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# 1. Introduction

In April 2019, ten Alpine organizations put together the first AlpWeek Intermezzo in Innsbruck, Austria, on the theme of "Tomorrow in the Alps".

The AlpWeek Intermezzo is a short version of the AlpWeek, which is held every four years in different locations along the Alpine arc. The AlpWeek Intermezzo was set up as a lunch-to-lunch conference back-to-back with the XV Alpine Conference and focused on the typical "Alpine Spirit" that brings together people living in the Alps.

The organizers formulated one demand each on the topics of land use, climate change and mobility and introduced them to the discussants.

The results of the discussion were presented to the XV Alpine Conference which took place the following day in Innsbruck. The second day started with two welcome speeches, followed by two keynotes on the current state of the Alps and an outlook. Short presentations of ten projects on alpine-related topics followed with lively debates at the respective market stalls.

## 2. First Day: 3 April 2019

The event started on 3 April 2019 with a discussion on current challenges and future perspectives for the Alpine Region.

A total of 60 invited guests came from across the Alps, e.g. from the Youth Parliament to the Alpine Convention, delegates of the Alpine Convention, mayors from municipalities in the Alps and scientists, who discussed the topics of land use, climate change and mobility.

Each topic was concisely introduced by invited guests. Claire Simon (Alpine Town of the Year Association) and Wolfgang Pfefferkorn (CIPRA International) compiled the results and presented them to the Alpine Conference the following day.



*Inputs given by Senka Šifković Vrbica, Pravno-informacijski center nevladnih organizacij (PIC), Slovenia, on demand I (left) and Brigitte Bienassis, Mayor St Pierre d'Entremont, France, commenting on demand II (right). Copyright: Anton Vorauer*

## 2.1. Value the landscape, don't sell it cheap!

### Introduction:

**Senka Šifković Vrbica, Pravno-informativni center nevladnih organizacija (PIC), Slovenia**

Ms Šifković Vrbica introduced a sustainable protection mechanism for the free river flow, based on the EU Water Framework Directive, the Habitats Directive and the European Landscape Convention, as well as their reflection in the national law.

Criteria for „free river flow scenic“ values were defined and valuable rivers and tributaries identified that need strict protection. For acceptance, it was important to map river stretches which can still be used for hydropower or other construction, as well as to engage in consultations with local communities, inhabitants and stakeholders at an early stage.

**Demand I:** We demand limits on land use: limiting settlement expansion, touristic infrastructure, soil sealing, heavy and individual traffic, and introducing tourist quota in some areas.

**Result presented to the AC:** Action is needed at all levels to address climate change.

*Enhance the landscape! Do not sell it off!*

*“Let's stop assigning each room to a single use. We must start to think about the use of space, of landscapes in a multifunctional way and stop using natural spaces that are not infinite.”*

*This multifunctional approach can only work if all uses are extensive. In the case of intensive agriculture or tourism use, the participants see no chance of multiple use. We ask you to integrate this principle into your public policy and in particular into the work of the Alpine Convention, be it in the framework of the Advisory Board on Biodiversity in the Alps or the Working Group on Soil Protection.*

*This can be achieved by supporting the inhabitants and stakeholders of the Alps, by planning awareness-raising measures for multifunctional land use, by laws and financial measures that commit or promote these measures, but also by advisory approaches far in advance of conflicts of interest.*

*We also need your support in order to raise awareness of the importance of recognising the finiteness of the Alpine region and thus of the need to use it sparingly and to protect certain areas from all other infrastructure construction and to protect new meaningful areas, in particular all water-relevant areas, but also the transitional areas between the mountain and Alpine levels, the foothills used for urbanisation and the protection forests.”*

## **2.2. If you want to tackle climate change, you must do so at all levels**

### **Introduction:**

**Brigitte Bienassis, Mayor of St Pierre d'Entremont, France**

*"If the responsibility rests on us municipalities, then sufficient funds and investments must also be made available." - Ms Bienassis*

Ms Bienassis presented the effects and the challenges that climate change poses on her community in St Pierre d'Entremont/FR and the adaptation strategies the municipality has already undertaken, but also the needs of the community for tackling future challenges.

