

Glossary

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A

- [Abiotic Processes](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Abiotic Services](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Accessibility](#) refers to the ease of reaching destinations. In addition to physical accessibility through transport infrastructure, connectivity through advanced telecommunication systems contributes to improving the intangible accessibility of areas.
- [Aesthetic Value](#)
- [Alpine Convention](#)
- [Alpine Ecosystem Service](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Alps](#)
- [Assessment](#) AlpES Project Term

B

- [Beneficiaries](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Benefits](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Biodiversity](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Biodiversity](#) or biological diversity means the variability among living organisms from all sources including, inter alia, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems.
- [Biomass](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Biomass production from Alpine grasslands](#)
- [Biophysical Structure](#) AlpES Project Term

C

- [Capability of Ecosystem](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Capacity Building Model](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Capacity of Ecosystems](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Capital](#) AlpES Project Term

- [Carbon \(CO2\) Sequestration](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Carbon Sequestration](#) is the process of capturing atmospheric carbon and, most importantly, storing it for the long term.
- [CICES Classification](#)
- [Climate Change](#) refers to any change in climate over time, whether due to natural variability or as a result of human activity.
- [Climate Change in the Alps](#)
- [Cultural Landscape](#) embraces a diversity of manifestations of the interaction between humankind and its natural environment.
- [Cultural Ecosystem Service](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Cultural Services](#)

D

- [Demand for Ecosystem Services](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Demographic Change](#) describes a population's age structure adjusting to changes in living conditions and social shifts.
- [Disservices](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Drinking water](#) AlpES Project Term

E

- [Economic Valuation](#)
- [Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Ecosystem](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Ecosystem](#) is "a dynamic complex of plant, animal, and microorganism communities and the non-living environment interacting as a functional unit" (Millennium Assessment, 2005, v).
- [Ecosystem Assessment](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Ecosystem Function](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Ecosystem Mapping](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Ecosystem Process](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Ecosystem Services \(ES\)](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Ecosystem Services](#) are the benefits that people obtain from ecosystems (Millenium Ecosystem Assessment 2005).
- [Ecosystem Service Classification System](#) AlpES Project Term

- [Ecosystem Service Mapping](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Environmental Governance](#) refers to “the means by which society determines and acts on goals and priorities related to the management of natural resources (IUCN).
- [ES drivers](#)
- [EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020](#)

F

- [Filtration of Surface Water](#)
- [Final Ecosystem Services](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Flow of Ecosystem Services](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Formal Instruments](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Fragmentation](#)
- [Fuelwood](#)

G

- [GIS](#)
- [Goods](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Governance](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Governance](#) refers to the steering and regulatory framework of a society.
- [Green Economy](#)

H

- [Human capital](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Human well-being](#) AlpES Project Term

I

- [Indicator](#) is an observable value that is representative of a specific phenomenon of concern.
- [Informal instruments](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Intermediate ES](#) AlpES Project Term

J

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L

- [Landscape Management](#) refers to the measures aiming at preserving landscape or controlling its transformations caused by anthropic activities or natural events.
- [Land Use Change](#)

M

- [MAES Process](#)
- [Manufactured capital](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Mapping](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Mapping and Assessment](#)
- [Mountain Area](#) can be defined using the UNEP-WCMC global delineation criteria.

N

- [Natural Capital](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Natural Capital](#)
- [Natural Heritage](#) can be divided in natural features, geological and physiographical formations, and natural sites, which are of outstanding universal value from the [aesthetic](#), conservationist or scientific point of view.
- [Natural Resource Management](#) is the sustainable management of a feature or component of the natural environment.
- [Non-native trees in the Alps \(NNT\)](#)

O

- [Outdoor Recreation](#)
- [Overexploitation](#)

P

- [Payment for Ecosystem Services](#)
- [Payments for ecosystem services \(PES\)](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Participatory Approaches](#)
- [Participatory Planning and GIS](#)

- [Perception of Ecosystem Services](#)
- [Political Ecology](#) studies human-environment interactions. It aims to examine how political, economic and social factors are linked to environmental problems, changes, and conflicts by exploring power structures.
- [Protected Area](#) is a “clearly defined geographical space, recognised, dedicated and managed, through legal or other effective means, to achieve the long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values” (IUCN)
- [Protection against Avalanches, Mudslides, and Rockfall](#)
- [Protection Forest](#)
- [Pollution](#) is the introduction of substances or energy into the environment, resulting in deleterious effects of such a nature as to endanger human health, harm living resources and ecosystems, and impair or interfere with amenities and other legitimate uses of the environment.

Q

R

- [Regional environmental governance](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Regulating ES](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Remote Sensing](#) is the technique of acquiring information about an object without actually being in contact with it (Jorgensen & Fath, 2008).
- [Renewable Energies](#) are defined as renewable non-fossil sources: wind, solar, geothermal, wave, tidal, hydropower, biomass, landfill gas, sewage treatment plant gas and biogases.
- [Rural Development](#) is a specific aspect of [territorial development](#).

S

- [Service Benefitting Area \(SBA\)](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Service Connecting Area \(SCA\)](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Service Providing Area \(SPA\)](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Spatial Data](#)
- [Stakeholders](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Status of ES supply](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Stock of ES](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Supporting ES](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Surface Water Filtration](#) refers to the filtering of pollutants, excess nutrients, and organic

matter.

- [Surface Water for Drinking](#) is the availability, demand and actual consumption of clean (surface) water for domestic use.
- [Sustainable Development](#)
- [Symbolic Alpine Plants](#)
- [Synergies of ES](#) AlpES Project Term

T

- [Technical Capital](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Territorial Development](#) is understood as the process through which the geography of territories inhabited by human societies is progressively transformed.
- [Tier approach](#) AlpES Project Term
- [Tipping Points](#)
- [Trade-offs of ES](#) AlpES Project Term

U

- [Urban/Peri-Urban Development](#) refers to urbanization with its different dimensions and perceptions and to non-urban population increase and sprawl of urbanized land that takes place beyond the city's or agglomeration's physical limits.
- [Urban-Rural Partnership](#) relates to the cooperation between cities/towns and their surroundings.

V

W

- [Water Management](#) refers to preventive measures for the reduction of waste water, over-utilisation and pollution of water resource.
- [Web 2.0 tools](#) are web-based applications that allow users to actively generate content and interact with other users.

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