

European territorial cooperation programmes - Current experiences of the EURAC-Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol, Italy



WHERE WE ARE:



South Tyrol has always been a meeting point between different linguistic and cultural areas, creating a “natural” bridge between the mature federal systems of Germany and Austria, and the Italian regional state

European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen (EURAC)

Est. in 1992, private non profit org. today nearly 400 collab., trilingual

- EURAC = Center for applied research,
- Main aim: linking research results to the territory
(Alps, ST-context (min.), CBC context (IT/AT/CH))
=> fits perfectly in concept of ETC programmes

Disciplines covered:

linguistics, law and political science, economics, geography,
engineering, physics, biology, medicine and genetics.

The 11 EURAC Institutes

AREA AUTONOMIES:

**Institute for Studies on Federalism
and Regionalism**

Institute for Minority Rights

Institute for Public Management

Institute for Multilingualism

AREA TECHNOLOGIES:

Institute for Renewable Energy

AREA HEALTH:

Center for Biomedicine

**Institute for Mountain Emergency
Medicine**

Institute for Mummies and the Iceman

AREA MOUNTAINS:

**Institute for Regional Development
and Location Management**

Institute for Alpine Environment

Institute for Applied Remote Sensing

The EURAC video

EURAC in PM data

Currently (April 2014):

55% of EURAC's overall budget: third party funding, 52 active EU projects

EUTC in 2009-2014:

38 implemented projects (18 only in 2013), 9 projects/38 as lead partner
(Interreg IT-AT, Interreg IT-CH, Alpine Space, SEE, CE and Interreg IVc)

Total budget of these 38 EUTC projects: €17,137,527.

Most of the EUTC projects: Alpine Space programme (16) and Interreg ITA-AT (9)

EURAC's success rate: 30% of the presented projects being approved.

Most EUTC projects: In.for Alpine Environment (4) & I. for Renewable Energy (6)

The Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism

Team: 16 experts in Const. Law & PS, wl: en, ita, de. Dir: Prof F. Palermo
fundamental and comparative research on federal, regional, local gov trends & autonomy issues in Europe and throughout the world.

Approach: is mostly based on legal comparison as a method of analysis of governance in multi-layered systems and its current reforms.

MAIN TOPICS :

The Autonomy of South Tyrol & Minority Protection
Cross-border Cooperation
Federalism and Regionalism as Tools for Diversity Management & MLG

Studies in environmental law in multi-layered systems
Institution and procedures for regional development
Fiscal federalism and territorial entities

The EURAC- Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism

Currently running EUTC projects in collaboration with other EURAC-Institutes:

1. EUTC - Interreg IV Italy-Austria: **ID-Coop - Identity and cooperative enterprizes in areas inhabited by historic linguistic minorities (Lad, Fr, Slov). EURAC= LEAD**
2. EUTC - South East Europe: **BIORegio Carpathians - Integrated management of biological and landscape diversity for sustainable regional development and ecological connectivity in the Carpathians. EURAC= PARTNER**
3. EUTC - South East Europe: **LOCSEE - Low Carbon South East Europe. EURAC= LEAD**

1. ID-Coop: Identity and Cooperative Enterprises <http://www.id-coop.eu>



Partners



Il progetto ID-Coop
Identità e cooperativismo in territori di
insediamento di minoranze storico-linguistiche



ID-Coop - Identity and cooperative enterprises in areas inhabited by historic linguistic minorities (Lad, Fr, Slov)

- Interreg IV Italia-Austria, period: 2,5 years, **01/10/2012 - 31/03/2015**
- **scope:** creating an innovative link between historical minorities and cooperativism
- **involves the Italian provinces of Belluno, Bozen, Udine, and Gorizia, the Austrian districts of Villach Land, Klagenfurt Land and Völkermarkt.**

0,8 mio inhab.= 40%, of the pop. of these areas =historical linguistic minorities.

AIMS: Promoting sustainable entrepreneurship with strong cultural character at the service of local community, (new model: European Cooperative Society)

=> Cooperativism = local econ resource for minorities by enhancing their socio econ position, foster competitiveness of the region, awareness rising about added value (cult+econ) by min., counteract emigration

ACTIVITIES: thematic studies, dev of indicators (econ, legal, geogr, cult cond.), Dev and application of model of cooperative, potential transfer to other places

2. South East Europe - BioREGIO Carpathians <http://www.bioregio-carpathians.eu/>

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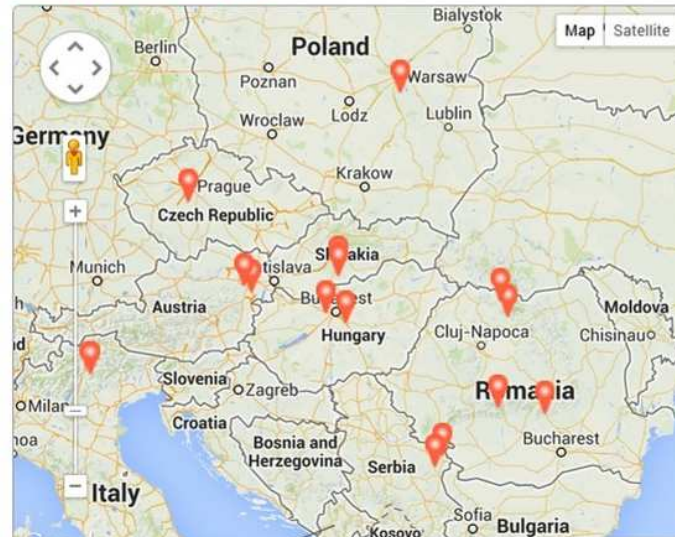
OUTCOMES