**Demand II:** We demand to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to climate change, adequate funding, policies and support are needed for local administrations and regional climate change coordinators and for pan-Alpine cooperative initiatives.

**Result presented to the AC:** Action is needed at all levels to address climate change.

*"The need for action with regard to climate change is particularly strong. The participants of the AlpWeek Intermezzo listened to Ms Bienassis with concern as she spoke about the consequences of climate change, which is already visible and felt in her community, above all the speed of these changes and our slowness to act.*

*We demand that the needs of the Alpine regions be taken into account by the Alpine Countries so that they can respond more quickly and effectively to mitigation and adaptation to climate change with support of the framework of the Alpine Climate Board, the Natural Hazards Working Group or Water Management in the Alps.*

*The participants of the AlpWeek Intermezzo called for a stable, long-term and coherent public policy that is easy to understand and implement. Stable financial support is important, not only for short-term project calls, especially for areas and actors with fewer resources.*

*In addition, the areas need support from regional, national and EU-wide funds to raise awareness and mobilise all stakeholders, whether through associations or dedicated official representatives in the municipalities and local and regional institutions. For example, a territorial climate manager could be a key element for networking and knowledge exchange, which the Contracting Parties could support via the international institution of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention."*

## 2.3. Transfer effective mobility solutions all over the Alps

### Introduction:

**Patrick Skoniecki, Traffic planner, state government of Tyrol, Austria**

Mr Skoniecki talked about the challenges and effects of the traffic flowing through Tyrol as well as the measures that have already been taken to counter this at regional, national and international level.

**Demand III:** New and intelligent means of transport need to be developed to reduce the burden on the population while maintaining our prosperity, without further expanding the road network.

**Result presented to the AC:** Efficient and effective mobility solutions for the entire Alpine region.

*"The Alpine Convention dedicated a protocol to the topic transport, in which concrete steps for the protection and sustainable development of the Alps are pointed out. Many subjects are regularly addressed from different angles in particular, within the framework of the Transport Working Group.*

*Yet on the ground the needs are there, undisguised. We need to act and reinforce some of the current actions. During the AlpWeek Intermezzo, discussions focused on the mobility of people for tourism and leisure, an issue as important for the Alps as the transit of trucks on Alpine roads.*

*The need to facilitate access to low-carbon and public transport is to be achieved by co-ordinating all supply through measures such as*

*a common pricing system, social pricing or a single information platform. The use of public transport must be simple - that is even more important than the price.*

*The participants also called for the courage to test and develop new transport services, whether with common economic solutions ranging from animal traction (e.g. for tourists), cable cars or autonomous vehicles. To make such solutions possible legal and financial frameworks need to be adapted."*



*Claire Simon welcomes the participants on the first day.*  
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*Discussion at the English-speaking table.* Copyright:  
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### 3. Second Day: 4 April 2019

Marianna Elmi, Deputy Secretary General of the Alpine Convention, and Elfriede-Anna More, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism and Presidency of the Alpine Convention 2016–2019, introduced the second day and referred to the concurrent XV Alpine Conference and the official handover of the Austrian Presidency to France.



*Marianna Elmi, Deputy Secretary General of the Alpine Convention (left), Elfriede-Anna More, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism and Presidency of the Alpine Convention 2016–2019 (right). Copyright: Anton Vorauer*

The organizers of the AlpWeek Intermezzo invited two keynote speakers: Lois Hechenblaikner, an Austrian photographer who presented his view on the Alpine region, and Na-taël Fautrat, who told an inspiring story about his version of "Tomorrow in the Alps".

### 3.1. Market stalls

The following ten projects on alpine-related topics were presented and discussed at the market stalls.

#### 3.1.1. Taking action for a better quality of life in Alpine municipalities

Organizer: Alliance in the Alps

Taking action for a better quality of life in Alpine municipalities!

