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Dear friends of Alpine Soils!

*"If you want to walk fast, go alone.*

*If you want to walk far, walk together."*

**Sustainable soil management needs cooperation.** We are very pleased to announce that the Alpine Soil Partnership and the Soil Protection Working Group of the Alpine Convention will publish a joint newsletter, sharing updates on sustainable soil management in the Alpine area.

**Walking together needs to start by taking a first step.** This first one was already taken years ago, when neither the Alpine Soil Partnership nor the Soil Protection Working Group of the Alpine Convention did exist yet. Back then, various actors in the Alps started to collaborate more intensively and took action for sustainable soil management!

Ever since those first steps, further leaps have been taken. Achievements have been made of which we can be proud, such as the existence of the institutional **Soil Protection Working Group of the Alpine Convention**, into which all Contracting Parties of the Alpine Convention (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Slovenia, Monaco and the European Union) nominate members and the existence of the **Alpine Soil Partnership**, which is open for all people interested in soils to join. Many of you, who are reading this newsletter have been and still are part of this joint development!

In this newsletter edition we want to inform you about

- Alpine Soil Partnership activities
- News and current topics
- Updates on soil-relevant Alpine projects
- Dates & Events

This newsletter is also a call for contributions and expression of interest! We cordially invite you to join our activities - for further information see below.

Best regards,

Maria Legner, Coordination Unit of the Alpine Soil Partnership

Vera Bornemann, Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention

Christian Steiner, Chair of the Soil Protection Working Group of the Alpine Convention

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## **News of the Alpine Soil Partnership & Alpine Convention Soil Working Group**

The following contributions represent the current activities of the Alpine Soil Partnership as well as goings-on in the Alpine Convention Soil Working Group.



# Alpine Soil Partnership

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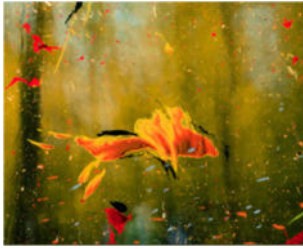
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The Partnership is currently developing new project ideas on sustainable soil management for the upcoming Interreg Alpine Space programme funding period.

Please send a reply to [info@alpinesoils.eu](mailto:info@alpinesoils.eu) until 12<sup>th</sup> June if you are interested in

- thinking about an Alpine project on sustainable soil management,
- contributing to the Alpine SOILutions Congress (see below),
- being an active part of the Alpine Soil Partnership by taking a role in the Steering Committee.

**Save-the-date: On 1st December 2021 the Annual Meeting of the Alpine Soil Partnership will take place (online), electing the new members of the Steering Committee and presenting the outcomes of the Alpine SOILutions Congress (see below).**



### **Alpine SOILutions Congress**

The AlpSP organises the innovative and participatory Alpine SOILutions Congress as part of its outreaching activities. Together with students of all Alpine countries, ideas and prototypes will be developed online and later presented at the Annual Meeting.



### **The Soil Protection Working Group of the Alpine Convention**

consists of delegates from the Alpine Countries as well as the European Union and is chaired by Christian Steiner (Lower Austrian Agricultural District Authority). You can take a closer look into results from the first mandate phase and the current working programme [here](#).



### **Climate Action Plan 2.0 released!**

The Climate Action Plan 2.0 was developed by the Alpine Climate Board during the working period 2019-2020 and

prioritises specific measures to implement the Alpine Climate Target System 2050 in the ten sectors of activity; the horizontal topics (municipal action as well as research and development) are integrated in the sectoral proposals. **Learn more about the actions for sustainable soil management!**

[More information](#)



### **Soil Film Award - Call for entries**

A special price for the best film on the topic of soil will be awarded again during the International Nature Film Festival from 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in Innsbruck (Austria). [Submit your movie](#) until 15<sup>th</sup> July and become part of a truly inspiring festival experience.

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## **About Projects**

In this section we want to give the floor to current projects dealing with sustainable soil management or similar topics.



#### **LIFE Future Forest (2020-23)**

A follow-up project of Links4Soils deals with the climate change adaptation of forest management in combination with sustainable soil management in Bavaria - both for private forest owners as well as public authorities. The output will be a guideline that can be applied in Europe.

