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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

THE “PRICE” OF LANDSCAPE - Who cares about landscape in the Alps?

JUNE 24th 2011, AUDITORIUM EURAC, Viale Druso 1, Bolzano, Italy

PROGRAMME

Natural and cultural landscape is one of main assets of the Alps. At the same time, more than 14 million people live in the Alps and more than 100 million tourists come to the Alps every year from several parts of the world. Since the Alps are situated in the heart of Europe and must be crossed, and since they are one of the main water and forest reservoirs of Europe, their landscape has suffered in the past from the construction of transport and energy infrastructures, such as highways, roads, bridges, power stations and power lines. Regulatory measures have been adopted, at international, European and national level, in order to protect landscape. Among the existing instruments are the European Landscape Convention, the 1994 Protocol of the Alpine Convention on nature conservation and landscape protection, The EU legislation on environmental impact assessment. Of high relevance are also the public right to participation in decision-making processes as well as access to information and justice in environmental matters, which are the subject of the “Aarhus” Convention and are also part of EU law.

The current debate on the need to further develop energy production from renewable sources, consequence of the fight to climate change and the irreversible nuclear crisis creates new challenges for the Alps. While it is opportune to increase the efficiency of existing energy production installations, such as hydro power stations as well as to invest in new technologies for exploiting wind, the sun and biomass, it is also important to avoid any unnecessary further impairment to landscape in the Alps. This, however, does not appear as a priority aspect in the discussion surrounding further planned investments in infrastructures.

In order to exchange views and discuss on this crucial issues, the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention in cooperation with the Austrian and the Italian Alpine Associations organizes a Conference on “THE “PRICE” OF LANDSCAPE - Who cares about landscape in the Alps?”.

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- 8:45 *Registration and welcome coffee*
- 9:15 **Welcome speeches:** *Marco Onida, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention; Robert Renzler, Secretary general of OeAV; Umberto Martini, President of CAI*
- 9:45 **The European Landscape Convention:** *Maguelonne Dejeant-Pons, Head of the Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Spatial Planning Division, Council of Europe*
- 10:15 **European legislation for landscape protection and public participation. Substantive rules and procedural rights:** *Ludwig Krämer, Professor of Environmental Law*
- 10:55 **The Alpine Convention (protocol on landscape protection and guidelines for small hydropower):** *Marco Onida, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention*
- 11:15 **The new alpine landscapes of high mountains: a new cultural wealth?,** *Claudio Smiraglia, Professor of Physical geography and geomorphology, University of Milan*
- 11:45 *Question and answer*
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break*
- 13:00 **The philosophic and aesthetic value of landscape:** *Sigbert Riccabona, former Landesumweltanwalt – Tirol; Innsbruck*
- 13:30 **To whom does landscape belong?** *Raimund Rodewald, Stiftung Landschaftsschutz, Bern*
- 14:00 **Landscape protection as a criteria for the authorisation of projects. Experiences from the territory:** *Johanna Ebner, Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen; Ermanno Pasini, Major of Provaglio Val Sabbia; N.N.*
- 15:00 **Round table and debate**
- 16.00 **End of the conference**

Free entrance but email registration will be requested in advance - DEADLINE 16th JUNE 2011- by sending an email to liliana.dagostin@alpenverein.at indicating name, surname and Organization.

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