

## Fondazione "Montagna Sicura - Montagne sûre"



Fondazione Montagna sicura - Montagne sûre was established by Law 9 of the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta on 24 June 2002 with the aim of studying the situation relating to mountain safety, rescue and life. Fondazione Montagna sicura is based at Villa Cameron, a prestigious building in Courmayeur at the entrance to the Val Ferret. Villa Cameron was owned by Una Cameron, a Scottish mountaineer and artist who, after having dedicated much of her life to the Alps, donated the property to the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta for the purpose of housing a centre focused on the mountains: it thus became the headquarters of the Fondazione to act as the reference point for developing an understanding of mountain safety and respect for the Alpine environment.

The mission of the Foundation is to consolidate and develop a "culture" of safety in mountains appropriate for the specific situation of the mountain territory in general and particularly for the Alps, and attentive to the needs of the populations, tourists coming to these areas, specialists, the local government and local bodies. The Fondazione operates as a centre for applied research for the following purposes: studying climatic and meteorological phenomena and the environmental conditions that affect life in the mountains; analysing hydro-geological hazards; promoting sustainable development; promoting safety and prevention of natural hazards in the mountains; analysing and studying the impacts of climate change on the cryosphere and the upper altitudes in general. The Fondazione also works with others to be the centre for documentation of the high areas of mountains and as the centre for training and information about the issues of mountain safety, natural hazards and the Alpine environment.

It is not only by having a thorough knowledge of the specific features of the mountain territory that the Fondazione participates in the WIKIAlps project but also owing to its role played and experience gained as part of the Espace Mont-Blanc territorial development strategy. [Espace Mont-Blanc](http://www.espace-mont-blanc.eu/) is an initiative for cross-border cooperation involving 35 municipalities straddling Savoie, Haute-Savoie, Valais and Valle d'Aosta, committed to protecting and enhancing an emblematic territory in which the exceptional natural and environmental heritage coexists with economic and tourist activities of international importance. The area surrounding Europe's highest Massif has been monitored since 2007 in order to support cross-border policies by sharing information among three countries whose systems and models often differ. The Fondazione is in charge of managing, maintaining and strategically developing the Observatory of Mont Blanc, a cross-border system for information and evaluation of the Espace Mont-Blanc territory, designed to "read and understand" from a wider perspective all the evolutions taking place. The Fondazione is also responsible for preparing territorial audits, tools designed to provide support to politicians and public administrators, offering them views for consideration when taking decisions and in identifying local and cross-border policies. The aim of Fondazione is to contribute to a common effort to improve the quality of the spatial development planning through its skills and its experiences.

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