



Final conference

"Territorial authorities and stakeholders: Creating success together"

Turin (Italy), 8 – 9 march 2007

Mountain regions faced with the economic handicaps linked to their geographic and environmental situations have, across Europe, developed valuable innovative strategies to address these challenges. The development of each mountain region has to consider, and be adapted to, specific local conditions. At the same time, such regional innovations often provide experiences that can be very valuable for the development of other regions.

"**Euromountains.net**" is a networking project which links European mountain regions in order to promote sustainable development. Part-funded by the Interreg IIC SUD programme, the project involves 13 partners from 6 countries (Scotland, Spain, France, Italy, Norway and Portugal) with the technical support of Euromontana. Starting with the experiences of the project partners, the project has aimed to identify territorial management models in mountain areas and transferable success factors with regard to three themes:

- 1) The improvement of services in mountain areas;
- 2) The role of territorial authorities in developing and promoting resources and mountain quality products;
- 3) Managing the fragile mountain landscape, rural environment and natural resources.

The final conference of the project - "**Creating success together**" - bringing experience from these themes together for discussion and conclusions, will indicate sustainable development future scenario for the European mountains, in a perspective of European cooperation and of synergetic relation between cities and mountains.

In addition to actors from the partner regions, the conference will involve the European Commission and the wider European mountain community through the extensive network of Euromontana, the European Association of Mountain Areas.

The draft final conclusions and recommendations of the project will be available before the conference. Thematic reports and regional studies are already available at www.euromountains.net

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday 8 March 2007

- 09.00 Welcome coffee**
- 09.30 PRESIDENT OF THE SESSION: FRANK GASKELL, PRESIDENT OF EUROMONTANA**
WELCOME STATEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE
Sergio Bisacca, Vice President of Torino Province - Italy
Frank Gaskell, President of Euromontana
- 10.00 EUROPEAN MOUNTAINS: THE KEY ISSUES**
Frank Gaskell, President of Euromontana
- 10.20 RECOGNISING TRENDS IN THE EUROPEAN MOUNTAINS**
Peter Mehlbye, Director of ESPON
- 10.40 INTRODUCTION TO EUROMOUNTAINS.NET PROJECT**
Kristiina Urpalainen, Euromontana
Elena Di Bella, Province of Turin (Lead Partner) - Italy
- 11.00 COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.30 KEY RESULTS OF THE THREE PROJECT THEMES**
Theme 1: *Elena Di Bella/Giorgio Salza*, Province of Turin - Italy
Theme 2: *Emmanuel Mingasson*, SUACI - France
Theme 3: *Becky Shaw*, Scottish Crofting Federation - Scotland
- 12.15 HORIZONTAL ISSUES FROM EUROMOUNTAINS.NET: BASIS FOR WORKING GROUPS**
Martin Price, UHI Millennium Institute - Scotland
- 12.45 Buffet** and poster exhibition on the project case studies
- 14.30 Parallel Workshops (in IT/EN/FR)**
- 1. FOSTERING EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS**
Emmanuel Mingasson, SUACI - France
Jean-Claude Jauneau, ISARA-Lyon - France
 - 2. LINKS BETWEEN MOUNTAIN AND LOWLAND AREAS; ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
Elena Di Bella, Province of Turin - Italy
Hilde Ballière, Buskerud County Council - Norway
 - 3. AVOIDING DEVELOPMENT VS. CONSERVATION CONFLICTS; INTEGRATING INTERESTS**
Dave Roberts, Highland Council - Scotland
Cécile Levret, Euromontana
- Coffee break**
- 16.30 Continuation of the parallel workshops (in IT/EN/FR)**
- 1. ENSURING CAPACITY IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS**
Emmanuel Mingasson, SUACI - France
Jean-Claude Jauneau, ISARA-Lyon - France
 - 2. FOCUSING ON THE LONG TERM: FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY DURING AND BEYOND PROJECTS**
Elena Di Bella, Province of Turin - Italy
Hilde Ballière, Buskerud County Council - Norway
 - 3. RECOGNISING MOUNTAIN NEEDS, AND FOSTERING MOUNTAIN KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION**
Dave Roberts, Highland Council - Scotland
Cécile Levret, Euromontana
- 18.00 Aperitif**
Side meetings on future projects/initiatives
- 20.00 Conference dinner**