[More information...](#)



#### **OpenSpaceAlps (Interreg Alpine Space, 2019-22)**

The project deals with the role of open spaces in Alpine spatial development. Based on a bottom-up approach in three cross-border pilot regions, the project aims to enhance spatial planning governance in order to support green infrastructure planning and limit landscape fragmentation. One of the main outputs is the establishment of an Alpine-wide spatial planning network: the AlpPlan network. **If you want to stay informed about its activities, [you can subscribe to the AlpPlan network newsletter](#).**



#### **Impuls4Action (EUSALP | ARPAF)**

Water use, inner development and peatlands are connected and influence our daily life in the EUSALP area and beyond. In times of climate crisis the Alps are even more affected and therefore vulnerable. What could be

done on a regional level to respect and use our Alpine soils for future generations in a sustainable way, while taking into account economic, social and ecological balance?

**Check out the videos, toolboxes and final conference on 20th May!**

[More information](#)



### **trAILs (Interreg Alpine Space)**

Transforming Alpine industrial landscapes: an open challenge! After three years of intense transnational cooperation, the Interreg project "trAILs" is reaching its conclusion. **However, through the recently published Project Handbook and the final symposium LOST&FOUND**, solid foundations have been laid for the future of this unprecedented and relevant spatial development challenge. [More information](#)

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## **Current Topics & Publications**

We want to provide an abstract of current issues on soil protection incl. new publications.

- [Austrian Soil Forum](#) on 4<sup>th</sup> May - exchange on soil activities in Austria
- [Resolution of the EU Parliament](#) on Soil Protection
- [Position paper](#) following a long-term dialogue meetings of agricultural and nature protection representatives coordinated by WWF Germany. Also available in English.
- [Does soil contribute to the human microbiome?](#)  
Innspiring open access article in microorganisms by Blum, Zechmeister-Boltenstern and Keiblinger.
- [Report on the Status of Knowledge of Soil Biodiversity](#) – published 2020 by the FAO and freely available as PDF.
- [Forest site types in Slovenia](#) – a comprehensive overview of forest management, growth, yield and soils. Book published in 2021 among others by the former Links4Soils partner Slovenian Forest Service – available in Slovenian.
- [The new soil map of the Aosta Valley](#) - The map and related paper online.
- [Managing soil erosion in mountain vineyards](#). - A paper comparing soil management approaches in a mountain vineyard.



## Save the dates

- 20.05. [Final Conference Impuls4Action](#) (online)
- 22.05. [Project Presentation](#) Future Forest (online, DE)
- 23.-27.08. [EUROSOIL](#) - with a contribution of the AlpSP
- 19.-20.10. [AlpPlan international conference](#) (Germany)
- 16.-24.10. [International Nature Film Festival](#) (Austria)
- 17., 26., 27.11. [Alpine SOILutions Congress](#) (online)



01.12. [Annual Meeting of the Alpine Soil Partnership](#)  
(online)

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Dear friends of Alpine soils!

**Science – practice – governance – communication!**

The Covid-19 pandemic has underlined, in an often painful way, the importance of all these four aspects interacting and supporting each other!

This also applies to soil protection, which is an immense field and concerns the very skin of the earth. This newsletter focuses on the invaluable skin covering the densely settled mountain area at the heart of Europe: the Alps.

While the urge to protect soil - this fragile skin - is as pressing as climate protection, there are slow but nonetheless constant developments in all four categories.

The Alpine Convention and the Alpine Soil Partnership, together with many partners, work on connecting governance, science, practice and communicating about them. Be part of the network, participate in spreading the word, and check out some of the recent building blocks connected to soil protection and the Alps below.

**You are cordially invited to join the [Annual Meeting of the Alpine Soil Partnership](#) on 1st December 2 - 5 p.m. online to find out more about recent activities and share your updates with the network!**

Best regards,

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### Annual Meeting of the Alpine Soil Partnership

1st December 2021 2-5 p.m.

Election of the Steering Committee - Presentation of the results of the Alpine SOILutions Congress - Discussion of the Interreg Alpine Space project proposal Act4Soils - Alpine & Soil Projects in a nutshell.

More informaton and registration [here](#).

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### **Air quality in the Alps**

Soil and air is closely connected, particularly as soil is often used for air quality monitoring. The eighth Report on the State of the Alps (RSA 8) on air quality has been published. The RSA 8 is the result of a joint effort by experts from all the Alpine countries and the EU to examine the main sources of air pollution and identifies a set of recommendations for policymakers. Read the report [here](#).



