

# YOUrALPS

Educating youth for the Alps:  
(re) connecting youth and mountain heritage for an inspiring future in  
the Alps

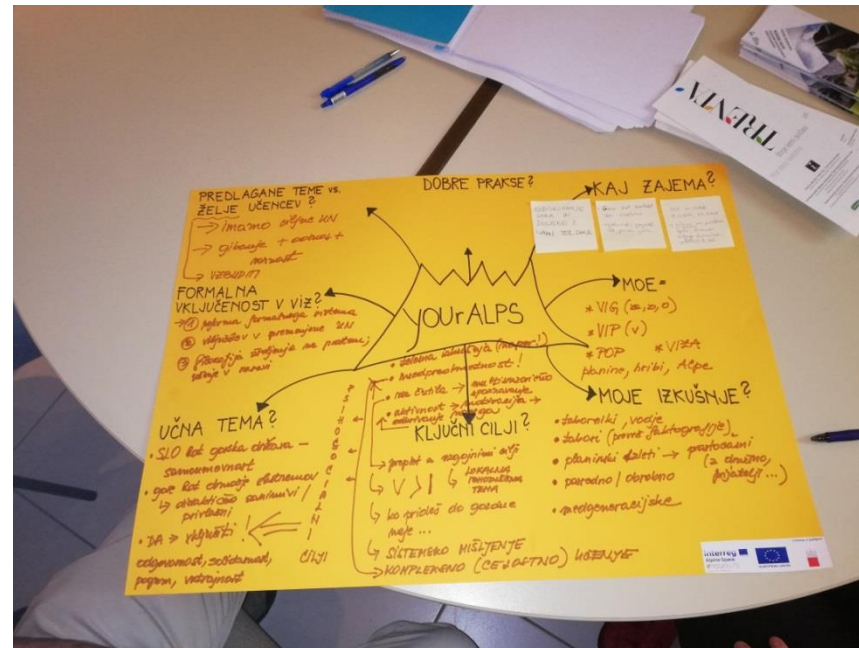
**Cultural Heritage as an Engine for Creativity, Innovation and Socioeconomic Development for the Future of Mountain areas**

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## BACKGROUND

- Mountain ecological systems are highly important for the soundness of the global ecological system;
- Young (and not only young) generations are losing contact with nature – including mountains;
  - Increasing disconnection between youth and mountain environment
  - Lack of alpine natural and cultural heritage
  - Eventual loss of alpine identity
- Gap between formal and non-formal education
- Inter-and intra-generational justice
  - Burden of the post-modern development
  - Taking action for a sustainable future



