

CAPACities

Competitiveness Actions and Policies for Alpine Cities

- AS priority area: Competitiveness Actions and Policies for Alpine Cities
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Project summary

The Alpine Space is characterised by medium and small towns. They represent the territorial capital of this area for richness in [natural resources](#), [landscape](#) quality and historical importance but they are also a weakness for economic development due to their isolation, depopulation and difficulty in connections and facilities supply. The project CAPACities aims at promoting the potential of little Alpine towns through an integrated and transnational approach by innovative [urban](#) policies and actions, and by creating alliances with the neighbouring MEGAs and stronger territories. The project aspires to promote a new approach to territorial governance sharing a view capable to integrate different issues (multifunctional urban uses, environment and culture, tourism) in spatial development strategies. The project will create operative tools and specific gender policies (women, youth and aged people) to promote innovative urban activities, pursuing the Lisbon strategy applied at local territorial level. Source: [CAPACities project summary](#)

Hypothesis

- Sensitive Alpine territory requires appropriate and diversified measures (consensus-oriented multi-stakeholder approach)
- Public services are under pressure and cuts will particularly affect small and isolated mountain communities
- Competition between global and regional economic cycles

Keywords

- territorial development
- policentric development
- integrated tourism
- public services

Topics

- Spatial development in general
- Territorial cohesion through balanced social and economic development
- peri-alpine relationship
- Enhancing cultural heritage as a factor for development
- Safe development of energy resources

Results

Results of a project can be differentiated in outputs, outcomes and impacts of an intervention.
Source: OECD Glossary of Key Terms in Evaluation and Results Based Management.

Output

Output	Category	Language(s)	Target group	Remark
Innovative Policies For Alpine Cities	Methodology	EN	Policy maker Civil servants / administration Planner Scientists Specific institutions Civil society / citizen	Document provides general introduction into project's content by describing competitiveness and attractiveness of alpine towns, and by providing definition of small local urban centres.
Multiulanguage survey	Database	EN, DE, FR, IT, SLO	Policy maker Civil servants / administration Planner Scientists Specific institutions Civil society / citizen	Collection of policies and documents for rising competitiveness and attractiveness of Alpine cities.
SWOT Analysis	policy oriented summary	EN	Policy maker Civil servants / administration Planner Scientists Specific institutions Civil society / citizen	SWOT analysis, based on a web questionnaire, implying basic characteristic of small locl urban centres in the Alps.

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Best practice survey	Best practice	EN	Policy maker Civil servants / administration Planner Scientists Specific institutions Civil society / citizen	Collection of good practices, divided in ten thematic fields: population (structure, employment, mobility, standard of living); economic base (agriculture, forestry, industry, building construction, mining industry; energetic, trade, supply, market service, arts and crafts, tourist trade, traffic); social issues and services (public services – educational system, administration, health service, social welfare); infrastructure (communications installations, accessibility/mobility...); buildings/constructions condition (age, preservation, cultural heritage, hazards); environmental condition (air, water, soil, ground); culture (material-, social-, spiritual-); regional planning, land resource management; relations/integration/networking (internal/inside the town, to the hinterland, to the bigger centres, to the capital, interregional, wider - international, information accessibility); general socio-economic development integrative/crosscutting.
CAPACities IT devoted tool for representing AS-SLUCs	Pilot activity	EN (swot analyses are also in national language of a single pilot site)	Policy maker Civil servants / administration Planner Scientists Specific institutions Civil society / citizen	Tool for representation of CAPACities pilot areas, containing simple maps and set of data.
CapaCities Alpine Competitiveness Monitor	Tool	EN	Policy maker Civil servants / administration Planner Scientists Specific institutions Civil society / citizen	Tool for comparing competitiveness of Alpine municipalities (it depends on data inserted into the tool).

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Pilot reports	pilot activity	EN, DE, FR, IT, SLO	Policy maker Civil servants / administration Planner Scientists Specific institutions Civil society / citizen	Main pilot results are presented: LOMBARDY REGION: Valle Seriana Handbook Valli del Verbano Handbook Piana di Camportaccio Handbook DI Herbert LISKE: PilotProjekt BADEN/BAD VOSLAU AMGI (Anton Melik Geographical Institute): NA PRELOMNICI: RAZVOJNA VPRAŠANJA OBČINE IDRIJA IUG (Institut d'urbanisme de Grenoble): COMPENDIUM - Scenarios de transformation du Pays Voironnais CAUE 84 : PAYS UNE AUTRE PROVANCE - Les activités a vocation spécifique LAMORO: DONNE E MONTAGNA VALLE D'AOSTA REGION: LA PLAINE D'AOSTE WALSER GUIDE PIEDMONT REGION: Valle Ossola booklet Varaita booklet Final report Piedmont Region CANTON OF THE GRISONS: PilotProjekt POSCHIAVO Area Pilota ROVERETO-MESOLCINA
AS-SLUC innovative pack	Other	EN	Policy maker Civil servants / administration Planner Scientists Specific institutions Civil society / citizen	Documents are final publication and main conclusions of the project, both including theory, methodology, data, tools and guidelines.

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