## Work Package "Ecosystem Services - Alpine Concept"

Within the AlpES project ifuplan is responsible for the coordination of WP1 referring to "Ecosystem services – Alpine concept". This WP aims to provide fundamental input on Ecosystem Services (ES) of the Alpine area, to elaborate a common vision of ES and convert it into a transnational environmental governance model.

This includes the following working steps:

- 1. Development of a common understanding on ES by establishing an application-oriented guideline on ES definitions and methodologies among the Alpine countries. The guideline will also include an overview of approaches and existing projects regarding ES on both the EU and national levels.
- 2. Analysis of national and EU-wide approaches on mapping and assessment of ES within the Alpine countries.
- 3. Assessment of national (in-) formal instruments being suitable for the integration of ES in regional environmental governance and decision support. An active involvement of the project partners as well as stakeholders from the Alpine countries is needed to create an overview and discuss effective instruments on their implementation in decision making processes.
- 4. Based on the above listed steps a harmonised ES mapping and assessment concept has to be developed, with first suggestions on ES indicators for the Alpine area. ES indicators are tools that quantify information on ES by aggregating multiple data. For this working step a strong cooperation with WP2, specialised on ES mapping, will be pursued.
- 5. Active involvement of stakeholders from the Alpine Space is needed to develop a user-oriented concept on Alpine ES. This activity has several synergies with WP4.

The deliverables of WP1 will be used for spreading information to relevant stakeholders prior to their participation in training events. WP1 also aims to establish a common vision within the framework of the AlpES project partners, a basis for a common know-how pool on ES that will be transferred to and actively discussed with stakeholders and observers from planning, management, decision making organisations and NGOs.

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