

# Restoring the web of life

## Ecological networks for more biodiversity in the Alps



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# ALPINE CONVENTION

## Protocol

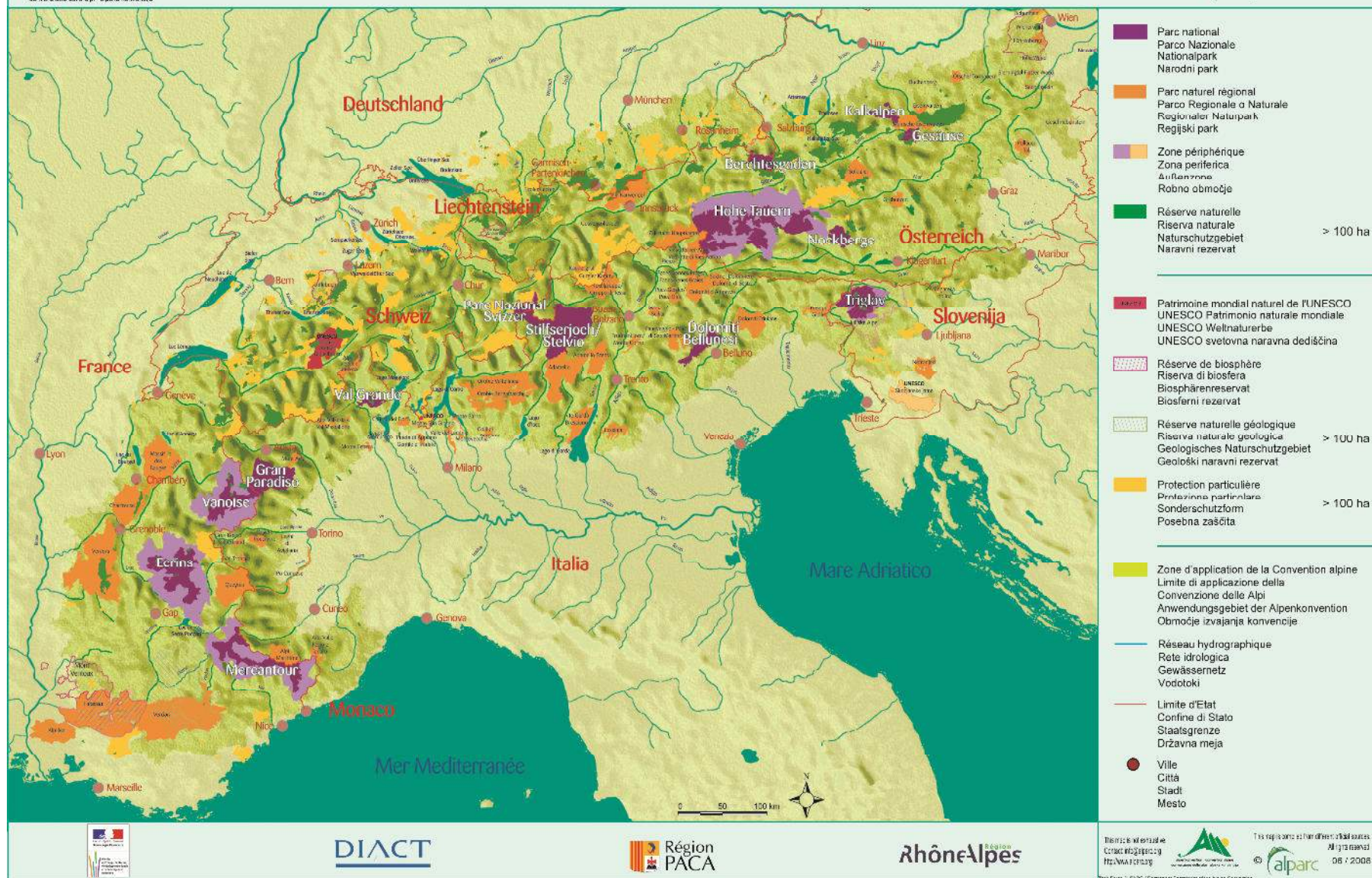
### « Conservation of nature and the countryside »

#### *Article 12 - Ecological network*

**The Contracting Parties shall pursue the measures appropriate for creating a national and cross border network of protected areas, biotopes and other environmental assets protected or acknowledge as worthy of protection. They shall undertake to harmonise the objectives and measures with the cross-border protected areas.**