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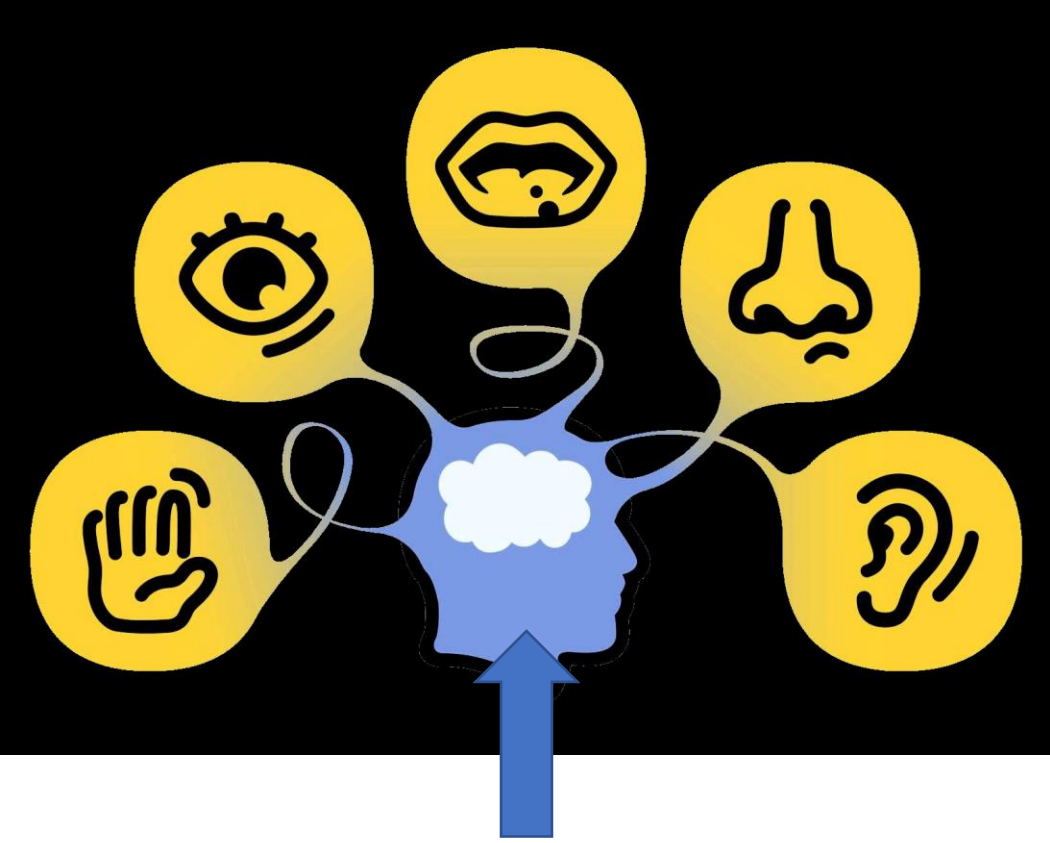




**Education for sustainable development (ESD) and environmental education (EE) form the basis for Mountain-oriented education (MoE). MoE emphasizes the interrelations between mountain regions and society.**