By using the social planning instrument SPI (Interreg Alpine Space project PlurAlps), the quality of life in municipalities can be captured and improved. The **social planning tool** is made up of two elements:

- **A questionnaire on different fields of action** (e.g. local supply, mobility, living space, care, child care, ...) is available online. This user-friendly online tool lists statistical indicators and also the services and facilities available in the municipality. The prime focus is on the following questions:
  - **What is the quality of life of immigrants and non-natives? How can their quality of life be improved?**
  - **Which services in the municipality foster a quick integration for all types of immigration – from internal to forced migration?**
- **A guideline supporting the process.** This guideline contains a description of the workshops with suggestions for the project group set-up and also a manual for the development of an action plan and a self-assessment scheme. The action plan shall contain measures to improve, complement and expand the existing facilities and services.

[www.alpenallianz.org/en/projects/pluralps](http://www.alpenallianz.org/en/projects/pluralps)

### 3.1.2. Green Economy in the Alpine Region

Organizers: blue!, Spatial Foresight, CIPRA International

The purpose of the Green Economy Action Programme (GEAP) is to further develop and specify the recommendations given in the Sixth Report on the State of the Alps (RSA6) on Green Economy, and to identify concrete fields of action and relevant actors for the implementation.

The main aim is to deliver a stakeholder-driven, realizable and broadly supported programme that builds on existing achievements, responds to business needs and pushes innovative initiatives towards a truly transnational, common approach.

As part of a series of workshops with six events in border regions, economic operators from various sectors and topics from all Alpine countries were invited to contribute their suggestions, their knowledge and their experiences to the action programme. The Green Economy Action Programme was adopted by the XV Alpine Conference held in Innsbruck on 4 April 2019.

[www.alpconv.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/publikationen/green-economy-action-programme\\_2019.pdf](http://www.alpconv.org/fileadmin/user_upload/publikationen/green-economy-action-programme_2019.pdf)



Market stall of the Green Economy Project. Copyright: Caroline Begle

### **3.1.3. PlurAlps – Enhancing capacities for a pluralistic Alpine Space**

Organizers: CIPRA International, Alliance in the Alps

PlurAlps (Interreg Alpine Space project PlurAlps) aims to develop and promote a welcoming society and to increase the territorial attractiveness and social cohesion of Alpine areas through innovative services and practices for the integration of migrants.

The project will enable municipalities to engage better in social planning, considering aspects of cultural diversity and quality of life of all citizens.

The project improves the knowledge and awareness of the integration of all types of migrants, in particular those living in mountainous and peripheral areas.

The project provides an answer to multiple issues: the Alpine area is experiencing the combined challenges of an ageing population and new migration models. At the same time, increasing cultural diversity and pluralism are opportunities for social innovation and development.

Pilot projects on social integration, economic innovation, and the management of Alpine landscapes by migrants will be implemented in municipalities and regions.

[www.alpine-space.eu/projects/pluralps/en/home](http://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/pluralps/en/home)

### **3.1.4. ALPACA – Alpine Partnership for Local Climate Action**

Organizers: CIPRA International, Alpine Town of the Year association, Alliance in the Alps

The Alpine Partnership for Local Climate Action (ALPACA) builds on the idea that municipalities and local authorities play a key role in the development of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures. They are strongly supported by different organizations, such as climate and energy agencies, networks, researchers.

In their commitment to climate change and adaptation, local authorities and their partners face major challenges. These include the challenge of communication, awareness raising and going from knowledge to action.

The local authorities, or individuals in municipalities and local authorities, cannot manage the necessary changes on their own. The framework they can create can only be effective if other stakeholders also become active and if other levels of government move in the same direction.

A key question for ALPACA is therefore: how can communities and local authorities and their partners communicate/mediate in a more effective way on climate change in order to get political leaders, authorities, entrepreneurs and citizens to act? In 2019, the ALPACA partners want to address this issue within the framework of this project.

The project contributes to establishing the Alpine Partnership for Local Climate Action (ALPACA) in the Alpine Space.

