

Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention 2025-2026
81st Permanent Committee meeting of the Alpine Convention
Side-event: LIFE projects for the Alps

*Palazzo Valentini - Città metropolitana di Roma Capitale,
"Sala Mons. Luigi di Liegro" (address: Via IV Novembre 119/a, Rome)*

... and online ([on Zoom](#))*

25th March 2025, 09:30 - 13:00 CET

AGENDA

09:00 - 09:30: Participants' accreditation	
09:30 - 09:35	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alessandro Guerri, Director General for European, International Affairs and Sustainable Finance - Italian Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security (MEES)
09:35 - 09:45	<p>The Alpine Convention for a sustainable life in the Alps and the environmental priorities of the Italian Presidency 2025-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paolo Angelini, Head of the Italian Delegation to the Permanent Committee of the Alpine Convention - MEES
09:45 - 10:00	<p>The EU Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and its support to the protection of the Alps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anne Burrill, Head of Unit D.2 (LIFE Nature and Circular Economy) - European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)
10:00 - 10:10	<p>Services provided by the National Contact Point (NCP) to help the LIFE Programme implementation in each country: an example from Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Federico Benvenuti - LIFE NCP for Italy - MEES
10:10 - 11:10	<p>LIFE projects "on the Alps": some success stories for enhancing Alpine biodiversity and tackling climate change in the Alps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LIFE Lynx - Preventing the extinction of the Dinaric-SE Alpine lynx population through reinforcement and long-term conservation <i>Rok Černe, Slovenia Forest Service - Slovenia</i> ▪ LIFEstockProtect - Improving livestock protection for the direct benefit of wolf conservation in the German-speaking Alpine Region <i>Max Rossberg, European Wilderness Society - Austria</i> ▪ LIFE FOR LIFELINES - Ensuring safe ecological corridor for breeding and migrating birds between the Alps and the Adriatic <i>Tomaž Mihelič, Birdlife Slovenia (DOPPS) - Slovenia</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LIFE PASTORALP - Pastures vulnerability and adaptation strategies to climate change impacts in the Alps <i>Camilla Dibari, University of Florence - Italy</i> ▪ LIFEalps - Zero Emissions Services for a Decarbonised Alpine Economy <i>Astrid Kofler, SASA S.p.A. - Italy</i> <p>Moderator: Carmen Gangale, LIFE NCP for Italy - MEES</p>
11:10 - 11:40	Coffee break and networking with LIFE projects “on the Alps”
11:40 - 12:30	<p>Panel discussion: lessons learnt from LIFE and opportunities to capitalise on its contribution for the transformation of the Alps into a model region for a sustainable future</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anne Burrill, Head of Unit D.2 (LIFE Nature and Circular Economy) - European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) ▪ Gianmarco Italia, LIFE CLIMA Coordinator - Unit C.2 (Low Carbon Solutions (II): Research & Low Carbon Technology Deployment) - Directorate-General for Climate Action - European Commission ▪ Annalisa Cevasco, Co-Leader of Action Group 7 (Green Infrastructure) - EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP) ▪ Alenka Smerkolj, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention ▪ Mita Lapi, Deputy of Sustainable Development Research Area of Fondazione Lombardia per l'Ambiente (FLA) ▪ Corrado Teofili, Contact person for the Italian Federation of Natural Parks and Reservoirs (Federparchi) ▪ Eleonora Musco, Policy and Project Development Senior Expert - UNEP Vienna Programme Office - Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention <p>Moderator: Giulia Pérez Almodóvar, LIFE NCP for Italy - MEES</p>
12:30 - 12:55	Slido Q&A session
12:55 - 13:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paolo Angelini, Head of the Italian Delegation to the Permanent Committee of the Alpine Convention - MEES
13:00 - 14:30: Light lunch	

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****The side-event will be held in Italian and English. A simultaneous translation Italian/English and English/Italian will be provided.**