

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



DRAFT PROGRAMME

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25 January 2016, MONDAY

Moderator: Igor Evgen Bergant, journalist

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

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26 January 2016, TUESDAY

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