Friday 9 March 2007

08.30 Welcome coffee

09.00 PRESIDENT OF THE SESSION: Sergio Bisacca, Vice President of Torino Province - Italy

OPENING STATEMENTS

Bruna Sibille, Assessore of Mountain Development of Regione Piemonte - Italy

Antonio Saitta, President of Torino Province - Italy

Thomas Egger, SAB, Switzerland, Member of the Board, Euromontana

09.30 DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EUROMOUNTAINS.NET

Elena Di Bella, Province of Turin (Lead Partner) - Italy

09.45 OUTCOMES FROM PREVIOUS DAY'S WORKING GROUPS

Martin Price, UHI Millennium Institute - Scotland

10.00 PRESENTATION OF GOOD PRACTICE FROM CASE STUDIES, ILLUSTRATING KEY ISSUES

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Roundtable:

DECISION-MAKERS' PERSPECTIVES ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moderation: Drew MacFarlane Slack, Elected representative from Highland Council and Member of the Board, Euromontana

Gianluca Susta, member of the European Parliament - Italy

Lido Riba, President of the UNCEM Piemonte delegation - Italy

Francisco Tavares, President of ADRAT, Portugal

Claudio Brédy, Mayor and chief of the community policies service, Valle d'Aosta - Italy

Arne Vinje, Mayor of Vinje - Telemark, Norway

Marco Bellion, member of the Piemonte regional council - Italy

Diputacion de Palencia, Spain

Mission Montagne, Région de Rhone-Alpes -France

13.00 Lunch

14.30 PRESIDENT OF THE SESSION: Tor Bremer, Sogn og Fjordane County Council, Vice-President of Euromontana *)

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION POINT OF VIEW

Jean-Michel Courades, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

EUROPEAN COMMISSION PERSPECTIVE ON INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION

Moray Gilland, Territorial Co-operation, Urban Actions and the Outermost Regions, DG Regional Policy

16.00 CONCLUDING STATEMENTS

Tor Bremer, Sogn og Fjordane County Council, Vice-President of Euromontana

Antonio Saitta, President of Torino Province (lead partner of the project) - Italy

*) **Signing of the declaration of cooperation between Euromontana and Arco Latino**

Antonio Saitta, President of Arco Latino, Italy

Tor Bremer, Vice-President of Euromontana



CAUTION: Languages

The conference will have translation to and from EN/FR/IT/PT/ES/NO

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Saturday 10 March 2007 – study visits (on reservation)

- **Visit to the a Torino 2006 Olympic Winter Games Venue ski jumping - Pragelato**
- **Visit to Usseaux, the murales village**
A small town that with its five alpine villages is still today an interesting example of rural architecture among the most integral of all the Chisone Valley.
- **Lunch at Laux Lake**
An example of alpine village still between the most integral sites of all valley
- **Visit to the Forte of Fenestrelle monument symbol of the Province of Turin**
Only in Europe to completely being crossed by a scale of 4000 steps, passable on an unevenness of approximately 650 meters in every atmospheric condition. It includes the three forts: Saint Carl, Three Teeth and Of Go them, including to its inside military architecture, articulations of this enormous complex

Registration and further information

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Provincia di Torino, Piemonte - Italy

Provincia Autonoma di Trento, Trentino - Italy

Istituto di ricerca per l'ecologia e l'economia applicate alle aree alpine, Lombardia - Italy

Diputacion de Cordoba, Andalucia - Spain

Diputacion de Palencia, Castilla y Leon - Spain

Associação de Desenvolvimento da Região do Alto Tâmega, Alto Tâmega - Portugal















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