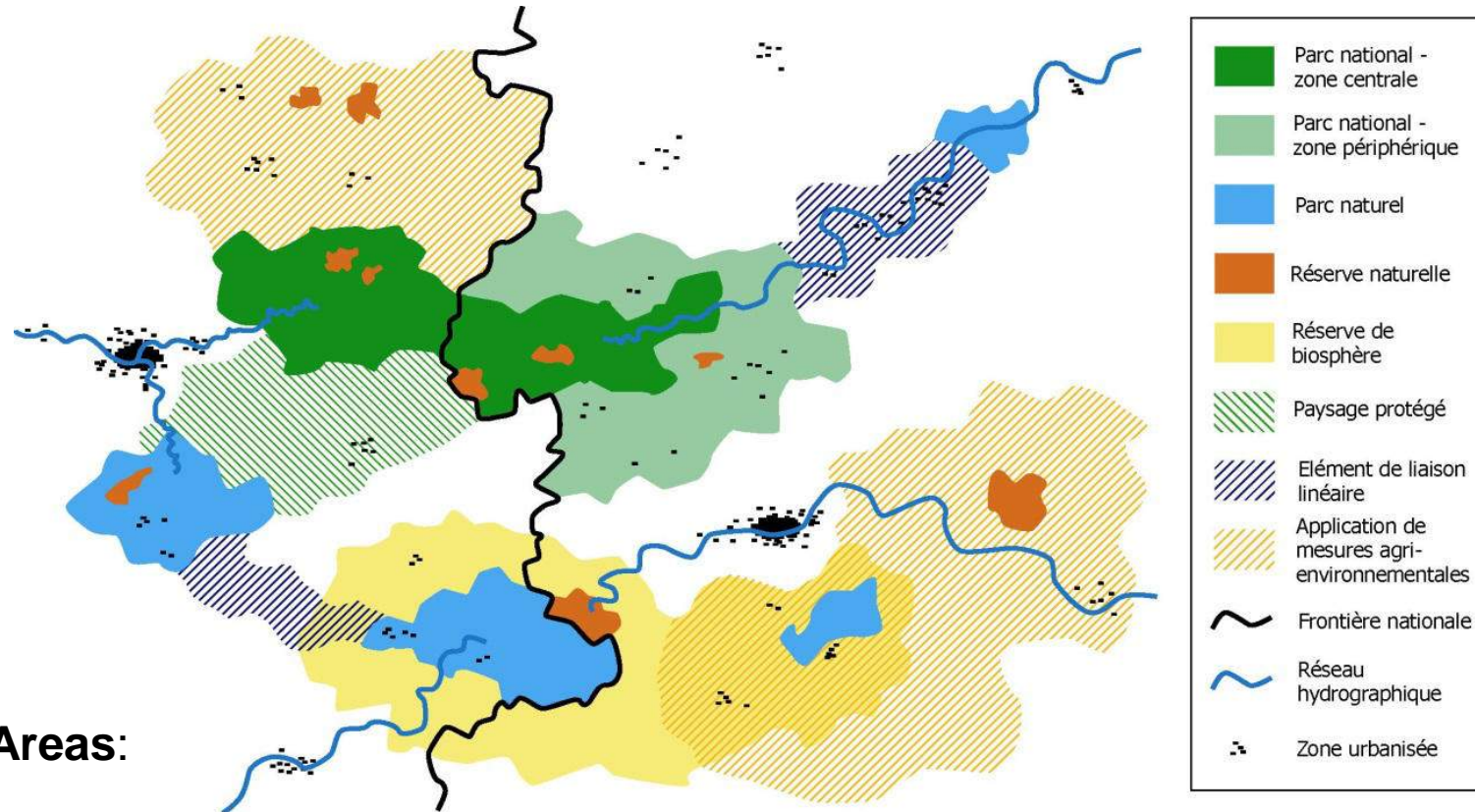






# Building an ecological network

## Protected areas as key elements

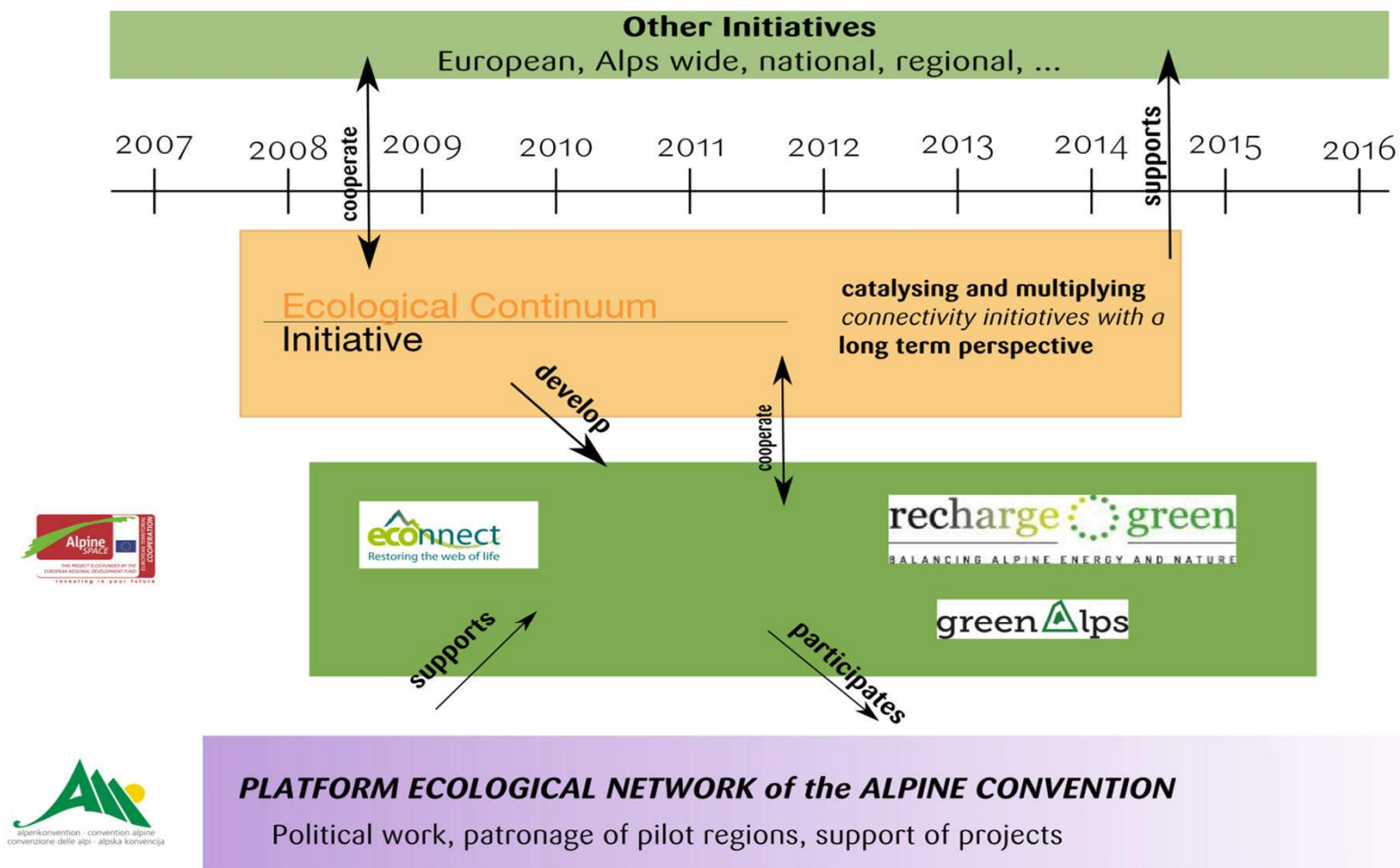


### Protected Areas:

- a known and respected partner in the area
- existing partnership networks
- permanent staff of experts
- knowledge of the area and ecological systems



## Alpine Ecological network -Article 12 of Alpine Convention nature protocol



# Platform “Ecological Network”

*All activities of the Platform **aim** at reaching the establishment of an alpine ecological network, a coherent network of interlinked natural spaces in order to guaranty a sustainable protection of the alpine biodiversity.*

## **Current Mandate 2012-2013 : Main Activities**

- Promotion of transboundary cooperation including the landscape aspect
- Nomination of Pilot regions for ecological connectivity of the Alpine Convention as key elements of activity
- Practical workshops :
  - WS1: Starting the process of answering “the 50 most important questions on ecological connectivity”
  - WS2: “Successful implementation of measures to improve ecological connectivity: frame conditions at a regional level”
  - WS3: “Wildlife and interconnected habitats” in cooperation with ALPARC and WISO
- Common participation with Carpathian Convention to Green Infrastructure WG of European Commission
- Communication activities
- Contribution to implementation projects; observer activities to greenAlps



# Platform “Ecological Network”

## *New Mandate 2015-2016*

- Continuation of running activities
- Work in Pilot regions
- A strong involvement in the macro-region strategy development (development of the European Green Infrastructure with the European Commission and a work on the link between ecological connectivity and Green Economy).
- Intensify cooperation with the Platform WISO
- Contribution and support of implementation projects.





