

# MOUNTAINS SHAPE OUR REGION, IDEAS SHAPE OUR FUTURE.



# We are at the forefront of the transition to a unique, carbon neutral and climate resilient European territory: the Alpine region.

The Interreg Alpine Space programme is a European cooperation programme. It finances cooperation projects across the borders of seven Alpine countries via the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The programme fosters sustainable economic development, societal wellbeing and the preservation of the outstanding nature of the Alps. It brings together public authorities, academia, business and civil society organisations to tackle common challenges and improve the quality of life of the 80 million inhabitants of the Alpine region.

## Facts & figures

## Who can participate?

The programme adresses, among others

public authorities at national, regional and local level



education and research institutions



enterprises & business support organisations

NGOs and associations

# How do I get involved?

The programme co-finances transnational cooperation projects. Calls for project proposals are opened regularly, with the publication of terms of reference describing the programme's expectations. The programme also co-finances small-scale projects.

Interested organisations are invited to read carefully the programme document and the guidance on the application procedure, available at www.alpine-space.eu

# **Priorities**

Based on the framework provided by the EU regulation, the Interreg Alpine Space programme 2021-2027 defines the following priorities:

## **Priority 1**

#### Climate resilient and green Alpine region

The strong effects of climate change challenge inter-relations within natural, economic, and societal systems. Moreover, pressure is high on the rich Alpine biodiversity. This particular context calls for urgent action.

We are looking to support projects that, among others, focus on:

- climate change adaption
- risk prevention and disaster resilience
- nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure
- reduction of pollution



## **Priority 2**

#### Carbon neutral and resource sensitive Alpine region

The European Union aims at becoming the first climate-neutral continent by 2050. To reach the targets, the efforts must be increased in the next years. The ambition and the potential of the Alpine region are high.

We are looking to support projects that, among others, focus on:

- circular and resource efficient economy
- energy efficiency and sufficiency
- transition to a post-carbon society
- reduction of greenhouse gases



## **Priority 3**

## Innovation and digitalisation supporting a green Alpine region

Transnational cooperation on innovation and the uptake of advanced technologies is of key importance to foster a climate resilient, resource sensitive and inclusive Alpine region. In particular, digitalisation offers opportunities to increase social sustainability and green innovation.

We are looking to support projects that, among others, focus on:

- innovation ecosystems
- social innovation
- digital transformation
- social and environmental sustainability



## **Priority 4**

## Cooperatively managed and developed Alpine region

The Alpine region is characterised by a long tradition of international and inter-regional cooperation at governmental and non-governmental level.

We are looking to support projects that, among others, focus on:

- support to the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region
- institutional capacities
- multi-level governance



