

Links4Soils

Caring for Soils - Where Our Roots Grow.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Establishment of an Alpine Soil Partnership:

Establishing a voluntary community that will jointly act towards better implementation of the Soil Conservation Protocol of the Alpine Convention • Bringing together Alpine soil experts, stakeholders, regional decision makers, international organisations, NGOs, and other users of soil information in order to create a long-lasting community committed to Alpine soil management and protection.

Strengthening Alpine Soil Management Information Sources:

Improving knowledge for sustainable soil management in the Alps • Identifying soil (and environmental) data and knowledge gaps • Testing data processing methods and elaborating transnational soil information on Alpine soils • Making Alpine soil data and derived information permanently accessible to end-users.

Formulation of Best Practices in Sustainable Soil and Ecosystem Service Management:

Maintaining living soil in forestry, spatial planning, agriculture, and water management • Testing best practices in case studies and successful solutions integrated into sectoral management plans on local and regional levels • Developing regional and local land management and soil protection plans.

Building Capacity and Transferring Knowledge www.AlpineSoils.eu:

Establishing the Alpine Soil Web Platform, thus providing end users and decision-makers a SharePoint for information on Alpine soils • Providing tools and training to enhance end-user skills for the integration of soil ecosystem services in daily environmental protection and land management practices • Disseminating knowledge and best practice examples to contribute to sustainable soil management capacities and decision-making in the Alps • Presenting data-sets, tools, and a FAQ catalogue for soil management • Providing consultancy services • Linking stakeholders and boosting cooperation by sharing the contact information of authorities and soil experts.

PROJECT DURATION

November 2016 - October 2019

PROJECT PARTNERS

SI Agricultural Institute of Slovenia –
Lead Partner

IT Autonomous Region
of Aosta Valley

DE LAND-PLAN Bureau for
Landscape Ecology and Planning

AT Climate Alliance Tyrol

AT Institute of Geography,
University of Innsbruck

DE Municipality of Kaufering

FR National Research Institute,
Grenoble

AT Office of the Tyrolean
Provincial Government

SI Slovenia Forest Service

IT University of Torino - DISAFA

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