

Innovalps project: ALPARC selects pilot regions for innovative models of regional development

ALPARC is enhancing its work in area of regional development and quality of life. Within the framework of the project Innovalps, the network has recently selected three pilot regions. These are the Tiroler Lech Nature Park (AT), the Baronnies Provençales Regional Nature Park (FR) and the Pfyn-Finges Nature Park in the Valais (CH). They have all developed integrated development strategies and pursue innovative pathways of regional development for their territories. The Innovalps project aims at highlighting these approaches and helps to encourage the exchange of knowledge and experiences between their managements and other regional stakeholders at transnational level. Reflections on how to prepare the ground for innovation in protected area regions will yield valuable recommendations for other regions.

Website: <http://www.alparc.org/our-actions/regional-development/innovalps>

Wildlife and Winter Sport Activities Workshop, March 3–4, 2016 in Regional Nature Park Massif des Bauges, Savoy, France

Sponsored by ALPARC (Alpine Network of Protected Areas). Challenges of increased use of core protected areas and their wildlife due to winter sports. Brings together Mountain PA managers, alpine clubs and researchers to help develop a sound approach, and possibly a common approach, to the problems.

AlpWeek: Alps & People. Living culture! October 11–15, 2016 in Grassau, Germany

Taking place every four years, the AlpWeek is an international event on sustainable development and related Alpine issues, organised jointly by key Alpine organisations. This event will bring main Alpine stakeholders together to meet and exchange views.

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Abbreviations: BR – Biosphere Reserve; NP – National park; p. – page

