



Know-how transfer and networking for sustainable mountain development in the European Alps

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The International Commission for the Protection of the Alps CIPRA is a non governmental umbrella organisation with national representations in all Alpine countries and represents more than 100 associations and organisations. CIPRA bridges the gap between research and practice: “Disseminating knowledge, networking people” – that is the motto of “Future in the Alps”, a broad-based know-how-management project run by CIPRA which was one of the main activities since 2007.

In this project – one among many – CIPRA collated and processed practical experience gained throughout the Alps, making it available to those who need it. The objective of the project was to encourage people, businesses and institutions to network in order to share and implement know-how and information and thus stimulate sustainable development in the Alps. In order to make this knowledge available to all as input for new activities and good projects, a dedicated website was created at www.cipra.org/future.

Putting this knowledge into practice is another challenge that CIPRA is responding to in various projects and initiatives. For example, CIPRA is one of the initiators of the Alliance in the Alps community network, in which over 260 communities from all the countries of the Alps are now working together to achieve sustainable development at the local level. For CIPRA, it was important to collaborate very closely with this network of communities in order to implement the knowledge of “future in the Alps”. Therefore, a common project was established and implemented in the communities.

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