

AIM

Alpine space In Movement, targeted to water & energy capitalization

- AS priority area: Environment and Risk Prevention
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Project summary

The project Alpine space In Movement (AIM) aims at becoming a “megaphone” of the Alpine Space Programme (ASP) projects active in the field of water & renewable energy. AIM will capitalise on the achievements of the numerous ASP projects dedicated to the promotion of energy production from renewables and on the optimization of water resource exploitation. The importance of the issue was highlighted by the EU directive on renewable energy sources (RES-E Directive) and by the EU Water Framework Directive. AIM will focus more specifically on the hydropower generation and the preservation of natural ecosystems. Indeed while hydropower is the most important renewable energy in the alpine areas, it can also negatively impact the environment. Specific dissemination actions (seminars involving key stakeholders of target groups, web communication, publications, etc.) are foreseen and will address in priority the relevant actors at EU, national and regional policy level.

Hypotheses

- [Alps are a hotspot for maintaining and restoring ecosystem services](#)

Keywords

- [renewable energies](#)
- [water management](#)
- [legislation](#)
- [prevention](#)

Topics

- [Safe development of energy resources](#)

Results

Results of a project can be differentiated in [outputs](#), [outcomes and impacts](#) of an intervention. [OECD Glossary of Key Terms in Evaluation and Results Based Management](#). Project outputs can generally be identified very easily. Yet, they represent only a first step towards the ultimate objective of project interventions: Initiating project-related outcomes and having true impacts on the ground.

Output	Category	Language(s)	Target group	Remark
Webs of life. Alpine biodiversity needs ecological connectivity. Results from the ECONNECT project	Report	EN	Policy maker; civil servants / administration; Planner; Scientists; Specific institutions; Civil society / citizen	Final project document containing: The project in a nutshell, major achievements, connectivity and selected key species, pilot regions and implemented activities, policy recommendations, after Econnect: how to continue the process
Policy recommendations	(Policy) recommendations	EN	Policy makers	"[...] this document has the objective to inform policy makers and decision makers at all levels, from local to regional to trans-national, about key conclusions of the project. It is intended, among others, for government agencies and agencies at EU ministries. The purpose of the policy recommendations is to stimulate further development of and support for the ecological connectivity concept, as its implementation will result in enhanced effectiveness of programmes to conserve biodiversity both in cultural landscapes and in wilderness areas of the Alps, and the ecosystem services associated with it." Policy recommendations , p.1

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Implementation recommendations	Guidelines	EN	civil servants / administration; Planner; Specific institutions	“During implementation of the ECONNECT project, seven pilot regions under the leadership of protected area administrations applied a common methodology to elaborate and realize various concrete measures and to establish spatial linkages in order to improve ecological connectivity in their region. The experiences and lessons learnt from this process are summarized in the ‘Implementation Recommendations’. The Implementation Recommendations are aimed at supporting protected area administrations and experts working towards nature conservation at a regional level.” Implementation recommendations , p.1
The ECONNECT Project and the Work Package 6	policy oriented summary	EN	Policy maker; civil servants / administration; Planner; Scientists; Specific institutions; Civil society / citizen	Study on legal barriers.
Joint Ecological Continuum Analysing and Mapping Initiative (JECAMI) – Webservices	tool	EN	Policy maker; civil servants / administration; Planner; Scientists; Specific institutions; Civil society / citizen	“The JECAMI-Webservice (Joint Ecological Continuum Analysing and Mapping Initiative – Webservices) is composed of the CSI-Service (Continuum-Suitability-Index), the SMA-Service (Species Mapping Application) and the PAM-Service (Priority Areas Mapping).” Joint Ecological Continuum Analysing and Mapping Initiative (JECAMI) – Webservices
Ecogame	Public relation	DE	Civil Society / citizen	A game on ecological topics developed within the sphere of the ECONNECT project.

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ECONNECT Pilot Areas	Map	EN	Policy maker; civil servants / administration; Planner; Scientists; Specific institutions; Civil society / citizen	Map showing the location of the seven project pilot Areas.
Bibliographie indicative «Réseaux écologiques en France»	Literature review	FR	Policy maker; civil servants / administration; Planner; Scientists; Specific institutions;	Literature overview on ecological networks in France.

Outcomes and Impacts

Outcomes are the likely or achieved short-term and medium-term effects of an intervention's outputs, e.g. the outcome of improved, knowledge-based decision-making processes as an effect of a knowledge database (= output) established by a project. Outcomes will in most cases not materialise before project closure.

Impacts are positive and negative, primary and secondary long-term effects produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended. [OECD Glossary of Key Terms in Evaluation and Results Based Management](#)

As outcomes and impacts are difficult to differentiate, this section contains both of these types of project results.

The identification of outcomes and impacts requires a deeper insight into the respective project e.g. through project participants or direct interviews with project representatives. Outcomes and impacts are usually not solely influenced by projects, but are a complex combination of project results on the one hand and framework conditions on the other. Unlike project outputs, outcomes and results cannot be described in a standardised way. Therefore, they are listed as free text:

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Accessibility of project results

- [Econnect outputs on the official website of the project](#)
- [Econnect outputs on the website of the Alpine Space Programme](#)

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