

Alps Bio Cluster

Biotech and Medtech in Alpine Space

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Project summary

The ALPS Bio Cluster will establish a transnational cluster network in the biotech and medtech sector by involving actors from 6 alpine regions in research, training and industry, especially small and medium-sized companies, in order to boost joint economic development by reaching a critical mass of key players. The envisaged transnational cluster builds on strong regional cluster structures and will improve innovation capabilities and deepen collaboration by implementing two thematic and sustainable networks: one on “Autonomy and healthcare” and one on “New diagnosis and therapies” with the two cross-sectoral approaches of linking green and red biotech with environmental health on one side and on bridging ICT and medical devices with healthcare at home on the other side. A “Healthy life at home in the Alps in a natural environment worth to be preserved” will be promoted through marketing of the Alpine brand.

Hypotheses

- [Partnerships & trade-offs between inner- and outer-Alpine areas](#)
- [Competition between global and regional economic cycles](#)

Keywords

- [connectivity](#)
- [accessibility](#)
- [SME support and networks](#)

Topics

- [Developing access to information and knowledge](#)

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.

Outputs

Outputs are an immediate deliverable of a project, which result from a development intervention. They should be finalised and publicly available by the time the project terminates. Outputs comprise tangible project results such as tools, databases, executive summaries, educational material etc.

Output	Category	Language(s)	Target group	Remark
Transalpine Search Engine	Tool	EN, FR, German	Specific institutions	In line with the mission of the Alps Bio Cluster network to enhance the visibility of our regions and promote partnerships, especially in the field of Life Sciences, BioAlps developed a search engine dedicated to Life Sciences in the Alpine Space: www.alpslifesciencesearch.com . This tool centralizes the URLs of all actors in the regions of the cluster active in Life Sciences. The eight partners contributed to feed the data and keep the search engine up-to-date. Search of specific companies, research centers or laboratories can be carried out either with generic terms (oncology, research...) or with a combination of targeted keywords for a more precise search. The tool aims at facilitating the identification of potential partners and fostering cooperation between our regions.
Mindbrowser	Tool	EN	Scientists	This is an easy tool that has been developed to facilitate several types of collaboration in research and innovation activities.

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

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

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