

IUCN World Congress Session

ALPARC – EUSALP AG7

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Connecting protected areas and beyond to safeguard mountainous ecosystem services and adapt to climate change - An intergenerational dialogue

A) Session design:

The aim of the session is to foster a **constructive dialogue** between young conservationists and senior conservation experts sharing viewpoints on how nature conservation issues should be best addressed regarding the current challenges like climate change and biodiversity loss. A common vision could be projected on the horizon 2050.

The session will gather the visions and experiences of young professionals (YP) describing their impressions of main alpine challenges and how to address them based on their work experience and their evaluation of current practices in nature protection and needs of actions for the future.

Based on the expression of the visions of the YP an **intergenerational dialogue** should be started with the persons present on site and the participants joint by a digital format.

The session will be concluded by the intervention of some internationally or alps-wide recognised “witnesses”.

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B) Programme draft proposal for the WCC:

- 1) Welcome and goal of the meeting (5 min) (Katalin)
- 2) Introduction round and moderation by senior experts based on the work on ecological connectivity of the last 20 years in the Alps (Ruedi, Guido).

Short Input 1: Role of protected areas in the Alps for biodiversity protection and climate change adaptation (5 min) _ Ruedi

Short Input 2: Concrete example of ecological network in the Alps (5 min) _ Guido

Short Input 3: Institutional background: goal of EUSALP AG7 (5 min) _ Michaela

- 3) **Short presentations by YP (4x) = 15 min.** – Visions and experiences, expectations

YP participating physically in Marseille:

- ⇒ Johanna Wimmer (Nationalpark Berchtesgaden / environmental education)
- ⇒ Anne Fabienne Maihoff (PHD student University Würzburg/Department of Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology)
- ⇒ Janika Kerner (PHD student University Würzburg/Department of Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology)
- ⇒ Representative EUSALP Presidency France

- 4) Discussion with the audience about visions and measures to better manage climate change and biodiversity protection in the future (40 min)
- 5) Conclusions by witnesses of the process over the last 20 years (Silvia Reppe, Blanka Bartol, Chris Walzer, Michael Vogel) (15 min). (Guido will take contact with the witnesses)

Total: 90 min

C) Presentations:

Several inputs of good practice examples by young professionals. Innovative approaches and projects on climate change, ecological connectivity, ecosystem services etc. Expectations and visions.

A maximum of 3 slides are accepted. Any more slides will be not accepted. For all input speakers – please send your slide with a short abstract by 16 of August latest to Stefan Mitterer and Guido Plassmann.

Please consider, that your slides should be composed by illustrations (graphics, maps, photos) exclusively. Only a single word or slogan on the slide can be accepted. Please formulate systematically in English.

Guiding questions:

- 1) What are the biggest frustrations in nature protection and the most needed changes/actions for the Young Professionals?
- 2) What framework conditions are necessary to improve the situation (governance, legal, financial means)
- 3) What is the vision(s) of YP for Alpine biodiversity and climate resilience in 2050?

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D) Interaction with the audience/public by interactive tools (preparation by Nevenka and Stefan):

- 1) According to the guiding question n° 1+2 options will be proposed (closed questions)
- 2) According to the guiding question n°3 o single word or expression will be accepted (open question)

E) Conclusion sessions and outlook:

Discussion recommendations/common message of the session to be transported after the session into the institutional framework of the EUSALP and Alpine Convention.

F) Logistical aspects:

Katalin will check the logistical aspects of the meeting place. For the issue of translation from F to E it was decided that the event will take place in English as planned but that a support can be given in form of a summary in case that a French presentation is given.

A last meeting with the participants is planned by September 2nd from 9 to 11 AM (zoom). A separate invitation will be sent.

With our wishes for a nice summertime.

ALAPRC / guido

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