The Alpine Convention

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International Treaty for the protection and the sustainable development of the Alps

1989  1st Alpine Conference
1991  Signature of the Convention on the protection of the Alps
1995  Entry into force of the Convention
2002  Entry into force of the 8 Protocols
2003  Establishment of the Permanent Secretariat

Binding international law
Strong principle of cooperation
Framework Convention

Protocols
- Nature protection and landscape conservation
- Mountain farming
- Spatial planning and sustainable development
- Mountain forests
- Tourism
- Energy
- Soil conservation
- Transport

Declarations
- Population and culture
- Climate change
- Sustainable economy
Perimeter of the Alpine Convention
→ Setting joint priorities: Multiannual Work Programme
→ Joint work on relevant thematic fields: Thematic Working Bodies
→ Joint knowledge pool: System of Information and Observation of the Alps (including Reports on the State of the Alps)
Main thematic issues addressed by the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2017-2022:

- Focusing on people and culture
- Taking action on climate change
- Conserving and valuing biodiversity and landscape
- Greening the economy
- Promoting sustainable transport
12 Thematic Working Bodies:

- Transport Working Group
- Natural Hazards Platform - PLANALP
- Ecological Network Platform
- Water Management in the Alps Platform
- Large Carnivores, Wild Ungulates and Society Platform
- Macro-regional strategy for the Alps Working Group
- Mountain Agriculture Platform
- Mountain Forests Working Group
- Sustainable Tourism Working Group
- Ad-hoc Expert Group on Spatial Planning
- Green Economy Advisory Board
- Alpine Climate Board
Cooperation instruments: joint knowledge

Reports on the state of the Alps

RSA 7: Natural hazards governance
Thank you!

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