

ALPACA Dialogue: “Implementing local climate action – barriers & solutions”

Virtual Workshop, 22nd of October 2021, 10 am

Introduction, background and goals

The alpine region is particularly affected by climate change. Temperatures in the Alps are raising faster than the global average and mountain regions have to face increasing risks from extreme events and natural hazards. As a strongly affected region, we have to take responsibility. Although the countries of the Alpine region have agreed upon international strategies like the Alpine Convention and Climate Action Plan 2.0, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change UNFCCC, the Paris Agreement or the Sustainable Development Goals, targets like the climate-neutral and climate-resilient Alps remain distant. **So how can we come from targets to action? How can we preserve the Alpine region as a livable and safe environment?**

The Alpine Partnership for Local Climate Action (**ALPACA**) is based on the idea that municipalities and local authorities play a key role in climate protection and adaptation to climate change. Within ALPACA various organizations, such as climate and energy agencies, networks and researchers work together on the question: How can we support municipalities and local authorities and their partners in order to get political leaders, authorities, entrepreneurs and residents to act?

With this workshop we want to enable an **international, transdisciplinary exchange** within the Alpine macro-region on implementation barriers for local climate adaptation measures and how to overcome those barriers. We want to **broaden the dialogue** among different regions, adding findings from latest **research projects** and **good practice examples** in different countries that set the focus on **climate change adaptation** measures.

Agenda

10:00 Welcome

10:05 Wolfgang Lexner, Umweltbundesamt: **Results of the research project GOAL**

Governance of local climate adaptation; analyzing barriers and success factors for agenda-setting and implementation of climate adaptation in small municipalities and developing recommendations together with practitioners

10:30 Good practices of local climate adaptation - Flashlights

Peter Plaimer, Leader- und Regionalmanagement Unterkärnten, KEM & Mobilitätsbüro Südkärnten: **Reforestation project Eisenkappel, AUSTRIA**

A protective forest in Eisenkappel, which was completely destroyed by two windthrow disasters and a forest fire, was extensively reforested in a climate-friendly manner. This action was made possible by the cooperation of the forest owner with the KLAR! management South Carinthia, the affected community, the district forest inspection (Bezirksforstinspektion), the Chamber of Agriculture and the social club "Club 41 - Old Table Völkermarkt

Henning Rust, Freie Universität Berlin and Hans-Ertel-Centre for Weather Research: **KARE-Citizen Science, GERMANY**

KARE-CS is a project with educational institutions in the Bavarian Oberland aiming to activate the population for climate adaptation measures through own atmospheric measurements and observations of regional extreme weather events and their impact.

Madeleine Rohrer, Meran: **Climate adaptation plan Meran and the implementation of urban environmental policies, ITALY**

Laurence Monnet, Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Énergie Environnement ...: **ClimaSTORY: a pedagogical reflection and action tool on territorial climate change adaptation, FRANCE**

ClimaSTORY is a board game to encourage collective reflection, ideal for raising awareness among people with little or no knowledge of climate adaptation. Designed for all types of users, this educational support introduces a fictional territory facing the effects of climate change and proposes adaptation solutions around economic activities.

11:15 --- Break---

11:30 Discussion an inter-regional exchange

12:40 Wrap up and feedback from the discussion groups

13:00 Closing

 **Registration**

Please register **by October 15 at the latest** via:

<https://anmeldung.ccca.ac.at/registration-alpaca-dialogue-22-10-2021/>

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