### Caretaker of the Month: Spatial Planning

Each month, the people and institutions behind the caretakers of the implementation pathways of the Climate Action Plan 2.0 are spotlighted. In August, it was spatial planning's turn. [Find out](#) what spatial planning means to the caretakers, Katharina Zwettler and Marc Pfister, as well as their vision of the Alps in 2050! Check out the website again in December to meet the soil protection caretaker!



### Creating synergies on Spatial Planning activities

In August, the Alpine Climate Board organised a workshop for the Spatial Planning Community. Activities dedicated to the spatial planning implementation pathways were shared, such as on land saving targets as well as growth and shrinkage. The aim? To create synergies between the activities of the Alpine Convention Thematic Working Bodies and external institutions working on the topics! The resources from the workshop are available [here](#).

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## About Projects & Goings-on

In this section we give the floor to current projects, events and strategies dealing with sustainable soil management and related topics.



### **EUROSOIL 2020**

The [Eurosoil Congress-20th Anniversary](#), originally planned in Geneva in August 2020, was held online from 23rd to 26th of August 2021. Michele Freppaz, Clemens Geitner & Silvia Stanchi, members of the Alpine Soil Partnership and of the Link4Soils project team, chaired a session entitled "Understanding and managing mountain soils, and related ecosystem services".

In line with the conference title "Connecting People and Soil" the Alpine Convention held a presentation in the session on Global soil governance.



### **EU Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe**

EU Missions aim at bringing concrete solutions to some of our greatest challenges. They have ambitious goals and will deliver concrete results by 2030. Find out more about the EU Mission "A Soil Deal for Europe" [here](#) and get involved!



### **EUSO Stakeholder Forum**

A key element of the European Commission's EU Soil Observatory (EUSO) is an open, inclusive and dynamic engagement with its diverse stakeholder base. Find out more and stream the sessions of the recent stakeholder forum [here](#).



### **Strategies for peatland protection in Germany and Bavaria**

The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety has published a [national strategy for peatland protection](#). It contains aims and measures on the National level which are necessary to conserve peatlands successfully.

The [masterplan peatlands](#) in Bavaria aims at intensifying peatland protection. Raised bogs are being restored in the state forest and the renaturation activities of the nature conservation administration for rewetting bogs are tripled. This creates new habitats for animals and plants in the wetlands and protects the climate. Peatland should be protected from a lowering of the groundwater level.



### **Course on genesis and properties of mountain soils**

On the 19th July a training course was held in Valle d'Aosta Region, entitled "Genesis and properties of soils in the mountains" organized by CONAF, SIPe (Italian Society of Pedology), and the University of Turin-DISAFa, as part of a series of technical meetings denominated "Working against desertification from the Alps to the Mediterranean areas".

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## Save the dates

26.11.2021 [Workshop soil and climate: sponge city](#)

(online)

01.12.2021 Annual Meeting of the Alpine Soil Partnership

02.12.2021 [World soil day: Fachtagung der Kommission Bodenschutz beim Umweltbundesamt „Ohne doppelten Boden: Wie Bodenschutz die Zukunft sichert und unser Klima schützt“](#) (Berlin, Germany)

03.12.2021 Inauguration of the German Soil of the Year 2022 (Berlin, Germany)

08.12. Online Conference [Climate Landscapes](#) (German)

19-20.05.2022 Annual meeting of the European Land and Soil Alliance (Bolzano/Bozen, Italy)

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Dear friends of Alpine soils!

Soil as a limited and non-renewable resource – at least not in the span of several human generations– is under increasing pressure.

In view of the current crises such as the climate crisis, the pandemic, and most recently the war in Ukraine, greater self-sufficiency in regionally produced food and fodder, a more rapid switch to renewable energy sources and the continuous land take demand for living, work, tourism, and trade are becoming even more important. These developments massively affect the soils of the Alpine region and will intensify different land use interests as well as resulting conflicts.

However, the soil-related activities of our networks Alpine Convention and Alpine Soil Partnership have been both large in quality and quantity that we decided to outsource the content to the website [www.alpinesoils.eu](http://www.alpinesoils.eu).