[www.alpenallianz.org/en/projects/almaca](http://www.alpenallianz.org/en/projects/almaca)

[www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/current/climate-partnership-of-alpine-communities](http://www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/current/climate-partnership-of-alpine-communities)



### 3.1.5. One for All – Water conflicts in the Alps as illustrated by the river Inn

Organizers: ISCAR, WWF, IGF

The Forum Alpinum 2018 identified the main pressures on Alpine waters as well as the action needed to prevent future conflict over the use and management of water in the Alpine region in times of climate change and growing demand.

As a follow up, the exhibition stand shows main threats to an Alpine river running through three Alpine countries for nature and humans:

- climate change, pollution and flood risk.
- irrigation, snow-making, hydropower, shipping sports & leisure
- the growing spatial demand for settlements and infrastructure

It also identifies the potential for win-win coexistence of nature and mankind, even in a densely populated area like the Inn valley.



The river inn presented by Elisabeth Sötz (WWF). Copyright: Anton Vorauer

### 3.1.6. Recognize, preserve and value natural treasures!

Organizers: CIPRA International, Alliance in the Alps

Grasslands, marshes, hedges, biotopes and woods are examples of natural treasures and biological diversity that are of great value to Alpine regions and municipalities. Not only do they offer a habitat for plants and animals, but humans also value functioning natural areas for their attractiveness and the quality of life they offer. Nevertheless, these areas have much more potential than we often realize and there is much more that every municipality can do!

The project „speciAlps“ aims to identify, conserve and value natural treasures in all their diversity. By supporting and motivating Alpine regions and municipalities to work together, the project partners hope to integrate the experience of nature into everyday life and to strengthen natural diversity throughout the Alpine space. In five test regions in Italy, France, Slovenia and Austria, natural diversity teams are accompanied and supported by local advisors and experts in the implementation of individual projects. Ideas include turning green spaces into biotopes or grasslands, developing didactic trails and seeding grass strips along agricultural fields.



[www.alpenallianz.org/en/projects/specialps](http://www.alpenallianz.org/en/projects/specialps)

[www.cipra.org/de/cipra/international/projekte/laufend/specialps](http://www.cipra.org/de/cipra/international/projekte/laufend/specialps)

### 3.1.7. Biodiversity in Alpine towns: The UrbaBio project

Organizers: CIPRA International, Alpine town of the year

In the project UrbaBio, representatives of the participating Alpine towns of Annecy, Belluno, Chambéry and Trento draw on each other's wide pool of knowledge to promote biodiversity in the city. Biodiversity is omnipresent - not only in wild spaces and nature reserves, but also in our cities, right where we live and work. We are an integral part of it. This biodiversity is strongly influenced by the use of natural resources.

The conservation of biodiversity requires not only the conservation of individual plant and animal species, but also the conservation of their habitats (e.g. water supply, nutrient cycle). Scientists see urban areas as important niches for biodiversity. The integration of biodiversity into the



planning and management of urban areas is a key factor for its conservation. The Alpine towns involved in the project develop innovative solutions for participation in the planning and implementation process, for decision-making and for the implementation of initiatives to improve urban green spaces. The four Alpine Towns of the Year - Annecy, Belluno, Chambéry and Trento - the Alpine Town of the Year Association and the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps, CIPRA, are partners in the project. The project costs are covered by the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature and Nuclear Safety, the Alpine Town of Annecy and the Alpine Town of the Year Association.

[www.alpenstaedte.org/en/projects/urbabio](http://www.alpenstaedte.org/en/projects/urbabio)

[www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/current/the-urbabio-project-1](http://www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/current/the-urbabio-project-1)

### **3.1.8. Constructing and transforming buildings in the Alps – Constructive Alps & Tour des Villes**

Organizers: Alpine Town of the Year association, CIPRA International

Constructive Alps, the International prize for sustainable renovation and construction in the Alps Constructive Alps awards the most aesthetically beautiful and sustainable buildings in the Alps. Revived village centers, regional and renewable materials, careful handling of existing building culture - sustainable architecture has many faces. It shapes the identity of places and creates spaces in which people feel comfortable. The touring exhibition on the fourth and most recent edition of Constructive Alps shows the 30 buildings awarded in 2017. The aim of the prize is to present the Alps as a model region for climate protection is-

sues and to implement the climate action plan agreed upon by the Alpine states in 2009. Financial support: Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Development & Principality of Liechtenstein.