# Baselines for implementing MOE



**Kinesthetic information**



# ACTIVATION OF SENSES





Personal experiences

Experiences and knowledge of others

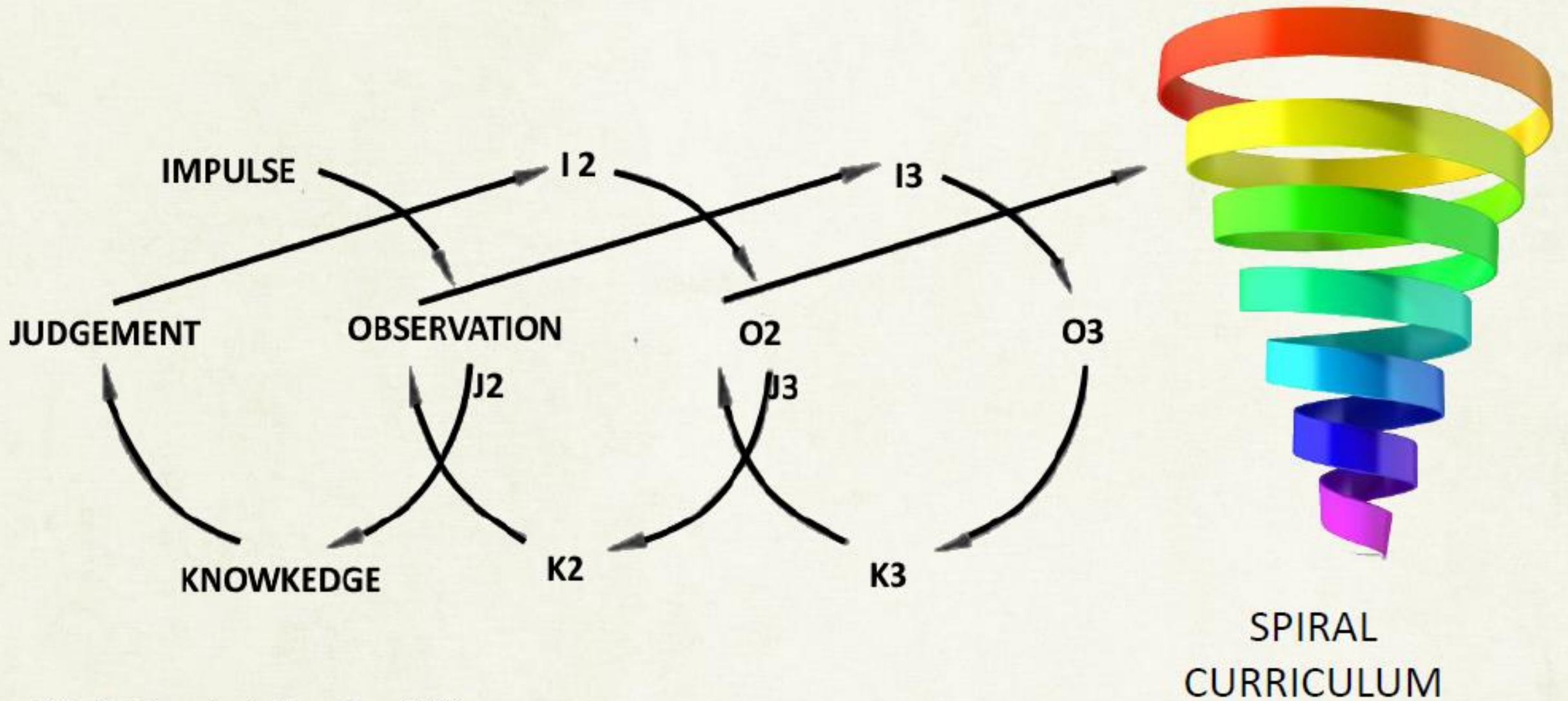
Cultural environment



**How we understand the world - mountains (values, meanings, concepts)**



# Dewey's model of reflective thought and action



Environment appraisal: 6 - dimensional framework (Gifford, 2014):

Description: What is there?

Meaning: What does it mean to me?

Emotions: How does a place make me feel?

Risk: Is it safe?

Aesthetic: Do I find it beautiful?

Evaluations and preference: How do I like it?





Spatial experience is important  
Has to be positive;  
Has to be deeper and deeper:  
It ends behind the rainbow;





Mountains must be presented to the way youth understands;

FOMO - effect (fear of missing out);



Experience of older generations are welcome, but MOE is a two direction process, with education about mountains, all participants must improve their knowledge, attitude and intergeneration understanding.



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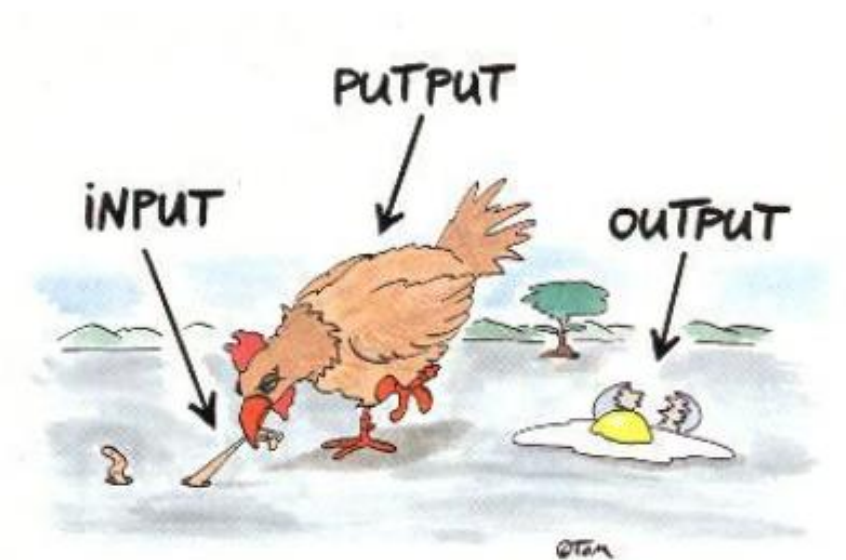


