

Launch Conference  
of the **EU Strategy** for the **Alpine Region**  
25-26 January 2016  
Brdo, Slovenia



**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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**25 January 2015, MONDAY**

Moderator: Igor Evgen Bergant, journalist

9:00 – 11:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Plenary Session "Diverse in Unity of EUSALP"</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>EN, SI, FR, DE, IT</i></span></p> <p><b>Host:</b> <b>Karl Erjavec</b>, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sebastian Kurz</b>, Federal Minister for Europe and Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria</li> <li>• Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development of the French Republic (TBC)</li> <li>• Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany (TBC)</li> <li>• Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic (TBC)</li> <li>• Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Education, Minister of Cultural Affairs of the Principality of Liechtenstein (TBC)</li> <li>• Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Corina Crețu</b>, EU Commissioner for Regional and Urban Policy</li> <li>• <b>Violeta Bulc</b>, EU Commissioner for Transport</li> </ul>
12.30 – 14.30	Networking Lunch & possibility of site visit of the Brdo estate (onsite registration)
14:30 – 15:00	Projection of videos on European Territorial Cooperation
15:00 – 16:30	<p><b>Panel "Alpine Leadership"</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>EN, SI, FR, DE, IT</i></span></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Charlina Vitcheva</b>, Director, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission (TBC)</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Beate Merk</b>, State Minister for European Affairs and International Relations, Bavaria, Germany</li> <li>• <b>Roberto Maroni</b>, President of Lombardia Region, Italy</li> <li>• <b>Günther Platter</b>, Governor of Tyrol, Austria</li> <li>• Presidents of other Alpine Regions (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Mercedes Bresso</b>, Member of the European Parliament</li> <li>• <b>Herwig van Staa</b>, Member of the Committee of the Regions (TBC)</li> </ul>
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 – 18:30	<p><b>Panel "Partnership with Stakeholders"</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>EN, SI, FR, DE, IT</i></span></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Lena Anderson Pench</b>, Director, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Zoran Jankovič</b>, Mayor of Ljubljana, Ljubljana EU Green Capital 2016</li> <li>• <b>Iliana Iotova</b>, Member of the European Parliament, rapporteur of the "Cohesion policy in the mountainous regions" (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Stefano Palmieri</b>, European Economic and Social Committee (rapporteur of the opinion on the EUSALP)</li> <li>• <b>Markus Reiterer</b>, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Andreas Pichler</b>, Deputy Director Cipra International</li> <li>• <b>Georges Elzière</b>, French Federation of Mountain Clubs (FFCAM)</li> <li>• <b>Uroš Brežan</b>, Mayor of Tolmin – Alpine town of the year 2016, Slovenia</li> </ul>
18:30 – 19:30	Cocktail Reception

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## 26 January 2015, TUESDAY

08:30 – 09:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee		
09:30 – 11:00	Parallel Panels – round 1	EN	
<p><b>Panel 1: Building and increasing knowledge</b> <b>Policy area 1: Economic growth and Innovation</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Giacomo Mattinó</b>, Head of Unit Europe Network and Internationalisation of SMEs, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alberto Ribolla</b>, President Confindustria Lombardia</li> <li>• <b>Tomaž Rodič</b>, SPACE.SI</li> <li>• <b>Anna Giorgi</b>, Lombardy, Action Group Leader 1 – "Alpine RTD ecosystem".</li> <li>• <b>Susan Ast</b>, Baden Württemberg and representative of <b>Rhone-Alpes</b>, Action Group Leader 2 – "increase potential of economic sectors"</li> <li>• <b>Boglarka Etelka Fenyvesi Kis</b>, Trento, Action Group Leader 3 – "improve the economic and social environment of economic operators" (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteur Jean Marc Venineaux</b>, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p>	<p><b>Panel 2: Smart networks</b> <b>Policy area 2: Connectivity and Mobility</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Herald Ruijters</b>, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission (TBC)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Franc Žepič</b>, EUSDR PAC 1b 'Rail, road and air', Ministry of infrastructure, Republic of Slovenia</li> <li>• <b>Tomaž Trbovc</b>, Planica mobility, Ski Association Slovenia</li> <li>• <b>Robert Henkel</b>, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Marco Ponti</b>, University of Milano, Italy</li> <li>• Representative of EGTC Tyrol - South Tyrol – Trentino, Action Group Leader 4 "inter-modality and interoperability freight and passengers".</li> <li>• <b>Giorgio Consol</b>, Valle d'Aosta, Action Group Leader 5 "To e-connect people and promote accessibility to public services" (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteur Marco Onida</b>, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p>		
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30 – 13:00	Parallel Panels – round 2	EN	
<p><b>Panel 3: Cooperation for green opportunities and for challenges - Policy area 3: Environment and Energy</b></p> <p><b>Chair: George Kremlis</b>, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mitja Bricelj</b>, TSG3 "Environment" EUSAIR, Ministry of environment, Republic of Slovenia</li> <li>• <b>Wolferger Mayrhofer</b>, Alpine Convention (TBC) and representative of Carinthia (TBC) Action Group Leader 6 – "to preserve and valorise natural resources".</li> <li>• <b>Tina Trampuš</b>, Institute for nature conservation, Slovenia and <b>Michaela Künzl</b>, Bavaria, Action Group Leader 7 "ecological connectivity"</li> <li>• Representative of Action Group Leader 8</li> <li>• <b>Santa Ulrich</b>, South-Tyrol, Action Group Leader 9 – "efficiency and renewable energy" (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteurs Frithjof Ehm</b> (Environment) and <b>Florian Mast</b> (Energy), both Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p>	<p><b>Panel 4: Governance &amp; Lessons Learned</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Andrea Mairate</b>, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dorothee Allain-Dupre</b>, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</li> <li>• <b>Irena Lukač</b>, EUSDR – Priority area coordinator governance; Centre of Excellence of Finances, Slovenia</li> <li>• <b>Anders Bergström</b> EUSBR horizontal action coordinator "capacity and multilevel governance" (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Erlends Calabuig</b>, Euramet, European Radio Network</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteur Filomena Carvalho</b>, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p>		
13:15 – 13:45	<p><b>Closing remarks by rapporteurs and conclusions by</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andreja Jerina</b>, National Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Slovenia</li> </ul>		EN
13:45 – 15:00	Networking lunch		