In the framework of the Tour des Villes project, representatives of the Alpine Towns draw from their knowledge & experiences on sustainable urban development and elaborated together innovative solutions for participation in the planning and realisation process, for decision making and a new destiny for brownfields and conversion areas in the Alps. The collected ideas are available in printed & online version. Further details on the website. Financial support: Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Development.

[www.constructivealps.net](http://www.constructivealps.net)

[www.alpenstaedte.org/en/projects/tour-des-villes/tour-des-villes-1?set\\_language=en](http://www.alpenstaedte.org/en/projects/tour-des-villes/tour-des-villes-1?set_language=en)

[www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/completed/tour-des-villes?set\\_language=en](http://www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/completed/tour-des-villes?set_language=en)



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### **3.1.9. GaYA & Youth Alpine Interrail**

Organizers: Alpine Town of the Year, CIPRA International

Young people tend to leave the Alpine space because they lack personal and professional fulfilment. Furthermore, a majority of decision-makers remain unaware of the benefits a young active population brings to society. In cooperation with eight partners from five different alpine countries, the project „Governance and Youth in the Alps“ (GaYA) aims to increase the quality of democratic processes by enhancing the involvement of young people in regional governance. For this purpose they organized an international conference on youth participation in Chambéry/F, gave recommendations to policy makers, developed a toolbox for youth participation and conducted a comparative study on participatory democracy in the Alps. GaYA is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund through the Interreg Alpine Space Programme and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Construction and Nuclear Safety.

Sustainability and travel fever do not have to be mutually exclusive: The „Youth Alpine Interrail Pass“ makes it possible to experience eight Alpine countries and at the same time travel climate-friendly by public transport for 50–80 euros. Young people between the ages of 16 and 27 applied for the „Youth Alpine Interrail Pass“. During travelling they are invited to tackle „Yoalin-challenges“, such as living plastic-free for a week, collect trash or eat only regional and local food. At the end of the summer, the best photographers and authors will be decorated within the closing ceremony in Berne/CH. Interrail is a project of the CIPRA Youth Council and CIPRA International, promoted by the signatory States of the Alpine Convention. It is financially supported by the Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Development, the RHW foundation, the Austrian Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, the Liechtenstein Office for Environment and the German Ministry for Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety.

[www.alpine-space.eu/projects/gaya](http://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/gaya)  
[www.yoalin.org](http://www.yoalin.org)  
[www.cipra.org/en/yoalin](http://www.cipra.org/en/yoalin)  
[www.instagram.com/youthalpineinterrail/](http://www.instagram.com/youthalpineinterrail/)  
[www.facebook.com/youthalpineinterrail/](http://www.facebook.com/youthalpineinterrail/)

### **3.1.10. Protection of unspoiled nature: "Soul of the Alps" and "Our Alps"**

Organizers: WWF, ÖAV, Naturfreunde Österreich, DAV, AVS

The soul of the Alps is its original natural and cultural landscape. But the degree of infrastructure development and land use in Austria has reached an alarming dimension. In 2017 only 7% of the federal Austrian territory – about 5,900 km<sup>2</sup> – were in a natural state and free from technical infrastructures.

Those "Alpine open spaces" are already rare and a valuable resource for all of us. Through the "Alliance for the Soul of the Alps", the WWF, the Austrian Alpine Association (Österreichischer Alpenverein) and Naturefriends Austria (Naturfreunde Österreich) want to raise awareness of the rapid decline in natural landscapes in the Alps. The Alliance demands the protection of those "Alpine open spaces" from exploitation by landscape-degrading infrastructure and the immediate implementation of a strategic and sustainable landscape management policy for Alpine open spaces.

