Grandis Hall Chair: Giacomo Mattinò, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ales Gnamus, Joint Research Center, Seville, Spain • Anna Giorgi, Lombardy, Action Group Leader 1 – "Alpine RTD ecosystem" • Susanne Ast, Baden Württemberg and representative of Rhone-Alpes, Action Group Leader 2 – "increase potential of economic sectors" • Boglarka Etelka Fenyvesi Kis, Trento, Action Group Leader 3 – "improve the economic and social environment of economic operators" • Alberto Ribolla, President Confindustria Lombardia • Tomaž Rodič, SPACE.SI, Slovenia • Gregor Starc, Planica Institute of Sports, Slovenia – "healthy lifestyle" <p>Rapporteur Jean Marc Venineaux, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p>		
<p>Panel 2: Smart networks Policy area 2: Connectivity and Mobility Room: Heros Hall Chair: Herald Ruijters, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marco Ponti, University of Milano, Italy • Ewald Moser, EGTC Tyrol – South Tyrol – Trentino, Action Group Leader 4 "inter-modality and interoperability freight and passengers" • Franc Žepič, EUSDR PAC 1b, Ministry of infrastructure, Slovenia – "Rail, road and air" • Robert Henkel, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission • Giorgio Consol, Valle d'Aosta, Action Group Leader 5 – "To e-connect people and promote accessibility to public services" • Enzo Smrekar, President of Ski Association of Slovenia <p>Rapporteur Florian Mast, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p>		
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 13:00	Parallel Panels – round 2	EN
<p>Panel 3: Cooperation for green opportunities and for challenges – Policy area 3: Environment and Energy Room: Heros Hall Chair: Marco Onida, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katarina Brus Grgas, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission • Wolfger Mayrhofer, Alpine Convention and Helmut Serro, Carinthia, Action Group Leader 6 – "to preserve and valorise natural resources" • Tina Trampuš, Institute for nature conservation, Slovenia, and Michaela Künzl, Bavaria, Action Group Leader 7 – "ecological connectivity" • Ronja Wolter-Krautblatter, Bavaria, and Maria Patek, Austria, Action Group Leader 8 – "risk management and climate change" • Ulrich Santa, South-Tyrol, Action Group Leader 9 – "efficiency and renewable energy" • Mitja Bricelj, TSG3 "Environment" EUSAIR, Ministry of environment, Slovenia <p>Rapporteur Frithjof Ehm, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p>		
<p>Panel 4: Governance, Implementation and Lessons Learned Room: Grandis Hall Chair: Andrea Mairate, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorothee Allain-Dupre, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) • Anders Bergström, EUSBSR horizontal action coordinator "capacity and multilevel governance" • Irena Lukač, EUSDR – Priority area coordinator governance, Centre of Excellence of Finance, Slovenia • Vicente Rodriguez Saez, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission • Erlends Calabuig, Euranet, European Radio Network <p>Rapporteur Filomena Carvalho, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p>		
13:15 – 13:45	Reporting on the panel sessions by DG REGIO and conclusions by Andreja Jerina , National Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia	(Grandis Hall) EN
13:45 – 15:00	Networking lunch	