Furthermore, we are happy to announce that the proposal Act4Soils - incl. innovative activities for the Alpine Soil Partnership and promoting the Alpine Convention protocols and strategies - has passed the first step of the application process in the Interreg Alpine Space programme. We will keep you updated! :)

Best regards,

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### **Project news and goings-on**

Find all the updates on projects of Alpine Soil Partners and members of the Alpine Convention Working Group on Soil Protection summarised [here!](#)

Thank you to all contributions:

- OpenSpaceAlps
- CIPRA
- Alpine Peatlands & Climate protection
- Together for our soil
- Soil awareness week Freistadt
- LIFE Future Forest
- 100 years Tyrolean Gene Bank
- AGORA European Green Deal
- European Land & Soil Alliance

**Soil-related News**



## Upcoming Events

24.-25.05. EUSALP AG 6 [Conference Landscape in Times of Climate Change](#) @Bolzano

31.05.-01.06. [Final Conference OpenSpaceAlps & AlpPlan network meeting](#) @Bolzano

09.06. [Celebrating Soil, Seeds & Senses](#) by AGORA  
European Green Deal

10.06. Webinar [Water in the landscape](#), online

01.07. Regional exchange meeting [Living from soils](#) @Imst

29.-30.09. [European Land & Soil Alliance Annual Conference](#) @Bolzano

29.04.-30.10 [Exhibition Terrain - Cultivar - Variety](#)  
@Innsbruck



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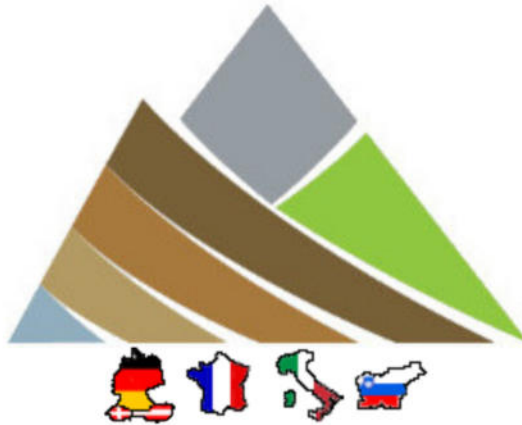
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Members of the Alpine Convention Working Group on Soil Protection and the Alpine Soil Partnership share their updates:

### Caretaker of the Month: Soil Protection

“Soil” was the Climate Action Plan 2.0 implementation pathway chosen for the Alpine Climate Board’s “Caretaker of the Month” back in December. [Read](#) where the Caretaker for Soil Robert Traidl’s fascination for Alpine soils comes from and why soils are so important for the climate.



### Caretaker of the Month: Natural Hazards

Wolfgang Lexer is the ACB’s Caretaker for Natural Hazards. In January he shared his thoughts on what needs to change in dealing with natural hazards in the Alps as well as the importance of transnational cooperation in this field.

Read more [here](#).



### Across the Alps: Explore, Respect, Live!

On 1 April, the outdoor exhibition “Across the Alps: Explore, Respect, Live!” began its journey through Tyrol in the town of Imst. The main objective of the exhibition is to show how the Alpine Convention promotes the protection and sustainable development of the Alps. The exhibition consists of the former Glockner Bivouac and five side elements, each of which addresses Alpine issues such as soil and biodiversity. Find out more about the exhibition on the dedicated [website](#).



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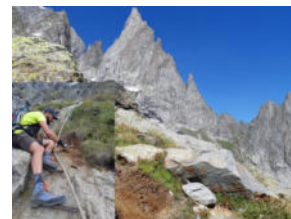
### Long-term action needed for soil protection in the Alps

Since results in the field of soil protection need endurance and continuous efforts, long-term strategies for relevant cooperation partners are necessary. Successful first steps are important and long-term approaches are required for core aspects of soil protection. Thus, the Soil Protection Working Group of the Alpine Convention is currently developing the Long-Term Action Plan for the implementation of provisions and declarations on soil protection in the specific context of the Alpine region. Stay tuned for this document, which will have relevance for you and will be accessible [here](#) after the XVII Alpine Conference in autumn.



### LUCAS soil survey 2022 started

The Europe-wide LUCAS soil survey 2022 has recently started the soil sampling phase in the field. During the preparatory seminar for the coordinators of the soil survey in February, specific challenges occurring during sampling soils in mountainous terrain were presented from the Alps.



### What role can soil functions play in spatial planning processes?

Land take and soil protection as well as the role of soil functions in spatial planning were the two main topics discussed by participants from the Alpine countries during a two-day cross-sectoral workshop in Munich on 29 and 30 March. Jointly organised by the Alpine Convention Working Groups on Soil Protection as well as Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development, with the support of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention and the Alpine Soil Partnership, the workshop showed that such cooperation between disciplines is fruitful, necessary, and should therefore be intensified. Read more about the workshop [here](#).



