

## The Alpine Space programme in 2022

The last projects of the period 2014-2020 were coming to an end in 2022, and the first projects of the new funding period 2021-2027 were approved. The focus is now on capitalizing on the achievements of the closed projects.



With this in mind, the Interreg Alpine Space programme introduced for the new programming period funding for smaller projects. The so called “roll-out projects” make greater use of synergies and complementarities with closed and ongoing projects. They use ready-made tools and solutions to boost their implementation in the territories, promoting the up-take of project achievements for the benefit of citizens at local and regional level.

## Making a difference in the Alpine Space: Projects achievements

Our last 2014-2020 projects successfully ended their activities in 2022. They contributed to implement the EU strategy for the Alpine region (EUSALP) and helped make the Alps a more green, low-carbon, innovative and well-governed region. Find out more: <https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/>

**ADO** set up an innovative Alpine-wide drought monitoring system. +++ **AlpGov 2** took the mechanisms and instruments developed in the framework of AlpGov to the decision-making level to ensure the strategic implementation of the EUSALP Action Plan. +++ **ALPGRIDS** created a transnational enabling environment for the development of low-carbon electric microgrids. +++ **ALP-TREES** investigated the benefits and risks of non-native trees in the Alpine space. +++ **ARDIA-NET** developed a framework for Alpine governance for cooperation in smart specialisation strategies implementation. +++ **A-RING** provided the framework for joint Alpine research and innovation policies. +++ **BE-READI ALPS** adapted start-up support services to the needs of mature SMEs and offered them a “second life” by giving them access to new opportunities. +++ **CIRCULAR 4.0** took advantage of digitisation processes to support the transition to circular economy in the Alps. +++ **DEAS** exploited open data to develop new products and services in the mobility environment and tourism fields. +++ **e-SMART** designed, tested and validated transnational instruments for an integrated planning of e-mobility smart grid services and charging stations.



+++ **HEALPS 2** fostered a better use of Alpine natural health resources for the development of tourism. +++ **LinkingAlps** connected Alpine mobility information services to foster a modal shift from private to low carbon passenger transport. +++ **LUIGI** promoted green infrastructure in Alpine rural and urban areas by its benefits and developing new business models and policies. +++ **OpenSpaceAlps** fostered a multi-level, transnational spatial-planning governance in order to maintain open spaces as part of the Alpine green infrastructure. +++ **T.A.A.F.E.** enhanced the capacities of public authorities and service providers to develop sustainable age-friendly environment in the Alpine space.

## The Alpine Space gives young people a voice

The European Union designated 2022 the European Year of Youth (EYY) to show the importance of youth participation in building a more sustainable pathway for our future. On this occasion, the Interreg Alpine Space programme also shined a light on its activities for and with young people, starting with the challenge represented by youth participation.



### Projects

The Alpine Space project GaYA tested many ways to involve more young people in local decision-making, such as participatory policy design and budgeting through “[Local action plans of participation](#)”.

YOUrALPS developed the “[Alpine School Model](#)”, an educational model based on the principles of sustainable development. It was tested in 14 pilot sites all over the Alpine region.

### Youth Council

The Youth Council has been set up by the [EU Macro-Regional Strategy for the Alpine Region \(EUSALP\)](#) to make sure that the ideas and viewpoints of the young people are heard and considered by all EUSALP bodies.

It is a good example of building a bridge between youth and politics and bringing young people of the Alpine region together to make the area fit for the future!

### Youth Ambassadors

At the end of 2022, the Alpine Space programme launched the Youth Ambassadors Initiative in order to ensure youth participation in the Alpine area in the long term. Coordinated with the EUSALP Secretariat, the initiative encourages Interreg Alpine Space projects to cooperate with Youth Council members from the very beginning of the implementation and throughout the project lifetime.

## New design for our website

Our website has since 2022 a fresh new look. It stores the main publications and all results from projects co-financed by the Interreg Alpine Space programme since its creation in 2000, as well as all the practical information on the new programming period.

Discover it at [www.alpine-space.eu](http://www.alpine-space.eu)