



CIPRA FRANCE, as partner of Econnect workpackage 6 : legal barriers
(responsible : MATTM – Italian Ministry for the Environment)
is organising, in partnership with the WP7 (implementation in pilot regions)
AN INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL SEMINAR THE 6TH OF MAY,
IN GRENOBLE (F)
MAISON DE LA NATURE ET DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT DE L'ISERE (MNEI)

Legal barriers and potentials for the implementation of ecological corridors in the Alps

Context and objectives of the event

In the framework of the WP 6, two main actions have to be done:

- the evaluation of the legal situation of each alpine state regarding ecological connectivity and transboundary cooperation
- providing the required legal tools for the implementation of a transboundary ecological corridor in each alpine state

This workshop is part of an intermediary working phase and builds a link between these two actions.

Following the previous work steps of the WP6, the seminar relies on 2 main objectives:

1/ *discussing and comparing* the results gathered through a **questionnaire** recently sent to the ECONNECT pilot regions about the juridical dimension and approach of their activities for the development of ecological connectivity.

2/ *identifying* the **juridical obstacles, barriers and opportunities** to the development of ecological connectivity at a trans-alpine scale.

This meeting will be a time of **accounts, sharing and analysis** of the different juridical situations and experiences between the Alpine countries on the basis of the activities set up in the pilot regions.

Through discussions with legal practitioners, scientists, politicians, naturalists, natural and protected areas managers, the participants will have the opportunity to debate about the practical and immediate problems concerning the implementation of ecological connectivity across the Alps.

After the workshop, a document will be spread in order to synthesize the discussions and shared experiences between the participants. It will help to concretely implement ecological corridors in the Alpine arc.

Econnect aims at protecting biodiversity and at implementing an ecological continuum across the Alps.

Besides being a high population density region, the Alps constitute one of the richest biodiversity area in the world. A balance between these different stakes must be found in order to ensure the durability of all alpine species and leaving spaces. Protected areas constitute the best tool for such an aim. However, these isolated patches of nature have a limited ability to scatter their resources out of their borders. The major issue of the conservation process upon which the Econnect project is based is to allow connection between protected areas, so that species could freely travel across the Alps for their migration process or for all other fundamental needs of their subsistence.

The Econnect project involves many actors with various skills in order to find the best alternatives to coordinate actions and to develop innovating tools for the promotion and implementation of ecological connectivity. Econnect considers ecological aspects, as well as the economical impacts and the social dimensions of the implementation of ecological connectivity across the Alps.

Program

8h30	Reception of participants	Speakers
09h00	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview on the Econnect project and the tasks carried out up to now within the WP6 Presentation of the seminar and its objectives. 	<i>Aurelia ULLRICH (CIPRA International)</i> <i>Alexandre MIGNOTTE (Dir. CIPRA France)</i>
09h20	Results and analysis of the survey led in natural areas : juridical tools in favour of the implementation of ecological corridors	<i>Delphine CHARPIN (CIPRA France)</i>
09h40	DIVA-corridors Program, action 10 « ecological continuities and public action » Which juridical procedures to conceive and implement corridors and to find out new ways of action? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the juridical tools available to local actors? How do local actors manage the environmental issue? What is the juridical efficiency of the documents contributing to the implementation of ecological corridors? 	<i>Luc BODIGUEL</i> <i>Alexandra LANGLAIS</i> <i>Maëlle MARTIN (UNIVERSITY OF NANTES)</i>
10h20	Break	
10h40	The intervention of stakeholders from the public and private sector in juridical procedures aiming at the implementation of ecological corridors Analysis based on the examples of a contracted procedure of the Rhône-Alpes Region and Swiss-French transboundary projects	<i>Damien HIRIBARRONDO (FRAPNA Haute-Savoie)</i>
11h00	Protection of the ecological connectivity: analysis and comparison of the main legal instruments in Italy, France and Switzerland	<i>Santa TUTINO (Autonomous Region Aosta Valley)</i>
11h30	A methodology for a comparative analysis of the legal framework of protected areas and considerations of possibilities regarding their ecological linkage	<i>Céline RANDIER (EURAC)</i>
12h00	Debate-discussion	
12h30	Lunch	
14h00	Juridical aspects of measures that improve ecological connectivity in the Alps	<i>Delphine MAURICE and Yann KOHLER (Alparc)</i>
14h30	Round table : possible discussion topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which cross-border potentials in order to mix juridical tools and taking into account the various intervention sectors of spatial planning? What kinds of needs for a better coordination of juridical tools in favour of ecological connectivity through the Alps? Which is the most adapted scale(s) for a better enforcement of juridical measures in favour of ecological networks through the Alps? 	<i>Everybody</i>
16h30	Conclusion	

Discussions and presentations will be done in English or French depending on the participants.

