

EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION



“Fostering Innovation in the Alpine Area: The experience of the Alpine Space Programme”

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VII European Mountain Convention of Euromontana

“Mountain regions - A spirit of Innovation”

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The programme is co-funded
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European Regional Policy and the Alpine Space Programme

OBJECTIVE 1

Convergence
283 billion € / 81.54%

OBJECTIVE 2

Regional Competitiveness
and Employment
54,96 billion € / 15.95%

OBJECTIVE 3

European Territorial
Cooperation
8,72 billion € / 2,52 %

CROSS-BORDER

TRANS-NATIONAL

INTER-REGIONAL



The cooperation area



... the total programme budget:

130 Mio €

... the co-funding rate:

76%

... the projects approved

25

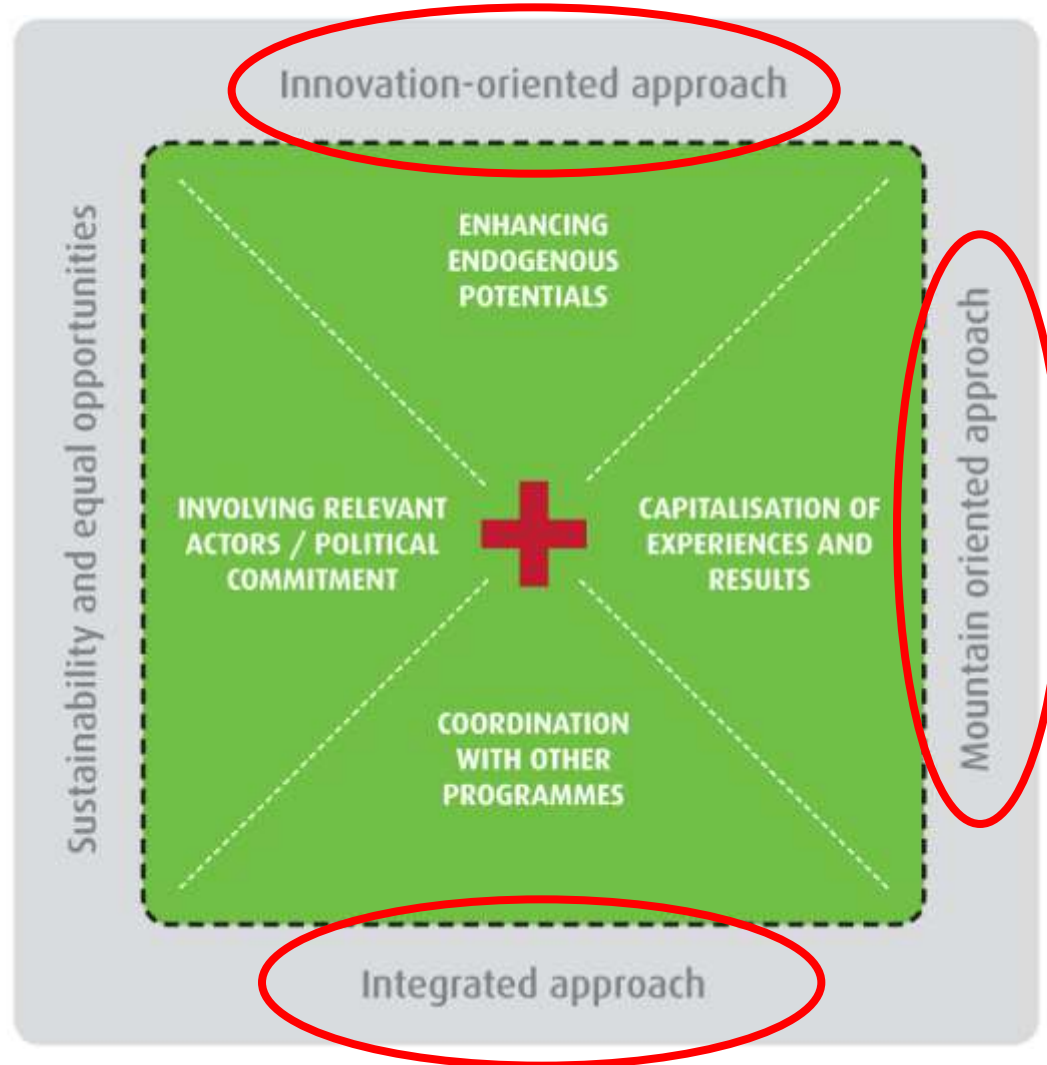
Three thematic fields of cooperation called priorities!

Alpine regions are facing similar problems, due to their location in Europe and mountainous / geomorphological characteristics

=> Define common strategies for shared solutions!



Programme Strategy and Guiding Principles



Innovation orientation of the Alpine Space Programme

- + Innovation is **context-oriented**: territory, cultural and natural resources
=> mountain orientation!
- + Innovation through cooperation often requires an **integrated approach**
- + Innovation often takes place where **different sectors, traditions and administrations** meet
- + **Capitalisation**: creating something new often means use/improve the existing basis
- + **Implementation** and **transferability** of innovative solutions
- + Innovation means “**taking risks**”

ALPINETWORK – boosting competences with e-work solutions learning and „IT centers“ for citizens and micro-SME in remote areas for new services & competences!



Meteorisk – Alpine wide weather warning system cooperation of national weather services for early coordinated forecasting helping mitigate consequences of natural hazards and disasters

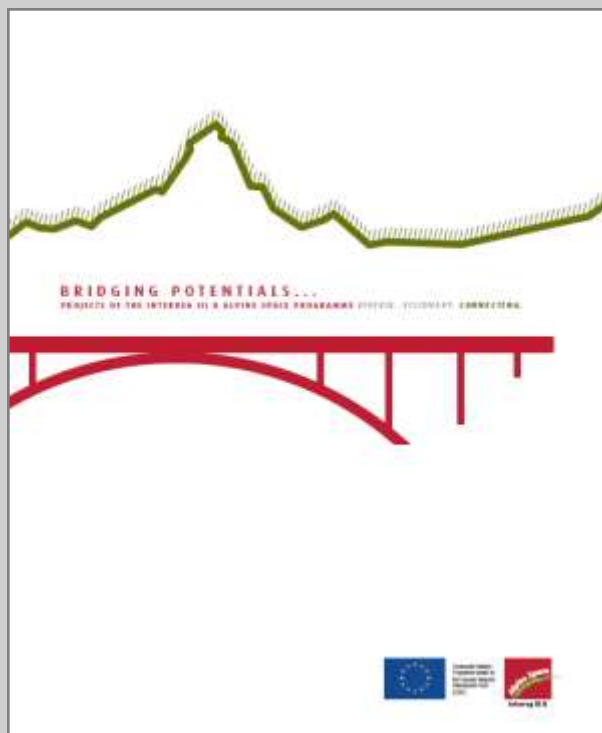
AlpEnergy: fostering Virtual Power Systems

cooperation among sectors & actors for wider applications of innovative renewable energy and ITC technology in the territories

- => Matching generation and consumption (including storage)
- => Optimising usage of existing grids
- => New business models (tariffs and services)

How to learn more about INTERREG IIB results?

Results' publication



Website database

www.alpine-space.eu





What's coming up?

Demographic Change
Expert workshop
22-23 February 2011 Innsbruck

+ 3 call for project proposals
open from 13.09 – 15.10.2010

Where to find information?

www.alpine-space.eu



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