

Alp-Water-Scarce - Water Management Strategies against Water Scarcity in the Alps

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The main challenges of this project are to create local Early Warning Systems against Water Scarcity in the Alps. This system should be based on sound and long-term monitoring and modeling and anchored strongly and actively within a Stakeholder Forum linked across comparative and contrasting regions across the Alps. The Early Warning System is based on the linkage and improvement of field monitoring and assemblage of qualitative and quantitative data derived from anthropogenic water use in 28 selected pilot regions selected in France, Italy, Austria, Slovenia and Switzerland. The objectives are to improve water management at the short term (annual scale) and long term (using future scenarios) based on modelling and application of climate change and anthropogenic scenarios. Innovative measures of mitigation and adaptation should predict and prevent future water shortages. Awareness raising and stakeholder interaction will form an important part of problem identification, participation in the project, dissemination of results and implementation of new approaches.

The kick-off meeting will take place on the 17th October at the SILA, Annecy, France. With simultaneous translation in the principal alpine languages. It is open to the public and to all stakeholders, planners and managers interested in the subject.

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