

Transport, Environment and Human Health Hand in Hand

The future development of the entire Alpine Space strongly depends on the development of traffic and transport. Thus, it will be of high importance to solve the transport-related problems in the comparatively "small" region like the Alpine Space: today the transport of goods across the Alps sometimes needs more time than from China to Germany!

The current projects already deal with the transport problems in the Alpine Space and developed approaches and results for their solution. Furthermore, the projects offer a sound and promising mix of involved actors from:

- Universities – Research (for relevant Data)
- Public authorities – Policy (for decision making processes)
- Private companies – Market (for implementation)

This mix partnership will be needed also in future projects in order to develop and implement integrated and strategic solutions.

During the side session's presentations it became clear, that the geographic coverage of the presented projects in the Alpine Space is already comparatively broad. Also future projects in the field of transport should cover the entire Alpine Space in order to provide integrated solutions.

Additionally, the exchange with other projects and networks is of major importance in order to cover a wide range of existing problems and challenges and to avoid double-work. The existing projects already enhance their impact by referring to each other and by their intense cooperation and exchange.

Concluding remarks

The very sensitive region of the Alps is certainly influenced by the transport. The impact on the environment and the human health is a major research task, also for the future. Current projects (AlpNap, Monitraf, AlpFRail, Alpengors) already cover to a large extent the Alpine Space and they provide a pool of actors from policy making authorities, scientific research institutes and also the private market. They will further cooperate hand in hand in order to provide the best economic and ecologic solutions for transport related issues.

