

Demographic changes in the Alps: population, employment, education and services. Presentation of the Fifth Report on the State of the Alps.

Brussels - Committee of the Regions

Rue Belliard 99-101 -Room JDE 53 (5th floor, JDE Building)

February 10, 2016 09:30 – 12:00 am

The Italian Ministry of Environment, in its function of Italian Delegation of the Alpine Convention, is glad to invite you to the meeting *Demographic Change in the Alps: population, employment, education and services*, that will be held the 10th of February from 9:30 to 12:00 am in the venue of the Committee of the Region, Brussels.

The meeting is intended to present the Fifth Report on the State of the Alps dedicated to Demographic Changes in the alpine region, published in the framework of the activities of the Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention 2013-2014 and officially approved by the XIII Alpine Conference in Turin (November 21, 2014).

The report aims to represent the state of the art of the demographic changes in the Alps by analysing data and indicators of the population's moves in the region, taking into account also some indicators on the labour market and services as the important drivers for demographic change. Thanks to the comparison with some previous indicators' values and with data collected by the Working Group Demography and Employment of the Alpine Convention since 2009, the contents of the report highlight the main current trends. The collected data are from the official statistics of the Alpine Countries, this feature, along with the harmonization of data with respect to the degree of territorial detail and the definitions used for the various indicators, gives high authority to the report's results.

9:30am: Accreditation and welcome coffee

10:00am: Speeches

- Under Secretary of State Barbara Degani, Italian Ministry of Environment Land and Sea (*invited*)
- Raffaele Cattaneo, President of the Lombardy Regional Council and President of the CoR COTER Commission
- Mercedes Bresso, Intergroup of the European Parliament on Rural, Mountainous and Remote Areas
- Markus Reiterer, General Secretary of the Alpine Convention
- Saverio Gazzelloni, Italian National Institute for Statistic
- Interventions from experts of the Contracting Parties of the Alpine Convention

Moderator: Paolo Angelini, Head of the Italian Delegation of the Alpine Convention -Italian Ministry of Environment Land and Sea

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The Fifth Report on the State of the Alps, the demographic changes

The Alps are a vital and dynamic space in which the interaction between man and environment have been influencing the landscape and culture since centuries. Alpine populations hold a key role within these dynamics, with their traditions and innovations, their cultural and linguistic diversity, their economic activities and intensive exchanges with the surrounding regions.

The human presence in the Alpine region is in constant and dynamic evolution, it almost doubled compared to 150 years ago. The density of population can vary substantially in the region, where overall growth in the number of inhabitants coexists with the depopulation of certain areas, which, on the other hand, see the increment of the migratory phenomenon and the presence of consistent groups of new inhabitants (the so-called *new mountain people*).

The central role of the Alpine population is also highlighted by the Declaration on Population and Culture of the Alpine Convention through which, in 2006, the Ministers of the Member States of the Alpine Convention recognized the need to establish a sustainable development policy focused on the needs of people living in the Alpine region.

In order to implement the contents of this Declaration and its subsequent documents the Italian Ministry of Environment, in its role of the Presidency of the Alpine Convention 2013-2014, wanted to dedicate the Fifth Report on the State of the Alps to the Demographic changes in the Alps. The report has been drafted thanks to the joint work of scientific institutions (among all the University of Turin and the European Academy of Bolzano –EURAC Research) the Contracting Parties, coordinated by the Italian Institute for Statistics (ISTAT), and the technical support of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention.

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