In December 2018, the Austrian, the German, and the South Tyrolean Alpine Club launched the campaign „Our Alps“. The aim of the campaign is to show the wider public how unique, diverse and valuable the Alps are – and that this natural and cultural space is under a massive threat. In spite of many damages and current undesirable developments, the message of the Alpine clubs is: „The Alps are beautiful. Still. They are worth fighting for.“

“Our Alps” is an analogue and digital campaign. The Alpine clubs have produced a campaign newspaper, postcards, and have set up a website. Social media postings and press work support these channels. After all, the more than 500 sections in the three associations play an important role in ensuring that the campaign not only reaches the 1.8 million members of the Alpine Club, but all those who are interested in the mountains.

[www.unsere-alpen.org](http://www.unsere-alpen.org)  
[www.seele-der-alpen.at](http://www.seele-der-alpen.at)



*Protection of unspoiled nature. Copyright: Anton Vorauer*

### **3.1.11. AlpES WebGIS – A tool for visualising Alpine ecosystemservices**

Organizers: Institute for Interdisciplinary Mountain Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Alpine ecosystems and their services go beyond national borders and need a transnational approach for their dynamic protection, sustainable use, management and risk prevention. Web-based tools providing comparable information on single ecosystems service (ES) indicators at the municipal level can be a basis for public authorities, policy makers, NGOs, researchers and entrepreneurs to pave the way for sustainable development.

In AlpES (an Interreg Alpine Space project), the Institute for Interdisciplinary Mountain Research, together with its partners from six European countries, has developed an interactive, internet-based Geographic Information System (WebGIS), continuously integrating relevant stakeholders during 2015–2018. In the WebGIS, stakeholders can make their own ES maps and use these maps to inform themselves or others about the state of individual ES in their municipality or region.

The AlpES WebGIS is fully implemented on open-source software, supports open geospatial consortium web services, comprises a contemporary database design and management, and provides a modern design and user interface. Linked to the AlpES WebGIS, is the wiki-style Alpine knowledge platform WIKIALps, which provides the metadata and further background information. Both are multi-lingual, thus making them accessible to many users, and will remain freely available after project closure, guaranteeing the durability of the spatial project results.

The WebGIS is being developed further in the Interreg Alpine Space project Smart Altitude as part of a tool that contributes to reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in Living Labs (ski resorts) and to promote the adoption of low carbon measures in winter tourism regions.

[www.alpes-webgis.eu](http://www.alpes-webgis.eu)  
[www.wikialps.eu](http://www.wikialps.eu)

### **3.2. Final question to the audience: What is your most relevant concern for the Alps tomorrow**

At the end of the event the organizers asked the participants the following question:

„What is your most relevant concern for the Alps tomorrow?”

From the individual answers which the participants wrote on cards a colourful picture emerged of the many challenges in the Alps:

#### **Tourism**

- Open, honest & sincere contact with tourists
- Soft tourism
- Promoting recreation without technology
- Protection of hikers / pedestrians, control of e-bike tourism
- Stop the marketing/exploitation of nature
- Lived coexistence of locals, guests, nature and economy
- Nationalization of ski resorts/lift operations
- Quiet, clean development of local recreation areas (only accessible on foot or by bicycle)
- Save the Alps from being sold out, they're not a sports equipment
- Managing over-tourism

#### **Preservation of the cultural landscape / wilderness**

- Silence in the mountains
- Preserve unoccupied spaces
- Protection of the night
- Stop the urban sprawl! Protection of open spaces in the Alps!
- Better and more spatial planning!
- Preservation of the cultural landscape for future generations
- Wilderness and unspoilt landscapes are the most important resources for future generations
- Preserving cultural and natural habitats for future generations
- The Alps must be treated and protected.
- Protect untouched nature better from interference: no new buildings! No artificial snow in October!
- Creating awareness for the sensitivity of the natural spaces in the Alps
- Increase the value of nature
- Conservation & biodiversity through rational planning at regional and local level
- The coexistence of Man and Biodiversity in the Alps

## **Education**

- Environmental & political education
- Soft tourism

## **Climate change**

- Communicating climate change to citizens and politicians
- Solutions to climate change: Youth education? Political changes? Lifestyle changes?
- Dissemination of information
- Sensitizing the population and young people to climate change

