



3rd WIKIAlps project Newsletter, May 2014

Dear reader, welcome to the third WIKIAlps project newsletter. This time we will report on our first **Transnational Working Table** held in Innsbruck, the second one taking place in Courmayeur and the launch of our wiki.

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1st TRANSNATIONAL WORKING TABLE:

The first Transnational Working Table took place on 6 May in Innsbruck (Austria) with participants coming mainly from the Eastern part of the Alpine Space. The aim of this meeting was to understand the main transnational issues in territorial development that countries face from the point of view of different stakeholders. The meeting was also the first public event to present WIKIAlps, the project’s wiki, and its functionalities as an information and discussion platform for a sustainable spatial development in the Alpine Space.

The day was structured by impulse presentations from the WIKIAlps team, followed by animated and very fruitful group discussions in the morning and the afternoon. Two discussion groups were formed, one in English and one in German, in which participants from different countries discussed their insights, experiences, needs and expectations about spatial development in the Alps and their impressions about the wiki.

One main outcome that emerged from the discussion sessions was the necessity of making more information on spatial development in the Alps available, such as good practices, recommendations, projects results, information about stakeholders and planning documents. It was pointed out that the lack of awareness, information and knowledge is often a cause of ineffective or contradictory policies on spatial development at different administrative levels, rendering the planning of new interventions more difficult. Stakeholders agreed that a tool like WIKIAlps could help to overcome these problems.

A brief Q&A with Felipe Cortines member of the EURAC that participated in this working table.

Was the first public presentation of the wiki successful?

We are very happy that all participants showed big interest in the possible uses of WIKIAlps, gave very useful feedback and were very keen on becoming able to contribute to the contents of the wiki.

How can anyone contribute to WIKIAlps?

The first thing would be to discover it and spread its use among your colleagues. Moreover, if you want to be able to edit and add contents, just send us an email and we will provide you with personal login details.



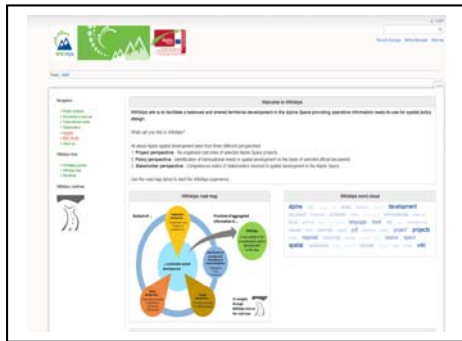


2nd TRANSNATIONAL WORKING TABLE:

The second WIKIAlps transnational working table will take place in Courmayeur (Italy) on Wednesday 28 May 2014. The registration is still open, so please send us an email to info@wikialps-project.eu if you want to participate and we will be delighted to forward you further information on this event!

The day will be structured similar as the Innsbruck meeting, but it will be more focused on spatial development in the Western part of the Alps and especially on the *Espace Mont-Blanc* cooperation initiative. Depending on the final number of participants and their countries of origin, the group discussions can take place in English, French or Italian.

Do not miss this opportunity to share your experience and get the insight from other parts of the Alps!



WIKIALPS – THE PROJECT’S WIKI – IS NOW FULLY ACCESSIBLE!

The wiki is online and fully accessible. Visit it now: www.wikialps.eu. The contents of the wiki are being updated and increased regularly, so do not forget to check it out periodically!

You have different possibilities to navigate the wiki: the roadmap guides you through your topics of interest, the navigation menu on the left offers structured information on

sustainable spatial development, the word cloud on the right is very intuitive and the search function on the top allows you to find information on specific keywords.

If you are interested in becoming a WIKIAlps editor and contributing to this tool, please get in contact with us (info@wikialps-project.eu) and we will inform you about the next steps.

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