# Target groups

- **Youth:**  
6 to 19;
- **Formal and non-formal educators:**  
institutions with and without education mandate;
- **Policy makers:**  
all elected representatives



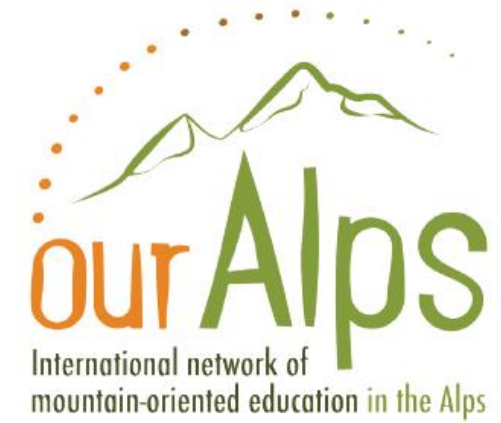
# Main project outputs



# International network

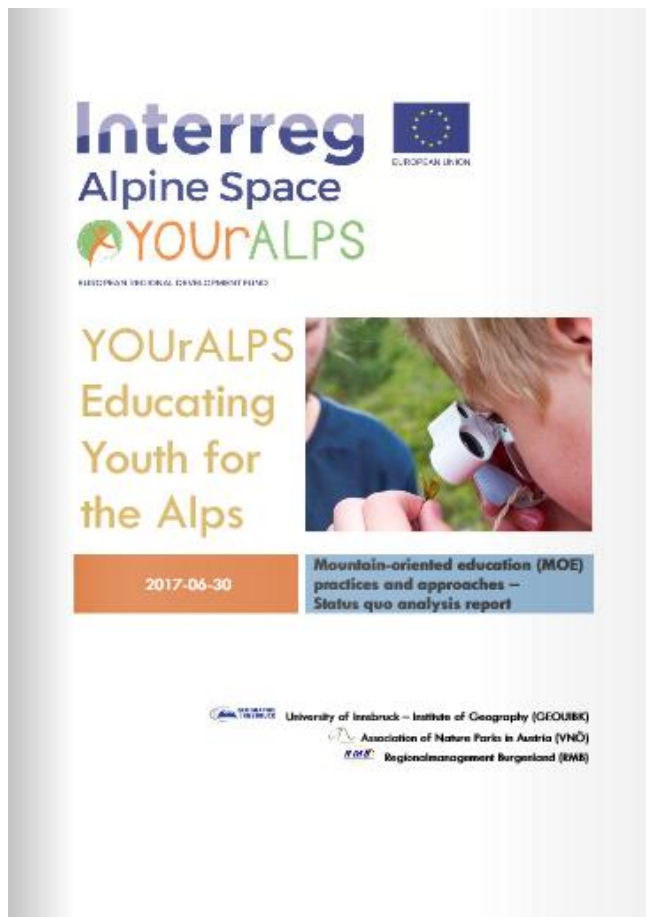
The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the OurAlps website. It includes the OurAlps logo on the left, followed by menu items: "OurAlps network", "Alpine stakeholders", "Alpine news", "Educational center", "Alpine School Model", and "Alpine context". On the right side of the bar are the "Alpine Space" logo and the European Union flag. Below the navigation bar is a large graphic titled "MAP OF ALPINE STAKEHOLDERS" with the subtitle "Get to know Alpine stakeholders and exchange ideas with all Alpine countries!". The map is color-coded by region and features a small mountain icon. At the bottom of the graphic are two buttons: "CALENDAR" with a calendar icon and "RESOURCES" with a magnifying glass icon.

