

Demochange



Demographic change in the Alps: adaptation strategies to spatial planning and regional development

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Project summary

The needs of the population – elderly people, young people, tourists, immigrants and local people: DEMOCHANGE addresses the general needs of the changing population in Alpine areas; it also recognizes the reaction to changes within the population of certain areas with specific requirements. By involving stakeholders from local authorities, politicians, business and social institutions, the project aims at creating a governance process to develop adaptation strategies for local key issues. The project is based on regional sustainable development. DEMOCHANGE has the necessary impetus

to face the issue of demographic change regarding spatial and local planning. The principal objectives of DEMOCHANGE are that of showing by “master” processes in different areas how to react to demographic changes and how to make use of such changes in a positive way.

Hypotheses

- Coordination of sector policies to prevent exploitation of natural resources and single-sector economies
- Sensitive Alpine territory requires appropriate and diversified measures (consensus-oriented multi-stakeholder approach)
- Partnerships & trade-offs between inner- and outer-Alpine areas
- Ageing population requires adaptation and offers opportunities for Alpine areas

Keywords

- migration
- territorial development
- urban-rural partnership
- peri-urban development

Topics

- Territorial cohesion through balanced social and economic development
- Balanced accessibility

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](#).

Outputs

Output	Category	Language(s)	Target group	Remark
Transnational results, final booklet: Demographic change in the Alps: Adaptation strategies to spatial planning and regional development	Report	EN, FR, DE, IT, SI	Policy maker; civil servants / administration; planner; specific institutions;	The result summary gives an overview on created and achieved results within the project. It shows on the one hand transnational outputs but also a summary of implemented pilot actions in the DEMOCHANGE model regions. in-depth information about Demochange Transnational results

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DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE IN THE ALPINE SPACE; short regional reports with summary (10 pilot regions)	Report	EN	Policy maker; civil servants / administration; Planner; Scientists; Specific institutions	A crucial part of the DEMOCHANGE project is the analyses of quantitative (and qualitative) data of each of the ten model regions. The analyses cover various fields such as migration, cost and quality of settlement and housing, labor market, changes in regional demand for public services, changes in consumer behaviour and form the basis for a discussion with regional stakeholders. This may result in the development and implementation of individual adaptation measures. The short regional reports are split in a text part and a data part. The pilot regions are: Pinzgau – Pongau – Lungau (Austria); District of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Allgäu (Germany); Aosta Valley, Langa Astigiana, South Tyrol (Italy); Upper Gorenjska, Škofja Loka Hills (Slovenia); Nidwalden, Seetal (Switzerland). For the three pilot regions in Austria and Germany long versions with maps are available in German. in-depth information about DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE IN THE ALPINE SPACE - short regional reports
SWOT-Tool	tool	EN, DE	Civil servants / administration/ planner/scientists/specific institutions	Online-tool to analyse Strength-Weakness-Opportunities-Threats of regions. Usable after registration, a selection between the conduction of an analysis with focus on demographic change or an other issue is available. Based on the results of this SWOT analysis, the tool also assists in the definition of related strategic objectives.
Roadmaps for spatial planning and regional development	guidelines	EN	Policy maker / civil servants / administration/ planner	Strategies to cope with demographic change in the Alpine Space. An overview over indicator / data to be collected for the analysis is included.
Public participation manual and Public participation material	guidelines	EN, DE, IT, SI	policy maker; civil servants / administration; Planners	The manual is complemented by a separate material book

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Demographic Challenges in the Alpine Space: The Search for Transnational Answers - Proceedings of the Midterm Conference	Conference report	EN	planners, scientists, civil servants / administration	The documentation of the midterm conference reports ist divided in three parts: "Part 1 of this book presents the keynote speeches of the conference, as well as presentations on model region experiences. ... Part 2 of this publication focuses on papers presented in specifically designed work sessions, covering the most important aspects of demographic change. This part of the book is structured along topical areas, whereas each topical chapter includes the presentation given as well as the documented results of expert group discussions held within each session. ... Part 3 contains the Model Region Posters which have been exhibited during the conference. In summary, this publication brings together the most important aspects of demographic change in the Alpine space and contributes to the understanding of the growing set of issues relevant to a variety of economic, social, societal issues in regional areas."
Pilot Actions database	database	EN	Policy maker / civil servants / administration/ planner/scientists/specific institutions	The database offers several possibilities to filter the entries. E.g. by topic, country or type of area. Each pilot activity (27 in total) is described by a fact-sheet giving more information about the activity and a contact for further information. Some of them - but not all - offer hyperlinks to additional information.
The DEMOCHANGE Expert Network	Network	EN	Policy makers, civil servants / administration / planner / scientists / specific institutions	The expert network offers an opportunity to spread innovative ideas and to discuss strengths and weaknesses of its own region. The network provides local knowledge of and regional experience with demographic change impacts for spatial planning and regional development.
Demografie-Check Garmisch-Partenkirchen Part 1 and Part 2	report	DE	Policy makers, civil servants / administration, Civil society / citizens	Detailed report on results of the analysis of demographic change in the pilot region Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The report includes interpretations of the consequences and recommendations for the thematic fields economy, agriculture, tourism, labour market, society, education and care, health care, care and home for elderly, settlement, technical infrastructure and public transport and public budgets.
Demografie-Check Allgäu (with map sections)	report	DE	Policy makers, civil servants / administration, Civil society / citizens	Detailed report on results of the analysis of demographic change in the pilot region Allgäu. The report includes interpretations of the consequences and recommendations for the thematic fields economy, agriculture, tourism, labour market, society, education and care, health care, care and home for elderly, settlement, technical infrastructure and public transport and public budgets.

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Demographischer Wandel im Pinzgau, Pongau und Lungau (with map section)	report	DE	Policy makers, civil servants / administration, Civil society / citizens	Detailed report on results of the analysis of demographic change in the pilot region Pinzgau, Pongau und Lungau. The report includes interpretations of the consequences and recommendations for the thematic fields education, economy and labour market, housing and public services.

Outcomes and Impacts

Unlike project outputs, outcomes and results cannot be described in a standardised way. Therefore, they are listed as free text:

Achievements that could be further implemented

The SWOTTOOL can be implemented in all Alpine regions to identify the challenges connected to demographic change. A translation of the pilot activities and the possibility to contact a person in case more information is needed would ease the implementation of pilot activities in other regions as well as free access to all documents named in the pilot activities database.

Remaining gaps

Besides the “Short regional report book with summary” for each of the ten pilot regions only for the three pilot regions in Austria and Germany more detailed versions of the analysis are available. The short regional reports are an output of the WP4, which was dedicated only to the analysis of demographic change. The further work in the pilot regions is not documented in form of reports, but only in the pilot action database. These descriptions are quite short and documents, which are connected to a pilot activity are just named, but not available (e.g.: pilot activity “More Mobility, local supply and social integration for elderly people”: a questionnaire is named, but not available: Ankündigung DT Seniorenerhebung Fragebogen.dox, Annuncio IT Seniorenerhebung Fragebogen.dox, Seniorenerhebung Fragebogen Version 9 DE.dox, Seniorenerhebung Fragebogen Version 9 IT.dox)

Emerging contradictions

none

Accessibility of project results

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

[territorial development](#), [urban-rural partnership](#), [urban development](#), [peri-urban development](#), [demographic change](#), [migration](#)]

Synergies

- [Decline of services in remote areas](#)
- [SWOTTOOL](#)
- [Pilot action database](#)

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