

Memorandum of Understanding of the AlpSP

1. Starting Point and Driving Forces

- Meet the many challenges and opportunities that the highly diverse and heterogeneous landscape of the Alpine region faces with its small-scaled soil patterns
- Make decision-making processes mindful of soil-based ecosystem services and sustainable soil management

2. Objectives of the Alpine Soil Partnership

- Form a permanent transnational soil cooperation network
- Facilitate the spread of knowledge, experience, awareness, engagement and interest in soils of the Alpine region
- Implement sustainable soil management and protection in the Alpine region
- Collaborate with soil networks in the Alpine region, such as Alpine Convention CIPRA, European Soil Partnership (ESP), European Land and Soil Alliance (ELSA)
- Strengthen the implementation of the Soil Protection Pro- to col of the Alpine Convention

3. Activities of the Alpine Soil Partnership

- Raise soil awareness at local and regional level
- Enhance soil protection through concrete and practice-oriented assistance to different, soil related actors/ stakeholders in relevant sectors
- Transfer knowledge gained from applied and fundamental research as well as how to apply the results in practice
- Gather and exchange methods for sustainable soil management and best practices

4. Members of the Alpine Soil Partnership Include

- Politicians and Administrators (from national and regional governments, municipalities and agencies)
- Scientists and Educators (at universities, institutes, schools)
- Practitioners (landowners, decision-makers in all soil related sectors, such as farming, forestry, industry, commercial enterprises, land use planning, construction and mining, tourism, nature conservation, landscape and cultural heritage)
- NGOs and private individuals

5. Tasks of the Members of the Alpine Soil Partnership

- Promote and carry out activities that contribute to better soil management and protection in the Alpine region and integrate soil protection and sustainable soil management practices into their regular everyday activities
- Cooperate across national borders to exchange knowledge and expertise, present and disseminate good soil management and protection practices, and raise awareness of soil issues
- Actively participate in the annual AlpSP meetings

The full declaration is available at:
www.alpinesoils.eu/soil-partnership

Do you work for a **governmental agency** or are you planning to cooperate across borders?
– The Alpine Soil Partnership will enable you to get in touch with international soil specialists in an informal way.

Are you a **scientist** who needs soil data from the Alpine region?
– The Alpine Soil Partnership provides its members with an organized metadata catalogue.

Are you looking for **best practice examples** for sustainable soil management?
– Just get in touch with us!

Are you concerned about soil management and want to team up with other **like-minded people**?
– The Alpine Soil Partners are committed to sustainable soil management!

Find out more about alpine soils

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Caring for Soils
– Where Our Roots Grow

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What is the Alpine Soil Partnership?

The Alpine Soil Partnership (AlpSP) is an informal transnational network which aims to enhance political commitment and overcome fragmented governance systems to strengthen Alpine soil management strategies.

The AlpSP was established during the EU Interreg Project Links4Soils (2016-2019) and links stakeholders and institutions of soil-related sectors within the Alpine region. Membership is free, and in-kind contributions from members or other interested parties to finance meetings and activities are welcome.

Three Reasons to Join the Alpine Soil Partnership

- 1. “We know more about the movement of celestial bodies than about the soil under our own feet.” (Leonardo da Vinci)**
Practice-oriented knowledge exchange for sustainable soil management in the Alpine region
- 2. Connect municipalities in the Alpine region**
Build working relationships between individuals, institutions, and organisations on soil-related topics at various levels.
- 3. “If you want to go fast, walk alone. If you want to go far, walk together.” (African proverb)**
Establish a common approach to implement sustainable soil management in the Alps

How to become an Alpine Soil Partner?

- 1.** Sign the declaration of membership.
- 2.** Send a scanned or digital picture of the signed document to **info@alpinesoils.eu**
- 3.** Learn and profit from the information provided on the soil information platform www.alpinesoils.eu and the knowledge of our alpine soil experts.

Declaration of Membership in the Alpine Soil Partnership

I/We the undersigned, hereby declare that I/we will contribute to implementing the objectives of the Alpine Soil Partnership and will carry out corresponding activities to the best of my/our abilities.

I/We commit myself/ourselves to promoting, strengthening, and supporting soil protection and sustainable soil management to the best of my/our abilities.

Date/Location:	Signature:
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Member Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Personal statement on sustainable soil management:
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- ☐ I want to be informed about events of the Alpine Soil Partnership events and receive the newsletter.
- ☐ I agree to allow my name to appear on www.alpinesoils.eu as an Alpine Soil Partner.

Your data will only be passed on to members of the Alpine Soil Partnership and funding authorities. You can revoke your membership and your data at any time.