## **Water**

- In valley areas with intensive agriculture (e.g. Etsch Valley, South Tyrol): the upper ground-water layers are already polluted and further endangered by illegal deep wells that may pollute further layers.
- Availability: will there be enough water for future generations?
- The Alps are Europe's water reservoir. Protect them to conserve water.
- Glacier drinking water

## **Mobility**

- Mobility concept for the entire Alpine region, e.g. road pricing, linking long-distance transport and public transport, commuters with public transport
- Efficient and sustainable transport

## **Youth**

- Participation of young people in administrations and associations, possibility of working and living in the areas.
- Demographic problem: solution = youth

## **Other**

- Crossing borders in order to „make“ the Alps a unified region.
- New balance: ecology, economy, social issues, less is more, degrowth (economy)

### **3.2. Slam Text: AlpenWoche Intermezzo „Tomorrow in the Alps“ by Markus Koschuh**

Wir kommen nicht mehr hinterher, nicht mehr hinterher, wir kommen nicht mehr hinterher,  
nicht mehr hinterher

aus Berg und Tal wurde Berg und Kapital  
aus weiter, höher, schneller wurde weißer, höher, greller  
And the Oscar for the most early ski opening goes to:

Resterhöhe, Kitzbühel ...!

Well, I wanna thank my dad and my ....other daddies, they all are volle Schneekanone for snow  
because they are so experienced in ... snow

Wir kommen nicht mehr hinterher, nicht mehr hinterher, wir kommen nicht mehr hinterher,  
nicht mehr hinterher

Einst in Stein gemeißelt, werden Berge heut gegeißelt

Wo früher-Artenviel-falt heute neue Art der Einfalt

Dein Speicherteich komme, unser Wille geschehe

Intermezzo 1:

Guten Morgen liebe Alpen, seid ihr auch noch alle da

Milionen Jahr' habt ihr geschlafen, bitte schläft noch ein paar Jahr'

Denn wir wollen immer mehr, wollen immer mehr, wir wollen immer mehr, wollen immer  
mehr

Wir können's nimmer hör'n, dies Gewäsch von Biosphären

Wenn das Klima sich nun wandelt, wird halt höher seilgebahndelt

Aus, Basta, Schluss: Touris is muss!

Aus, Basta, Schluss: Touris is muss!

Alerte, alerte, Turismo o muerte!

Wir brauchen Hanniballermann und Après Ski wie nie

Ideen und Visionen, die sich am Konto lohnen

Warum nicht mal am Piz Buin ein ganzes Rudel Pinguin'?

Oder in einem Speicherteich am Sonntag eine Tatortleich'?

Wir touris-ticken nicht ganz richtig, doch denken recht vielschichtig:

Kunstschnee,

Naturschnee,

Kunstschnee,

Vlies,

Kunstschnee,

Kunstschnee,

Kunstschnee,  
Peace!

### Intermezzo 2:

The question I do see, the question that will be:  
Is it really necessary to BE aware, if there are no BEES left. Right?

Wir können nimmermehr, können nimmermehr, wir können nimmermehr, können nimmermehr: wegschauen. Denn das wär` nicht fair.

Nature needs our care  
Weniger ist mehr  
Denken wir mal quer, wie das wohl wär':

Ein Seilbahnrückbau, kein Autobahnstau, kein Lebensraumklau ... WOW

Ultimo Intermezzo: Wir wollen **nimmer** immer mehr, nimmer immer mehr, wir wollen **nimmer** immer mehr, nimmer immer mehr

Denn der Alpen Tränen sind die Muren und Lawinen  
...der Alpen Glück: kein Schritt nach vor, einer zurück

My final wish is a vision:  
Tomorrow, tomorrow, there won't still be sorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow ...



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# About

Like its bigger sister, the quadrennial AlpWeek, Alpweek Intermezzo was an international event on sustainable development and related Alpine issues, jointly organised by key Alpine organisations. For 2019 the event was conceived as a lunch-to-lunch conference which brought main Alpine stakeholders together to meet and exchange views on the topic "Tomorrow in the Alps".

## Green event

The event has been certified as "Green Event Tirol".

## Organisers



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