

## Project synthesis

### Target groups

Policy makers, civil servants/administration/planner/scientists/specific institutions

### Area of application

More detailed description of pilot regions and specific activities conducted: Municipality of Martigny/Sion/Sierre (Canton of Valais, Switzerland) stakeholders were sensitized to and trained in industrial ecology thanks in order to enhance sustainable economic development. Alpsee-Grünten (Bavaria, Germany) in this area the municipalities plan to install a Special Purpose Association that acts as interlocutor for companies and enables accurate and demand-oriented management of commercial zones. Leiblachtal and Großes Walsertal (Vorarlberg, Austria) a project location cooperative has been set up that serves as an institutional structure enabling municipalities to implement CLD-strategies and land policy. Tarare region (Greater Lyon, France) in this pilot region local authorities focused their activities on a joint territorial marketing and the implementation of a hosting policy with the aim to enhance economic attractiveness and facilitate the establishment of businesses. In Gorenjska (Slovenia) the aim of two municipalities to cooperate on a joint development and to reinforce the integration of environmental aspects in the development of commercial locations. Passeiertal (Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Bozen-South Tyrol, Italy): existing inter-municipal cooperation structures have been analyzed and approaches for optimization devised. Main topics of interest in the region were innovative solutions on how to confront commercial and industrial vacancy as well as transport/traffic flows. Municipalities of Nizza Monferrato, Canelli, and Calamandrana (Asti Province, Italy) with the aim of starting activities in the area of shared public/private policies for developing new energy saving systems for establishing focus groups with businesses and municipalities. Time frame Results have been elaborated during the entire duration of the project.

### Keywords

Inter-municipal cooperation, sustainable commercial location,

### Accessibility

Open access to the guidelines (pdf) in the project website as well as alpine space programme web site and WIKIALps

### Transferability and re-usability

Section 2.4 specifically address how CLD-models can be transferred to different regional contexts. The basic principles that have to be present as preconditions for intermunicipal preconditions are the following: Willingness to cooperate must be given, „Bottom-up“ initiation (imposed cooperation is usually met with skepticism), No domination by a single partner, Ability and willingness to reach consensus, Adequate decision-making structures to allow for cooperation at eye-level, Consideration and balancing of interests of all cooperation partners. The uniform procedure could be applied in COMUNIS to allow cooperating municipalities to move from a detailed analysis of their situation to adequate problem-solving. Similar problem situations are found also in other regional contexts, it might be expedient adopting solutions (e.g. demand-oriented, joint development of selected areas for commercial purposes, optimization of resource utilization by coordinating supply chains (industrial energy)).

### Sector policies addressed

Spatial planning (infrastructure planning, land management) , public services, labor market, commercial sectors (primary, secondary, tertiary), waste management, development institutions, cities, villages, regions, location manager, regional developers

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