

MY ALPS BEYOND BOUNDARIES – MY ALPS OF THE FUTURE

The following sub-topics stem from a reflection on the notion of boundaries and scales. To make the Alps a more dynamic area, it is necessary to reinforce the link between the important cities in the Alps so that we could get the most out of the strength of those areas by attracting a more diverse population. It is highly important, though, to bring that reflection back to a human and individual scale so that in the end, the students can work on ambitious but feasible resolutions, which shouldn't prevent the students from being original and polemical in their decisions. It is highly important that the students should think beyond the boundaries by being conscious of the notion of scales (geographic scales) to prevent the pupils from thinking about very local solutions or one-way solutions that could only be implemented in a single town. Last but not least, the students will be invited to think in terms of assets and constraints which are peculiar to the Alps (rural and urban areas alike): for instance we managed to transform such natural constraints as slopes into touristic assets. Other remote areas could become very dynamic if they were connected with their neighbouring cities.

EDUCATION – TRAINING – WORKING	EVERYDAY LIFE	ECONOMY & ENERGY	ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP
<p>How to improve people's access to education and training in non-urbanized areas?</p> <p>How can we transform the Alps to make them highly attractive for students? How can we reintroduce more variety in the courses available in the area of the Alps?</p> <p>Is it possible to create so-called "High-tech cities" in which all facilities linked with research, education and training would be gathered in order to stimulate the cities of the Alps?</p> <p>How to reinforce the links between the different regions of the Alps to promote and share various trainings?</p>	<p>Living in the Alps is also a question of housing, transportation, access to medical care, access to culture and leisure. To put it shortly, how to improve our everyday life in the Alps and value our cities and towns?</p> <p>How can we maintain a viable access to medical care at a local scale?</p> <p>How to handle and solve the problem of housing in the Alps? How to develop a more economical housing? How to develop areas that are empty and which could be used to develop housing in the Alps?</p> <p>How can we promote an alternative to cars and roads in the Alps? How to develop the other means of transportation? How to make ecological means of transportation more accessible?</p>	<p>The Alps need development. Development requires energy... but what will be the cost of it? How to produce energy without taking the risks of ruining our environment and ourselves?</p> <p>The Alps produce a lot of energy and share it with the cities from the various countries of the Alpine region, but what do they get in return?</p> <p>Is there a way to promote a more local circuit of production and consumption of energy?</p> <p>How to make tourism more ecological?</p> <p>How to promote more ecological means of transport?</p>	<p><i>"Let us decide for our future!"</i> once said the former president of the YPAC, Gamal. However, how is it possible to change things and shape our future without having concrete means to decide and take initiatives? It is high time we started thinking about a Permanent Youth Parliament of the Alpine Convention!</p> <p>Promoting active citizenship surely is a good idea, but how do we, young people, have access to and learn about politics? Should schools play a more active part in our access to political knowledge? Is it feasible to promote a common syllabus for teachers to teach politics in our schools of the Alps and beyond?</p> <p>Where could we, the future citizens and decision-makers of the Alps, group together to speak about the</p>

	<p>How to reinforce the links between cities and non-urbanized and remote areas so as to promote socializing?</p> <p>How to open up more exchanges between cities and remote mountain areas to develop the access to culture? Can the mountain areas and the cities share their different cultural events?</p>		<p>current and future issues in our Alpine region?</p> <p>How to get the power to give our opinions and recommendations about the decisions made by the politicians in the Alps?</p> <p>How should we elect the young people who represent our interests? On which criteria?</p> <p>How can we make sure that the representatives in the Youth Parliament of the Alpine Convention get a satisfactory training for their future tasks? How could these young people be supported for their investment in the Parliament?</p>
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<p>Training – education – working: Home training – transport networks – rates – diversity of the means of transport – relocation of some training courses – Valuing some jobs – reconversion of some industries – developing information and orientation about jobs and careers in the mountains – globalization (a new scale)</p>	<p>Everyday life: living, public transport, medical care, culture, leisure.</p> <p>Telecommuting – broadband internet – networks – communication networks – advertising</p> <p>Leisure – developing social or affordable housing policies – developing the access to culture – alternative policies</p>	<p>Economy & energy => ecological energies // ecological production => green economy / green energy</p> <p>Ecological tourism – awareness – assets & constraints – landscapes – local products – short haulage</p> <p>Biodiversity – assets & constraints – clean energies & clean production – access to energies – landscapes – development: planning & landscaping – hydroelectricity – dams</p>	<p>active citizenship – representation – promoting politics – education – awareness</p>

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<p>How to have access to the same training when you live in remote areas in the mountains? Does living in the mountains mean having limited access to training courses?</p> <p>If I want to get involved in sustainable development, do I know what I can do? Are we informed enough about the various jobs and activities in the mountains?</p>	<p>It includes access to communication & connection between cities and remote areas.</p> <p>I am an artist / architect / etc. and I want to live in a remote part of the mountains, can I be sure I will still be able to work as much as I want? Isn't there a way to reinforce the link between cities and more remote areas?</p> <p>I am the mayor of a small town in the mountains, and I witness a "desertification" of the population of the city. The reason is there are not enough activities and not enough entertainment.</p>	<p>The Alps need development! Development needs energy! But, at what price?</p> <p>Renewable energies + saving environment => taking side + link with Alpine Convention</p> <p>How to make sure that economic development do not prevail over sustainable development? How will mountain tourism live on without snow?</p> <p>How to make sure the production of ecological energies does not damage the environment (hydro electricity)? How comes that the mountains produce so much energy and take advantage of so little?</p>	<p>It is important to make the topic controversial.</p> <p>How to make sure teenagers and adults are really listened to by politicians?</p> <p>Existing organizations working together in the Alps should be mentioned + why do they work or fail</p>