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## Map of the Month

The Alpine Convention's new "[Map of the Month](#)" campaign showcases the new Atlas (GIS) tool which allows you to explore, create, and share maps of the Alps. The Atlas contains a wide range of Alpine data such as "[Land use based on Corine Land Cover](#)".

Every month, a new map will be published on social media to highlight a topic the Alpine Convention deals with.



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## Alpine Convention film

The precious ground beneath our feet form the backdrop for the new [Alpine Convention film](#), which aims to capture the essence of the Convention through beautiful and captivating scenery and a symphonic soundtrack composed specially for the video.



## Transnational position paper on „safeguarding open spaces in the Alpine region“

A group of members of the AlpPlan network, a transnational network of spatial planning practitioners and researchers coordinated by the Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association (ARL), elaborated the position paper "Safeguarding open spaces in the Alpine region". It contains assessments and recommendations related to key spatial challenges of transnational relevance in the Alpine region, focussing on the issue of safeguarding open spaces with regard to the continuous land take and landscape fragmentation. The paper can be downloaded from the [ARL website](#).



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### **Saving:Soils**

CIPRA International advocates for a careful treatment of the soils of the Alps. With its project “[Saving:Soils](#)”, CIPRA International is working for a trend reversal in the use of land in peri-urban areas. In order to put scientific findings into practice, the project makes pilot examples visible and encourages imitation. How land sealing, land speculation and fiscal disincentives affect housing prices and food security and why the ecological transition can only be participative and attentive to history can be heard in two new episodes of the [CIPRA podcast](#) (in German and French).



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### **Attention for soil protection**

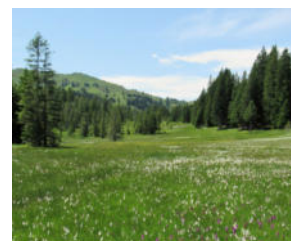
During a workshop with over 50 participants, the Legal Service Centre Alpine Convention of CIPRA Austria assessed which obligations the Soil Conservation Protocol contains and what the implementation of the protocol looks like in Austria. The results of the high-quality programme will be published in volume no. 7 of the CIPRA Austria series of publications about the Alpine Convention by the publisher “Verlag Österreich”. Previous publications of the series on Alpine Convention protocols can be viewed [here](#). A short report about the workshop is available [here](#).



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### **Alpine Peatlands and Climate Protection**

The project aims at fostering climate protection through peatland protection in the Alps. The main tasks are the development of methods to derive climate protection potentials and the creation of a network among Alpine peatland actors. More information on the project as well as reports of previous and information on upcoming workshops for international knowledge transfer are available [here](#).



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### Plant species richness on mountain pastures in Austria

Mountain pastures in Austria are characterised by a high vascular plant species richness. Especially the plant communities on soils formed from calcareous mica schists have the greatest plant species richness, because calcifuge and calcicole species can coexist. For further information see [here](#).



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### Conference "Free spaces for soil"

The Austria-wide initiative "[Together for our Soil](#)" is committed to a long-term and sustainable reduction of soil and land consumption. Solutions are developed together with actors from the sectors and fields concerned. At the conference "Free spaces for the soil" on 31 March 2022 in Innsbruck.



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### Soil awareness raising week in Freistadt, Austria

The energy district Freistadt organized from 2.-6. May the KLAR! Soil Week to inform farmers and interested citizens about central questions regarding soil quality and the consequences of climate change as well as to emphasize the importance of intact soils. The participants were able to dive into the complexity of soil with support of experts during the five parts of the event series. Read about it [here](#).



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## LIFE Future Forest

It's halftime in the LIFE Future Forest project – the Mid-Term Report has been submitted at the end of March 2022. LIFE Future Forest is a forest conversion project in the district of Landsberg am Lech: Spruce monocultures are a thing of the past and aren't working anymore. We want to create a hardwood-rich mixed forest, which is climate resilient and provides a maximum of ecosystem services such as cooling, water filtration or CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.