<https://www.ouralps.org/en>



This screenshot shows the main content area of the OurAlps website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with language options (EN / FR / IT / DE / SL), a search bar, and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with the "yapp" logo and the tagline "platform for youth participation in the Alps", along with menu items: "Home", "About us", "Network", "Youth projects", "What's up?", and "Sustainable travelling". The main heading reads "connects you[th] with the Alps". Below the heading are three columns of content, each with an icon and a title: "WHO'S WORKING FOR THE ALPS?" (with a group of people icon), "WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ALPS?" (with a mountain icon), and "WHAT CAN I DO IN THE ALPS?" (with a mountain icon). Each column includes a short description and a right-pointing arrow icon.

# Comparative report on MOE



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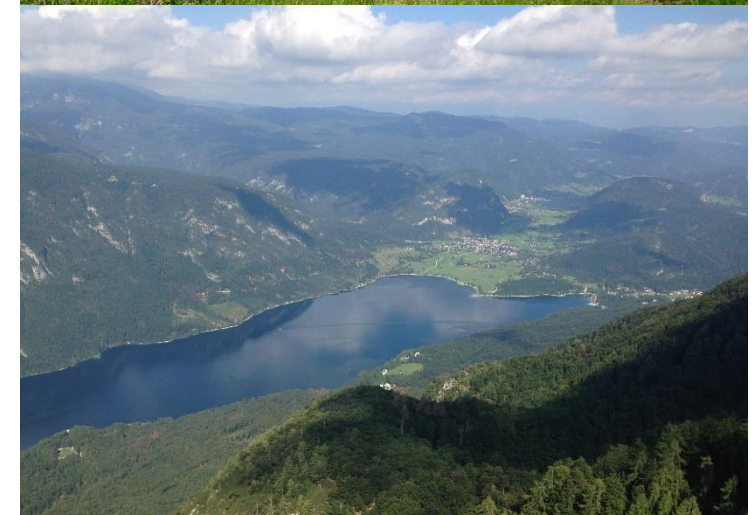
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# Alpine School model

- 14 pilot sites;
- At least 6 certified Alpine schools;
- Handbook and toolkit;

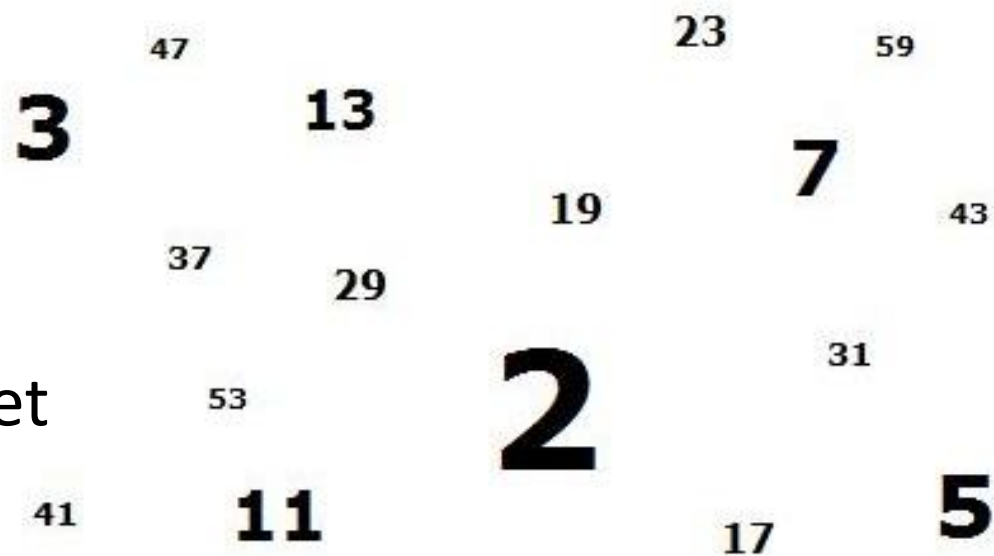


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# The project in numbers

- 12 project partners
- 5 countries
- 25 observers
- 3 years duration
- 1.901.017,40 € budget





# Thank you for your attention!



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