



# Current activities in ecological connectivity in the Alpine Convention and AG7 EUSALP

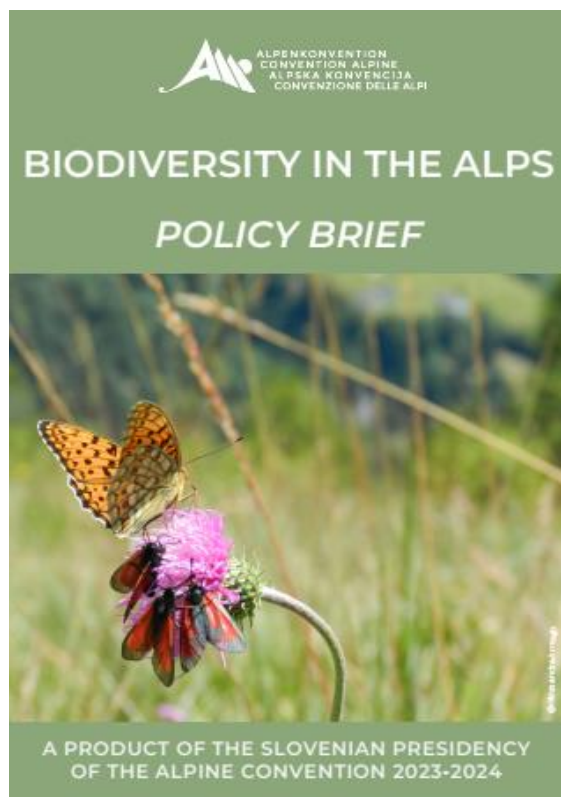
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# Alpine Convention



- Adopted at the XVIII Alpine Conference, 2025.
- To provide strategic guidance for the process of translating the global biodiversity goals (GBF) to the Alpine level, which will be further defined in the Alpine Biodiversity Action Plan, by the Alpine Biodiversity Board.



# Alpine Biodiversity Action Plan

## Objective

Implement concrete actions by 2030 by strengthening Alpine cooperation to preserve biodiversity

## Priority activity

Define transnational or cross borders actions on the topics of monitoring, connectivity, restoration and conservation

## Challenges

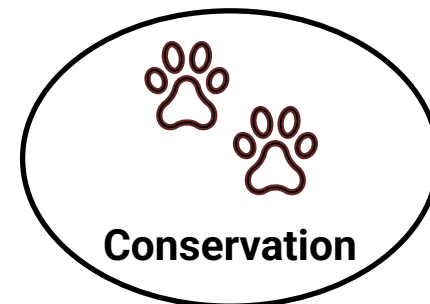
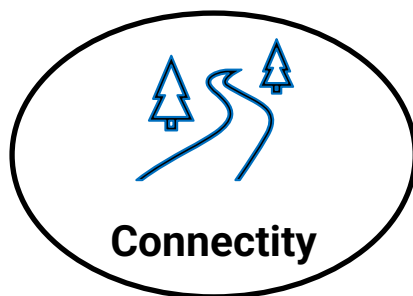
Agreement on areas of cooperation, ensure collective consultation with stakeholders



# Alpine Biodiversity Action Plan – preparation is ongoing

4 CORE GROUPS – output:

pragmatic and effective actions





# Ecological Connectivity

## Objective

Ensure that major ecological corridors are properly recognised and integrated into the spatial planning and sectoral strategies at the Alpine level

## Priority Activity

Jointly propose on the various solutions and recommendations available for better consideration of ecological corridors

## Challenges

Involve spatial planners and sectors  
Ensure the network's long-term viability



# Ecological Connectivity

## Political and legal basis (Alpine Convention):

- Nature Protection and Landscape Conservation Protocol
- Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development Protocol
- Statement by the Platform Ecological Network and its Pilot regions

## Expert materials:

- [PLACE Report](#) on Spatial Planning & Ecological Connectivity an analytical overview across the Alpine Convention area
- [ESPON](#) Results of the Targeted Analysis “Alps2050 - Common spatial perspectives for the Alpine area. Towards a common vision
- [WISO report](#) on landscape connectivity for large carnivores and wild ungulates in the Alps
- Interreg and other programmes: ALPBIONET, AlpsLife, PlanToConnect, Life projects and others



# EUSALP – Action group 7

## 3rd Thematic Policy Area: Environment and Energy

Action Group 7 focuses on developing ecological connectivity and thus to strengthen, improve and restore biodiversity, as well as ecosystem services.

Its implementation will increase the degree of connection between natural and semi-natural landscapes in the entire EUSALP territory.



# EUSALP – Action group 7

## Main topics (2023-2025):

- **CONNECTED ECOSYSTEMS AND LANDSCAPES**
  - Peatlands
  - Rivers
  - Multifunctional forests
- **HORIZONTAL TOPICS**
  - GI goes business award
- **NATURE RESTORATION (LAW) REGULATION**
  - Crossborder challenge with national plans
  - (good) practice database





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