Our first successes:

- Other private forest owners are working with our system. One key person here is Raimund Hofmann from Weil, who already manages a forest which meets all the criteria of the Future Forest system. His forest is able to bind up to 42 t CO<sub>2</sub> per year. The Art & Nature Foundation also agreed to restructure their forest based on our system.
- Networking with strong partners such as the interest group healthy soil and building agriculture have been found. The project team participated in lectures given by them and also gave lectures themselves. Ludwig Pertl from our team has recently been promoted to be the key contact person within the interest group healthy soil in regards of the forest.
- Positive initial discussions with local companies such as Hilti or Hirschvogel regarding the certificate system and their possible participation.

Our Imagefilm: The brand new imagefilm can be viewed here: [https://f.io/\\_4opjS0i](https://f.io/_4opjS0i)



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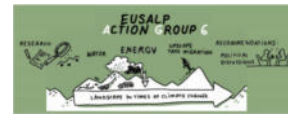
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### EUSALP Landscape Conference

On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 the EUSALP Landscape Conference on the topic of Alpine landscapes and renewable energies in times of climate crisis will take place at EURAC Research in Bolzano/Bozen (IT). The aim is to foster an exchange about land-use conflicts related to renewable energy production. Join the discussion to find sustainable solutions and possible strategies to address the challenges in spatial planning, renewable energy production and land use. Please register [here](#).



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### OpenSpaceAlps final conference & AlpPlan network meeting 2022

The central results of the Interreg Alpine Space project OpenSpaceAlps, including e.g. a handbook on open space planning and a series of strategic recommendations, will be presented and discussed at a final conference. The conference will be held along with the annual meeting of the AlpPlan network. It will take place on 31 May and 1 June 2022 in Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol (Italy) at Eurac Research, offering presentations, discussions, excursions, and networking opportunities both for practitioners and academics. The registration deadline has now been extended until 20 May 2022. Please find all information and the registration form on the [OpenSpaceAlps project website](#).



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## Celebrating Soil, Seeds & Senses

At 2.334 meters above sea level near Innsbruck, Austria, **AGORA** presents itself to the public in June, convening pioneering policy leaders and practitioners to a *Celebration of Soil, Seeds & Senses*. This is an official Side Event of the EU's first New European Bauhaus Festival from 9 – 12 June 2022.

AGORA's director **Verena Ringler** will host the event, featuring biologists **Stefanie Pontasch**, **Julia Seeber**, **Johannes Kostenzer**, **Thomas Peham**, and **Christian Steiner**. **Alenka Smerkolj**, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention, will present the *Soil Conservation Protocol* in its 25<sup>th</sup> year after it was signed. Practitioners **Maria Legner**, **Melanie Plangger**, and **Claudia Sacher** unveil their good practices. Architect **Anna Heringer** will explain how the built environment can foster ecological balance, while **Christoph Thun Hohenstein**, leader of Vienna's Biennale for Change, envisions our future in eco-digital humanism.

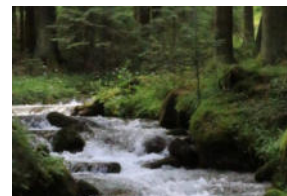
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## Water in the landscape

Online workshop as part of the series Soil & Climate. A cooperation event of Climate Alliance and European Land & Soil Alliance. Workshop in German. More information [here](#).



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## **Terrain – Cultivar – Variety: 100 years of Tyrolean Gene Bank**

Exhibition 29<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

The Tyrolean Folk Art Museum pays tribute to the work of the Tyrolean Gene Bank for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by celebrating the genetic diversity of native crops. In 1922, the agricultural scientist Erwin Mayr created the basis for the Tyrolean Gene Bank. It collects, documents, and preserves old varieties of agricultural crops such as cereals, potatoes, and fruit in Tyrol. On the occasion of its centenary, the [Tyrolean Folk Art Museum](#) is displaying the exhibition “Land – Sorten – Vielfalt. 100 Jahre Tiroler Genbank” to pay tribute to the work on the field and in research, thanks to which food sources and biodiversity as well as cultural heritage, are preserved. A selection of the more than 1,000 varieties which survived even sprout in the historical courtyard of the museum.



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## **European Land & Soil Alliance Annual Conference**

The European Land & Soil Alliance (ELSA) returns to the place of its foundation in Bolzano! The Province of Bolzano has gladly agreed to host the Annual Conference on 29 and 30 Sept 2022. Founded in 2002, ELSA currently has around 250 members in 9 European countries, representing more than 8 million people.

Find out more about ELSA [here](#)!

