



# CONVENTION OF YOUNG EUSALP LOCAL POLITICIANS

## HOW CAN WE GOVERN WELL? THE CONTRIBUTION OF YOUNG LOCAL POLITICIANS TO THE ALPINE MACROREGIONAL STRATEGY

21-22 September 2019  
Como - Villa Saporiti

### BACKGROUND

Following the experiences of Slovenia, Bavaria and Tyrol, Italy holds in 2019 the Presidency of EUSALP under the coordination of the Lombardy Region. Italy participates in EUSALP with 8 regions and autonomous provinces that include 23 million inhabitants (of the total 78 million of the EUSALP area), which makes the country the second most represented in the area in terms of population after Germany.

For this task, the Italian Presidency is receiving the political, administrative and strategic support of the European Commission and is looking for the involvement of all the Regions, the States and the socio-economic actors of the macro-region.

Italy identified the multi-level governance and the competitiveness of the macroregional system, especially in the field of Green Economy, as the leading theme of its Presidency year. In this context, strategic challenges being addressed in 2019 in the macro-region include:

- Combining economic development and the safeguard of natural resources,
- Reducing the socio-economic gap between rural and urban areas, and
- Enhancing the identity of the area as a strategic place for peoples to meet and thrive.

Therefore, the convention is organised as an opportunity for political representatives of the EUSALP area to exchange and networking on the themes of green economy and good government. The event also aims to

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promote Multilevel governance in the Alpine Macroregional Strategy - as part of the Italian 2019 Presidency.

The debate will be proposed and facilitated in a communicative key, to encourage informal and direct discussion but also to stimulate commitment and attention to the themes of the EUSALP Strategy. At the end of the two days, a joint 'memorandum of understanding' will be discussed and signed, on how to enhance the participation of young politicians in EUSALP.

## OBJECTIVES

Against this background, the main objectives of this 2-day event will be:

- Promote and give concreteness to the multilevel governance and youth involvement in the EUSALP Strategy, through networking, informal and direct political discussion, exchange of best practices.
- Encourage political commitment of local representatives of EUSALP, stimulate the dialogue on good governance and green economy, identify common solutions.
- Develop a 'memorandum of understanding' (the CARTHA) for joint actions with a special focus on the next programming period 2021 - 2027.

The first objective is in continuity with the strategy implemented by the Tyrol Presidency in 2018, and therefore particular attention will be paid to the involvement of young people in the activities. In this respect, the involvement of youth entrepreneurship is a priority, and the promotion of networking and collaboration among young political representatives of the macro-region is also of strategic importance.

## PARTICIPANTS

The convention will be participated by councillors and political representatives of local governments in the EUSALP area. Other stakeholders with interest in the EUSALP area will also be invited to participate.



## METHODOLOGY

Events under the EUSALP umbrella have a twofold objective. On the one hand, they aim to be opportunities for technical dialogue, networking and potential cooperation between professionals; on the other hand, they should also represent occasions to increase the visibility of EUSALP and to report to public opinion on the activities done and on those that are in progress. In the events, space is therefore given to concrete projects, new ideas and operational inputs.

The methodology followed in the event will entail tight interaction among political representatives in groupwork sessions, focusing on the analysis and identification of concrete actions. In the groupwork, participants will be urged with state-of-the-art analysis of the Alpine area, confronted with best practices from ETC cooperation and then challenged to design concrete solutions for the macro-regional area.

The groupwork will be organised in sub-themes that are strictly related to the EUSALP strategy and to the programme of the Italian Presidency. A non-exhaustive list of the themes that will be treated in the event include:

- Green economy and depopulation in the EUSALP area: developing bioeconomy sectors such as biochemistry, bio-building, bio-food etc;
- Sustainable mobility: multi-modality mobility (integration of different transport system), dematerialised connectivity (ICT solutions);
- Green sustainable procurement: how can a Public Administration acquire 'green' services;
- Combat climate change through reduction of CO2 emissions: renovation of buildings, use of renewable energies;
- Adaptation to climate change and prevention of risks (heat, drought, floods, fire, hydrogeological risks).

A team of experts will facilitate the discussion and help 'extract' and rationalise the outcomes of the groupwork.



## VENUE

Villa Saporiti, Via Borgo Vico 148, 22100 Como.

**DURATION:** the event will open on Saturday 21 September at 3 pm and close on Sunday 22 September at 1 pm.

**LANGUAGES:** Italian and English interpretation will be provided.

**COSTS:** the Italian presidency will cover accommodation costs.





## DRAFT AGENDA

### DAY 1 - SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019

**13.30** ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AND WELCOME COFFEE

**14.00** GUIDED VISIT OF VILLA SAPORITI AND VILLA GALLIA  
*organized by F.A.I (Fondo Ambiente Italiano)*

**15.00** WELCOME ADDRESSES

*Event moderator Pietro Celotti (t33 Director)*

- *Fiorenzo Bongiasca (President of Como Province)*
- *Mario Landriscina (Mayor of Como)*
- *Raffaele Cattaneo (Regional Minister for Environment and Climate of Lombardy Region)*
- *Massimo Sertori (Regional Minister for Local Municipalities)*
- *Rinaldo Redaelli (General Secretary ANCI Lombardia)*

**16.00** PRESENTATION AND OVERVIEW OF PARTICIPANTS

*The Alpine Macro-Regional Strategy: EUSALP Italian Presidency objectives and results National Italian EUSALP coordinator*

**16.45** GROUPWORK ON SUBTHEMES RELATED TO GREEN ECONOMY:

1. *Adaptation to climate change and risk prevention*
2. *Green economy as an economic factor contrasting depopulation*
3. *Sustainable Mobility*
4. *Green sustainable procurement*
5. *Reduction of CO2 emissions*

**18.45** WRAP-UP AND CONCLUSIONS OF DAY 1

**19.15** APERITIF-DINNER

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### DAY 2 - SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2019

#### 9.00 KEY NOTE SPEECH

*Maria Poiani, Italian swimmer, Paralympic gold medal*

#### 9.30 CONTINUATION OF THE DISCUSSION IN THE PARALLEL THEMATIC SUBGROUPS: VIBRANT NEW IDEAS AND SOLUTIONS FOR EUSALP

1. *Adaptation to climate change and risk prevention*
2. *Green economy as an economic factor contrasting depopulation*
3. *Sustainable Mobility*
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#### 11.30 DISCUSSION, VOTE AND AWARD OF “BEST PRACTICES” BY PARTICIPANTS

#### 12.15 CLOSING REMARKS

- *Pier Attilio Superti (General Vice-Secretary of Lombardy Region)*
- *Lombardy Regional Council (TBC)*
- *European Commission (TBC)*
- *Subscription of a Common understanding Protocol of Young local political Administrators of EUSALP Area*
- *Subscription of a Protocol by the Presidency of the regional association of Italian municipalities in the alpine area.*

#### 13.00 FINAL BUFFET LUNCH