

**WEBS OF LIFE -**  
**ALPINE BIODIVERSITY NEEDS ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY**  
*Results from the ECONNECT project*

**1<sup>ST</sup> DAY – September 26**  
**Putting Connectivity on the Alpine Political Agenda**

**11.30** – Registration and lunchtime snack

**12.45** – Press conference

**INTRODUCTION: THE KEY MESSAGE OF ECONNECT**

**14.00 – Institutional welcoming**

- C. Walzer, Lead Partner ECONNECT, *FIWI Vienna (A)*
- F. Rasp, *Mayor of Berchtesgaden (D)*
- M. Vogel, Transboundary Pilot Region “Berchtesgaden-Salzburg”, *Berchtesgaden National Park (D)*
- H. Hinterstoisser, Transboundary Pilot Region “Berchtesgaden-Salzburg”, *Land Salzburg Nature Conservation (A)*
- M. Onida, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention - TBC



**14.15 – Welcoming by Joint Technical Secretariat of Alpine Space Programme**

M. Gaifami, Joint Technical Secretariat of Alpine Space

**14.30 – The key message of ECONNECT: introduction, background, main results**

C. Walzer, Lead Partner ECONNECT, *FIWI Vienna (A)*

**14.45 – Regional dimension of ECONNECT outcomes**

- Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Public Health (*D*) - TBC

- Provincial Government Land Salzburg (*A*) - TBC

**15.15 – Global dimension of ECONNECT**

Speaker TBD

**15.45 – Coffee break**

**SESSION 1: CONNECTIVITY IN THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL DIMENSION**

**16.30 – Key results from ECONNECT for Alpine and European policy**

M. Vogel, Transboundary Pilot Region “Berchtesgaden-Salzburg”, *Berchtesgaden National Park (D)*

**16.45 – The economical dimension of connectivity**

Speaker TBD

**17.00 – The Alpine dimension of connectivity**

M. Onida, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention - TBC

**17.15 – The European dimension of connectivity**

DG Environment - TBD

**17.30 – Conclusions, outlook, recommendations**

Speaker TBD

**18.00 – End of the first day: Alpine Aperitif and common dinner in Berchtesgaden**

*For the Alpine Aperitif we kindly invite you to bring a speciality of your region (food or drinks) to share with the other participants. The registration office will take care of your contributions and arrange a common buffet with the delicacies of all participants.*



**2<sup>nd</sup> DAY – September 27**  
**Key Results of ECONNECT**

**SESSION 2: OBSTACLES AND SOLUTIONS TO ALPINE CONNECTIVITY**

**9.00 – Introduction**

C. Walzer, Lead Partner ECONNECT, *FIWI Vienna (A)*

**9.10 – Geographic data availability in the Alps: the case of ECONNECT**

K. Renner, *EURAC Bolzano (I)*

**9.30 – Aquatic species as example for the modeling**

A. Bou-Vinals, *University of Innsbruck (A)*

**9.50 – From measures to a spatial explicit regional strategy for connectivity: the case of the Rhaetian Triangle**

R. Haller, *Swiss National Park (CH)*

**10.15 – Coffee break**

**SESSION 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF CONNECTIVITY IN THE PILOT REGIONS**

**10.45 – General introduction to the work of the Pilot Regions**

Guido Plassmann, *Task Force Protected Areas / Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention*

**11.00 – Motivation and challenges for an ecological network in the Alps**

*National Park of Berchtesgaden (D) & Department of Isere (F)*

**11.25 – Tools, planning and stakeholder involvement for the establishment of an ecological network**

*Swiss National Park (CH), Gesäuse National Park (A), Berchtesgaden National Park (D)*

**12.00 – Implementation of concrete measures in the Pilot Regions**

*Hohe Tauern National Park (A), Department of Isere (F), Natural Park Alpi Marittime (I), Gesäuse National Park (A)*

**12.30 – ECONNECT implementation recommendations**

Speaker TBD



**12.45 – Lunch**

**14.00 – Connectivity – from motivation to implementation: difficulties and opportunities of a challenging project**

Round table

## **SESSION 4: TOOLS TO ANALYSE CONNECTIVITY**

**14.50 – Developing a map of the potential ecological connectivity in the Alps: the JECAMI tool and the ECONNECT GeoPortal**

*Swiss National Park (CH) & EURAC Bolzano (I)*

**15.10 – The EGTC (European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation) as a tool to overcome legal barriers between protected areas**

*P. Angelini, Italian Ministry of the Environment (I)*

**15.40 – Coffee break**

## **SESSION 5: BEYOND ECONNECT**

**16.10 – Developing an European continuum: other projects on connectivity**

- Dipl. Ing. Anke Hahn "Reflexions from the TransEcoNet Project"

- Dr. Marie Vandewalle "Report from the BiodiversityKnowledge Project"

**17.10 – Ecological networks and the Alpine Convention**

– M. Bruno Stephan Walder and Mrs Christine Fehr / FOEN (Federal office of the Environment)

- German and French Presidencies of the Platform Ecological Network of the Alpine Convention

- S. Reppe, German Ministry of the Environment (D)

- M-O. Guth, French Ministry of the Environment (F)

**17.55 – Conclusion: next steps forward**

*C. Walzer, Lead Partner ECONNECT, FIWI Vienna (A)*

**18.30 – End of the conference**

**19.30 – Common dinner in Berchtesgaden**



### **3<sup>RD</sup> DAY – September 28**

## **Webs of Life in the Transboundary Pilot Region “Berchtesgaden-Salzburg” - Promotion and Establishment of an Ecological Continuum in the Northern Alps**

**9.00 – Start of the field-trip**

**12.30 – Lunch break**

**15.00 – End of the field-trip**

