

Project “Biodiversity Protection in Times of Climate Change”

ALPARC CENTR'ALPS: More process dynamics on watercourses – joint activities of protected areas

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Focusing on watercourses and more process dynamics, protected areas in the ALPARC CENTR'ALPS area work on an overview on management measures in order to initiate a transfer of activities and to set up a cooperation platform. Those activities take place in the current project "Biodiversity Conservation in Times of Climate Change".

In order to meet the manifold challenges of protected areas and to find and implement joint approaches to solutions, the project "Biodiversity Conservation in Times of Climate Change" was launched by ALPARC CENTR'ALPS, the regional network of Alpine protected areas. It is funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection. The aim of the project is to derive concrete measures for nature conservation in the affected areas based on the cooperation and coordination of protected area management.

Within the framework of a broad inventory and several workshops, the project first identified and prioritised possible fields of cooperation. With regard to the implementation of a joint measure, the thematic field of water bodies and process protection was defined in November 2022. The considerations were deepened and concretised in March 2023 in the workshop "Biodiversity at running waters in the Alps and ways to more process protection". As a result, concrete joint measures will be implemented along two strands:

- With regard to existing and planned measures in the field of "more process dynamics on running waters", the flow of information and exchange between protected areas is established and **a transfer of suitable measures is initiated**. All interested protected areas are addressed and invited to contribute to a small survey, referring to existing and planned measures, to partners they cooperate with, to special challenges where they need support and to practical examples that are particularly transferable.
- As a pilot project, mutual/collaborative support by protected areas in a current activity or task is being tested. The idea is basically, that **parks support each other** with know-how and (wo)manpower. Testing initially on a small scale in 2023, an expansion is planned, first in the working area of ALPARC CENTR'ALPS (as there are no language

barriers) and prospectively across the Alps. The experiences gained in the pilot activity will be incorporated into the development of a cooperation platform.

Background information

ALPARC CENTR'ALPS

ALPARC CENTR'ALPS is the regional network of protected areas, working in the German speaking central part of the Alps. One of its objectives is to enhance the network by considering more activities of smaller protected areas.

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The project

The project "Biodiversity Protection in Times of Climate Change - Cross-border Cooperation of Protected Areas for Species and Habitat Protection in the Central Alpine Region" was launched in 2021 and is funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection.