

Key issues and facts about food security and nutrition in mountain areas



Infrastructures, transport and telecommunication... food for thought...



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A (very) brief introduction...











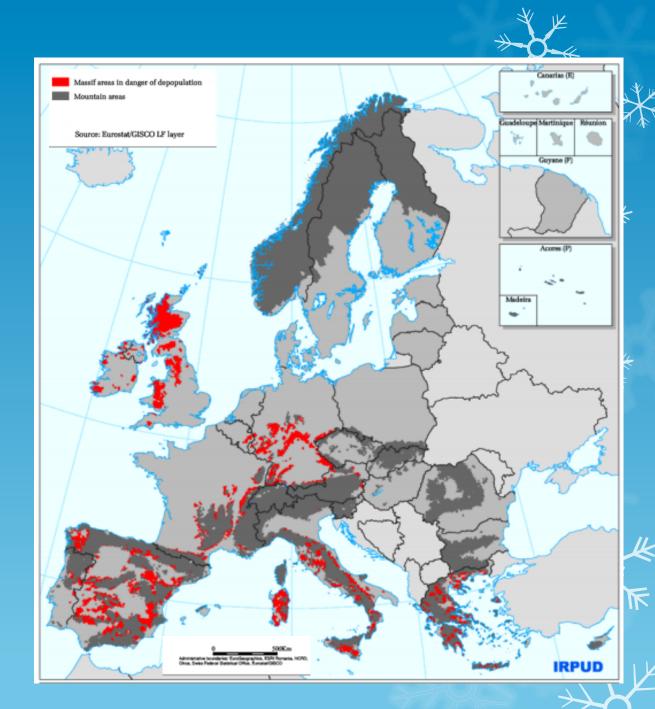






PhD Thesis: Cryosphere Dynamics Monitoring by Innovative Geomatic Methodologies. Case study: Belvedere Glacier – Monte Rosa Massif (VB)

Massif areas in danger of depopulation an example in Europe





Less Favoured Areas (LFA) identification criteria

- 1. the presence of <u>land of poor productivity</u>, difficult for cultivation and with a limited potential which cannot be increased except at <u>excessive cost</u>, and which is mainly suitable for extensive livestock farming;
 - 2. production which results from <u>low productivity of the natural</u> <u>environment which is appreciably lower than the average</u>, with regard to the main indices of economic performance in agriculture;
 - 3. a low or dwindling population predominantly <u>dependent on</u> <u>agricultural activity</u>, the accelerated decline of which would jeopardise the viability of the area concerned and its continued habitation.





Measures beneficial to mountain areas



- preferential credits;
- location rules: application of qualitative criteria (appropriate to environmental conditions) in the choice of new location for industry;



- support for local products;
- ICT support;
- promotion of teleworking;
- networks of mountain local enterprises;
- investments in transport infrastructures;
- improvement of local factors of attractiveness (e.g., landscape, cultural heritage, villages, leisure facilities);



• ...



Implementing living conditions in mountain areas





- concentration of facilities in major centres;
- specific ratios to close or to open public services (e.g., schools);



- 'on demand' transport systems with minibuses or taxis;
- tele-school for isolated villages in winter;
- support (or obligation) to attract doctors to mountain villages;



- grants to travelling commercial enterprises;
- mobile public services (with buses);
- decentralised university centres;
- E-mountain projects to provide public administration services;







Infrastructures in Mountains













Mountains and infrastructures



...infrastructure provision in mountain areas is generally perceived as being more scarce and of poorer quality than in other parts of Europe...except those with a major tourism industry



...highway projects are rarely designed to meet the needs of mountain communities...



Switzerland is a major exception in this regard, due to <u>major and</u> <u>continuous investments</u> in transport infrastructure (roads and railways), allowing easy access even to very remote areas.



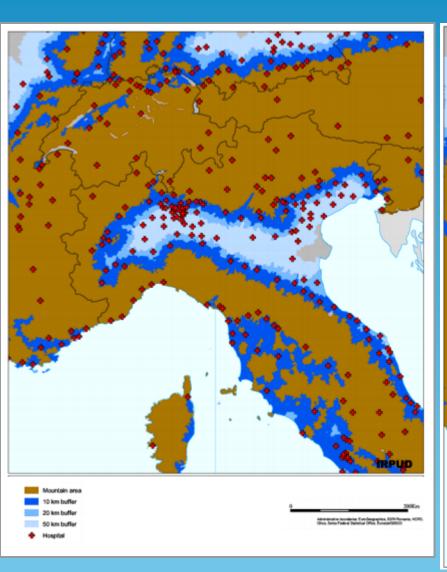
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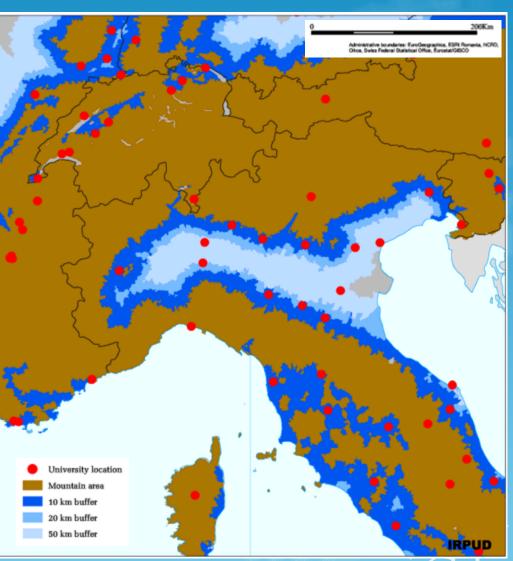


Hospitals

Universities



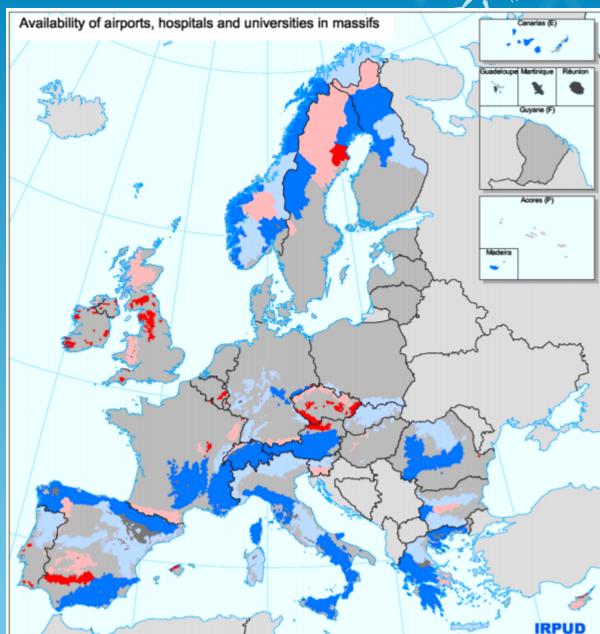




Infrastructures distribution











- upgrading forest roads for general traffic;
- special multi-year plan to provide access to a massif;
- restricting policies for lorries (e.g., heavy vehicle fees, ...);
- "Rail motorway" for lorries (through the Alps);
- VAT compensation fund for local communities for mobile phone net infrastructure;
- grants for satellite technology equipment for isolated SMEs.









Rail motorway in the Alps Autostrada Ferroviaria Alpina

















Rail motorway in the Alps













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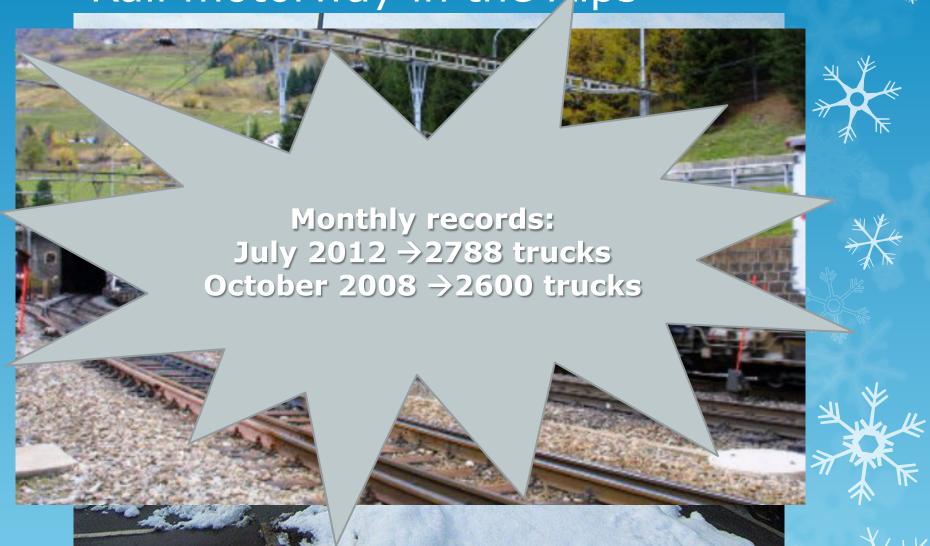








Rail motorway in the Alps





Infrastructures for tourism

The Monesi-Limone Route:

- 40 kilometres in the Ligurian Alps (IT & FR);
- Ex-military road;
- · Recovery and promotion funded by EU Alcotra Project.

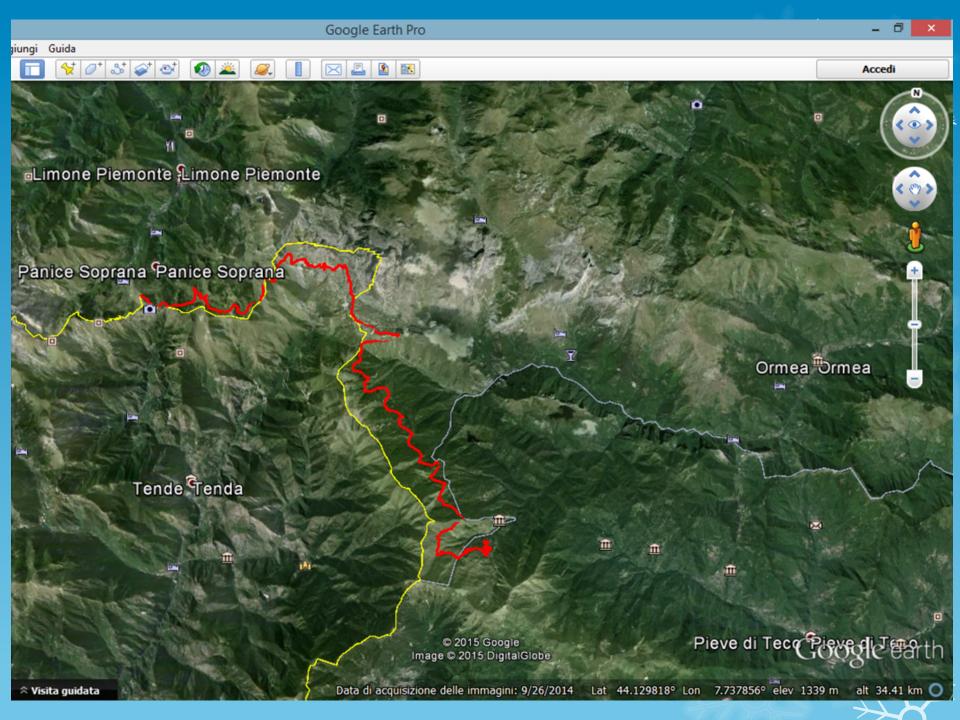








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ICT in Mountains





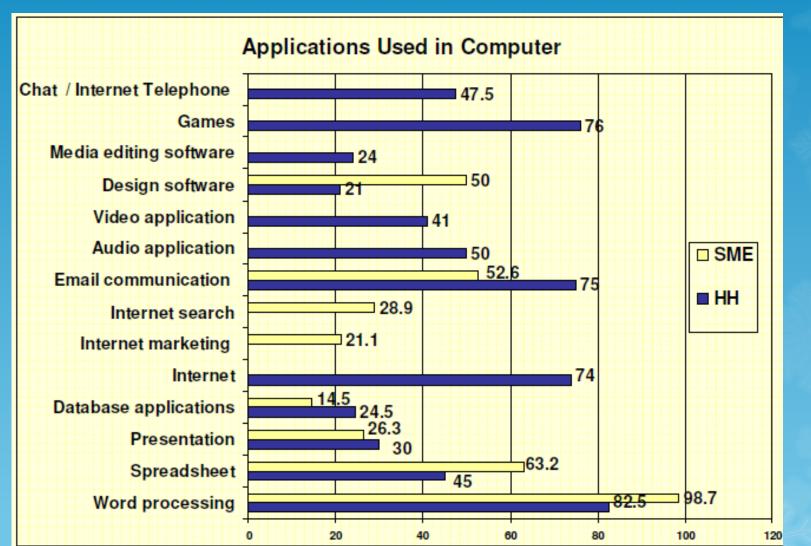






PC usage needs in mountain areas: Nepal case study









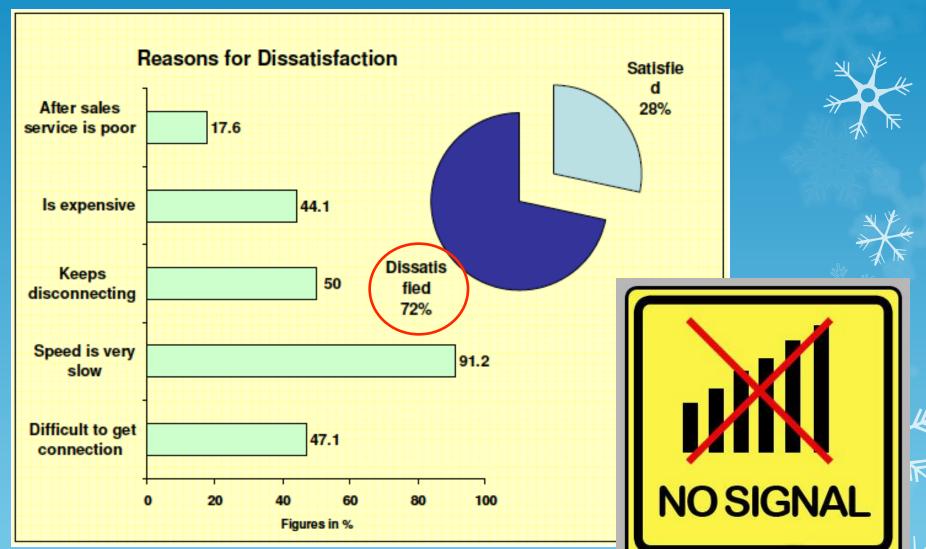




Internet connection issues: Nepal case study







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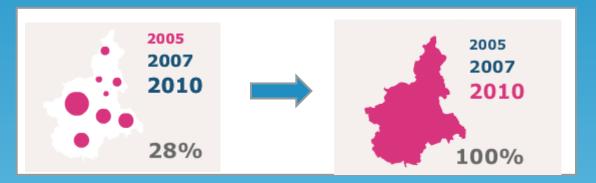




From marginal to digital territories

A long term programme aimed at equipping the region with a widespread broadband connection system and innovative services (2004; 90 M€)







Results

Telemedicine



Monitoring of 300 patients in 2011: heart condition, diabetes mellitus cancer



Monitoring of elederly ?





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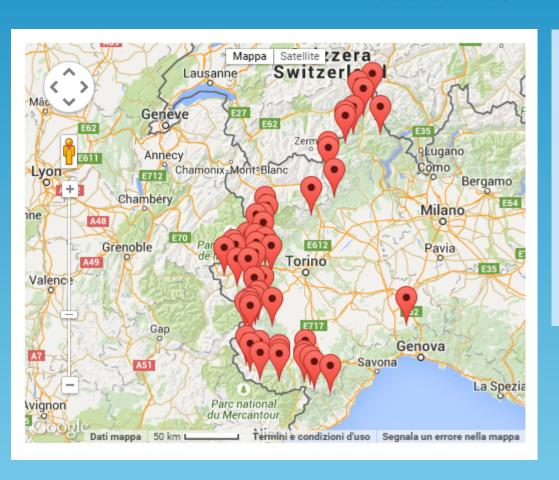
European Union



From marginal to digital territories

Results - continued





Satellite connection of 53 mountain huts:

- Internet access;
- VoIp calls
- Alterantive communication during emergencies;
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Computer donation and refurbished ones





Closing digital divide in Peruvian Andes

Aramachay and Colpar villages (~ 3400 m asl - Mantaro Valley)

Refurbished laptops, printers and a local WiFi network are donated to primary schools

Training and technical support provided by Belgian and Peruvian researchers

Electricity connections and protection for the computer classrooms installed by parent committees in both schools.



Leuven and Ghent University

Low (no) cost software/hardware















Open source software (professional user)











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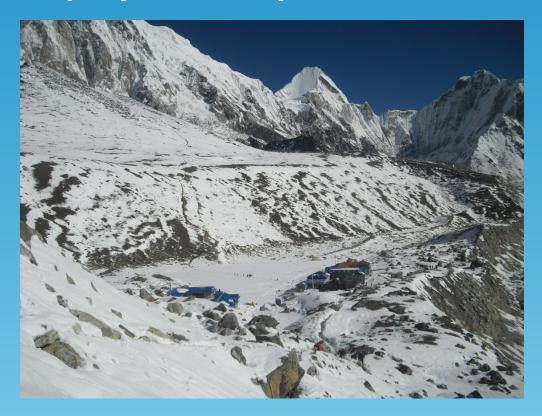




Mobile phone coverage in remote areas



Gorak Shep - Sagarmatha Valley Nepal (5164 m asl)



Remote but in tourist area!!!









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