A translation service will be available (French-English)

How to reach the location of the workshop ?

Maison de la Nature et de l'Environnement de l'Isère 5 place Bir Hakeim, 38000 Grenoble – France

The House of Nature and Environment (B) is located in the town centre of Grenoble.

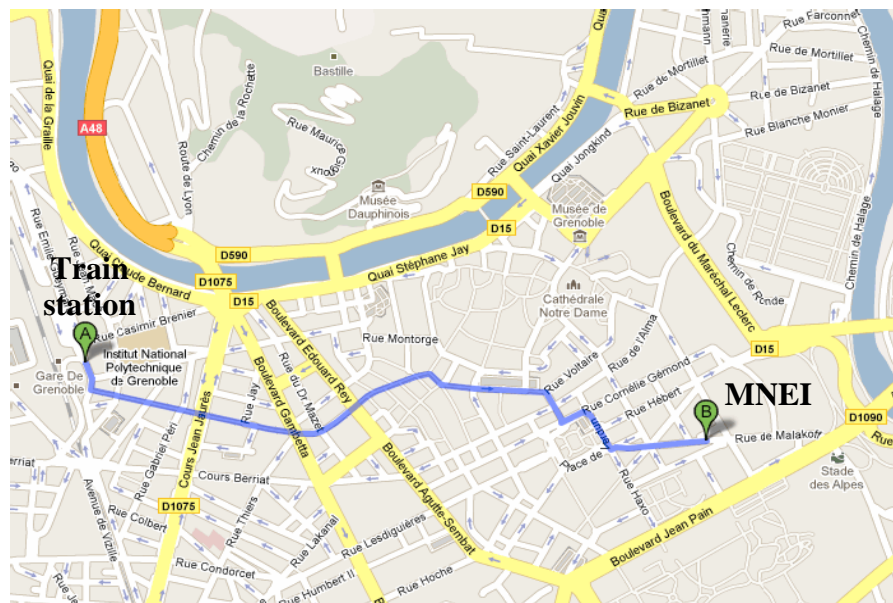
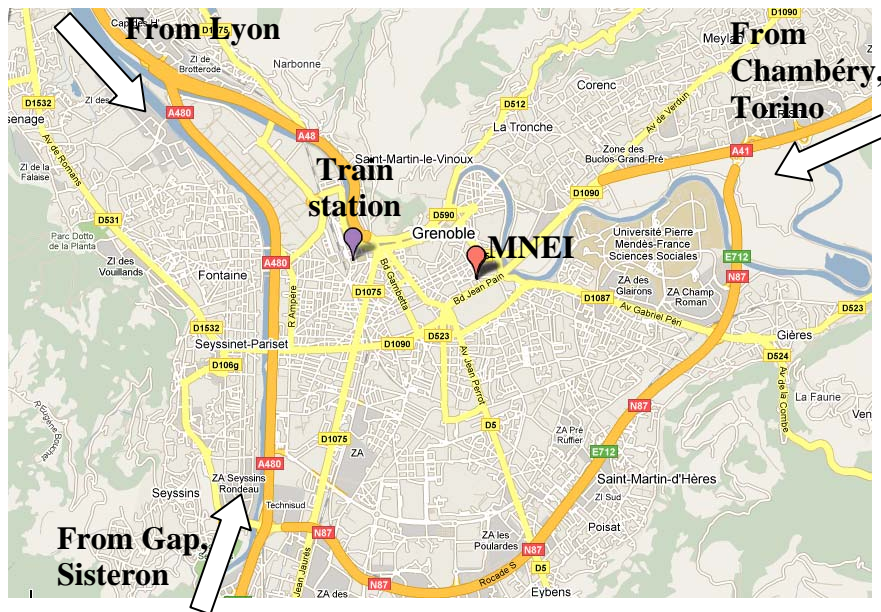
Coming from the train station (A) :

take the tramway, line A, direction “Echirolles Denis Papin”
get off at the stop “Verdun-Préfecture”.

Then cross the “Place de Verdun”, along the “Préfecture” (on the right), and continue straight away in the Eugène Faure street (5minutes).

The MNEI (B) is just at the crossroad (traffic lights).

If you prefer to walk from the train station, it will take you 25 minutes, through the centre of the town.



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