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PROJECT PARTNERS

- Piatra Craiului National Park Administration
- UNEP Vienna - Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
- WWF Danube Carpathians Programme
- Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate
- Szent István University
- European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano
- Maramures Mountains Nature Park Administration
- Iron Gates Natural Park

PROJECT PARTNERS



Observers

The Ministries of the Environment of the seven Carpathian States are observers to the project:

- Czech Republic - Ministry of the Environment [more](#)
- Hungary - Ministry of Rural Development [more](#)
- Poland - Ministry of the Environment [more](#)
- Romania - Ministry of Environment and Forests [more](#)
- Serbia - Ministry of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning [more](#)
- Slovak Republic - Ministry of Environment [more](#)
- Ukraine - Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources [more](#)

Further Observers:

Bioregio Carpathians:

“Integrated management of biological and landscape diversity for sustainable regional development and ecological connectivity in the Carpathians”

- co-financed under EU SEE Transnational Cooperation Programme, priority area “Protection and Improvement of the Environment”, Duration: 01/2012-06/2014
- 16 project partners, repres. all countries of the Carpathian regions
- is a flagship project in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

SCOPE:

promoting the harmonized management of natural assets and protected areas including NATURA 2000 sites in the Carpathians

by involving all relevant stakeholders and by building on the existing framework of cooperation of the Carpathian Convention, its Biodiversity Protocol and other related transnational networks and initiatives.

Bioregio Carpathians

ACTIVITIES & OUTCOMES:

- identification of common standards for integrated management plans
- elaboration of common integrated management measures in particular transboundary areas and their implementation in pilot projects.

- identification of the main natural, legal, social and economic barriers
- elaboration of recommendations for the elimination of these barriers to improve the connectivity and continuity of the Region.

3- LOCSEE - Low Carbon South East Europe <http://www.locsee.eu/>

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WAY AHEAD
Clear policies for a cleaner future

The **LOCSEE** (Low Carbon South East Europe) project aims to build the capacities of public and other institutions dealing with climate change, and to strengthen the involvement of key stakeholders in policy development across the SEE region.

The two-year project was launched in December 2012. It is co-funded by the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme, which aims to improve the territorial, economic and social integration process in SEE.

The project is led by the European Academy of Bolzano/Accademia Europea Bolzano (EURAC).

Regional Policy Network

RPN

SOUTH EAST EUROPE
Transnational Cooperation Programme

EUROPEAN UNION

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LOCSEE Low Carbon South East Europe

Co-funded by SEE progr., **2 year project**, launched in December 2012

Partnership: 17 partners, involving key actors dealing with climate change.

active partners represent the majority of the SEE geographical area:

IT, Austria, Greece, Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania

AIM: to strengthen the capacity and knowledge of public authorities and other institutions dealing with climate change in SEE countries and to develop a systematic cross-sector approach to the creation of low-carbon policies that will contribute to reducing GHG emissions and creating a low-carbon SEE.

LOCSEE Low Carbon South East Europe

Project outputs will include:

- A cross-sector step-by-step manual on creating low-carbon policies
- Guidelines for the coordinated cross-sector transfer of EU directives in the field of climate change
- A good practice exchange platform
- A regional policy network that will ensure the transferability and sustainability of project results

The project will encompass progress towards EU integration and international negotiations under the climate change framework.

Conclusion

The EURAC-Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism and the European Academy as such is a **trilingual center for applied research in the Alps**, covers a broad variety of disciplines, has a broad **networks** and the facility to enact **interdisciplinary projects** among the institutes. All this allows EURAC to build a strong record in EU-funded projects and to be particularly successful also in EUTC projects.

This is also represents our “mission”:

Do comparative and applied research linked to the territory of South Tyrol and transfer best practices. For further details:

www.eurac.edu

Scientific Publications in English - a selection

- *Public participation in environmental decision-making in the EU and in China*, Nomos, 2014.
- *Toward the protection of biodiversity and ecological connectivity in multi-layered systems*, Nomos, 2013.
- *Regional Dynamics in Central and Eastern Europe: new approaches to decentralisation*, Brill, Martinus Nijhoff, Leiden, 2013.
- *Environmental Protection in Multi-Layered Systems. Comparative Lessons from the Water Sector*, Brill, Martinus Nijhoff, Leiden, 2012.
- *L' Europe en Formation, "A New Era of Federalism"*, Journal of Studies on European Integration and Federalism, 2012 (in Zusammenarbeit mit CIFE).
- *National Minorities in Inter-state Relations* (ed. with N.Sabanadze), Brill, 2011.
- *Asymmetries in Constitutional Law: Recent Developments in Federal and Regional Systems*, EURAC book n. 53, 2009.
- *Tolerance through Law: Self-Government and Group Rights: The Autonomy of South Tyrol*, Brill, 2008.

The complete list is available at:
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