# ***The Platform work***





# A large Network of partners

- Protected areas
- Research institutions
- Administrations
- NGOs
- Regions
- Private partners
- ...







# Presidency of the Platform

- **2009/2010** : German presidency
- **2011/2012** : French presidency
- **2013/2014** : French-German co-presidency  
(French chair)
- **2015/2016** : French-German co-presidency  
(German chair)

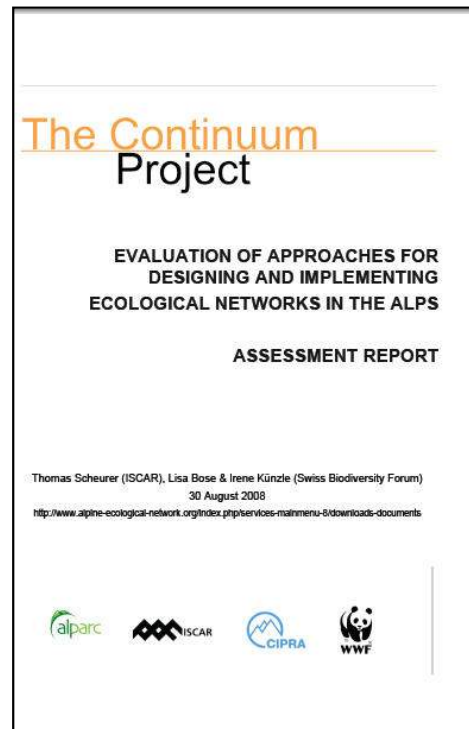


# Working tools

## State of the art

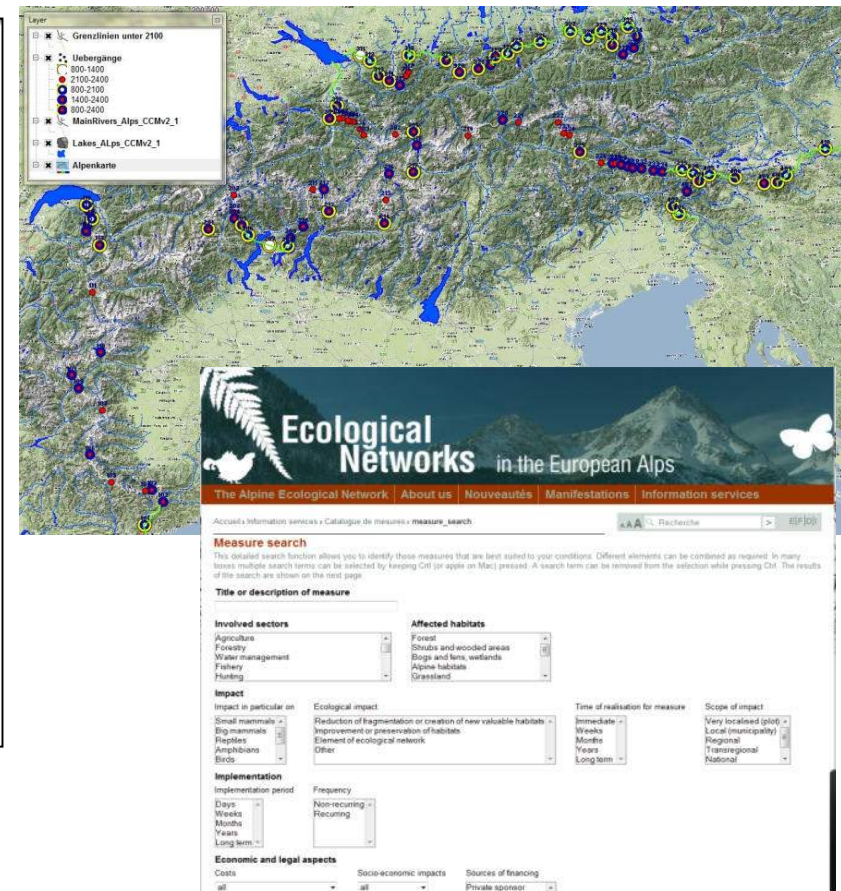


## Methodology



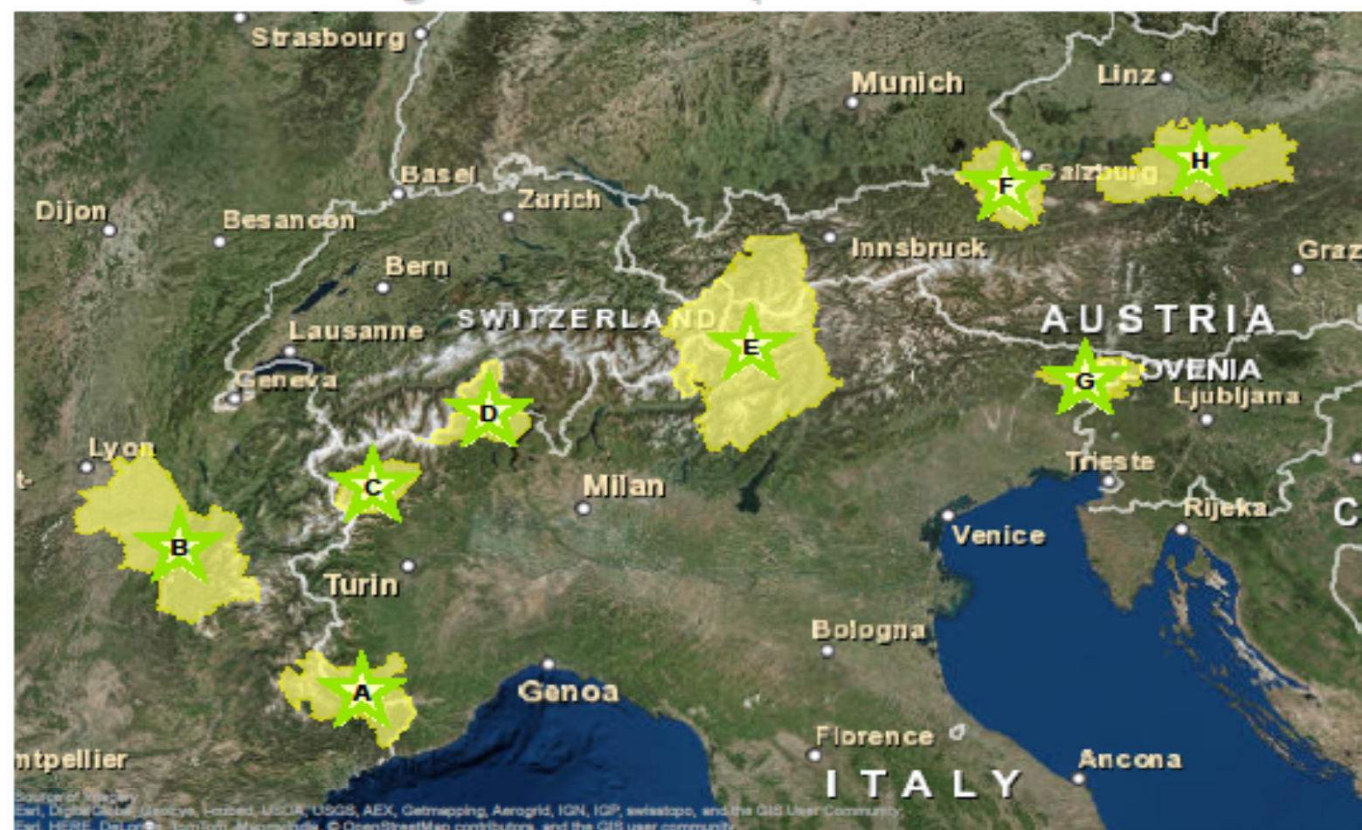
## Working tools:

Transboundary connectivity analysis, communication tools, etc.





## Official Pilot Regions of the Alpine Convention



- A South-Western Alps - Mercantour - Alpe Maritime, France/Italy
- B Department Isère, France
- C Gran Paradiso - Mont Avic - Mont Emilius, Italy
- D Alpe Veglia e Devero, Italy
- E Rhaetian Triangle, Switzerland/Austria/Italy
- F Berchtesgaden – Salzburg region, Germany/Austria
- G Prealpe Giulie – Triglav region, Italy/Slovenia
- H Northern Limestone Alps, Austria



*Pilot Regions nominated by the Alpine Convention*

green  **Alps**

0 50 100 150 200 Km

Scale 1:7.000.000



This map has been created in October 2014



# Transboundary Pilot Region « Prealpi Giulie – Triglav »







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*... Thank you for your attention !*

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