

Objective

The Conference intends to draw the attention on the legal dimension of environmental protection and sustainable development in mountains, trying to answer the following query: *are European and domestic law adequate when dealing with the environment in mountain areas?*

TO THIS END, THE SPEAKERS WILL:

- present the state of affairs as regards the development of environmental law in relation to European mountain ranges (Alps, Carpathians, Pyrenees, Balkans) and the main legal instruments to protect the mountain ecosystems.
- discuss critical issues in environmental protection in mountain areas
- present different geographical realities and exchange experiences, to find eventually common points and grounds, and contribute to raise awareness about legal issues regarding environmental protection in mountain areas.

Conference Venue: Innsbruck, Innrain 52, 1st floor, Aula

Conference language: English

Free entrance but registration required by sending an email to: legalconference@alpconv.org indicating name and address, including email address



MINISTRSTVO ZA OKOLJE IN PROSTOR



lebensministerium.at

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND MOUNTAINS:

*Is environmental law adapted
to the challenges faced by mountain areas?*

Innsbruck, 27-28 April 2010

Organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention
in cooperation with the Institute for European and International Law
of the University of Innsbruck
and supported by:

The Slovenian Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning

The Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment
and Water Management

The Tyrol Regional Government



Programme

DAY ONE 27 April 2010

12.00 -13.00 Registration

13.00 - 13.30 Opening Speeches

Dott. Marco Onida (Alpine Convention)
 Prof. Werner Schroeder (University of Innsbruck)
 Dr. Tanja Bogataj (Slovenian Presidency of the Alpine Convention)
 Dr. Ewald Galle (Austrian Ministry of the Environment)
 Dr. Fritz Staudigl (Region of Tyrol)

13.30- 15.10 Session 1

Specificity of environmental conservation needs of European mountains and the general European legal frame: setting the scene

Chair: Prof. Werner Schroeder

Cristina JOANAZ DE MELO – Florence
Slicing the Alps & diverging policies for mountain protection: A historical heritage of nation-state building in the 19th century

Prof. Ludwig KRÄMER – Brussels
Role and place of mountainous areas in the development of nature conservation legislation

Prof. Karl WEBER - Innsbruck
Water in the mountains - aspects of legal protection

Prof. Astrid EPINEY - Fribourg
Swiss approach to Mountain protection and relation with European law: complementarities or conflict?

15:10-15:30 Open discussion

16:00-18:15 Session 2

The range approach: a wise approach which poses the challenge of transboundary cooperation

Chair: Prof. Ludwig Krämer

Marco ONIDA, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention - Innsbruck
A common approach to mountain specific challenges: The Alpine Convention

Harald EGERER/Pier Carlo SANDEI, Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention - Vienna
A common approach to mountain specific challenges: The Carpathian Convention

Tanja BOGATAJ - Ljubljana
Alps and Balkans: Potentials for cooperation and common approach

Prof. Augustin GARCIA URETA - Bilbao
The Pyrenees: Missing a Convention?

Patricia QUILLACQ - PSAC Innsbruck
The Action Plan on Climate Change in the Alps: legal stumbling blocks to a joint implementation by the Parties

18:15-18:30 Open discussion

DAY TWO 28 April 2010

9.00-10.15 Session 3

Activities impacting the mountain environment & policy responses

Chair: Dott. Marco Onida

Prof. Werner SCHROEDER - Innsbruck
 Transport
Moutains of Problems? Alpine Traffic and International Law

Borut ŠANTEJ - Slovenia
Spatial planning as an instrument for reconciliation of different interests

Dott.ssa Elisa MORGERA – Edinburgh
Tourism for sustainable mountains development: a comparative law perspective

Peter HASSLACHER – Austrian Alpine Club - Innsbruck
The image of the Alpine Space in territorial development policies

10:15-10:30 Open Discussion

Dr. Sebastian SCHMID - Innsbruck
Protected Alpine areas: goals and limits of legal protection

Prof. Gerd WINTER - Bremen
GMOs and mountain areas

Jennifer HEUCK - Freiburg
The Use of Helicopters and other motorized vehicles for leisure purposes in the Alps

12:15:12:30 Open Discussion

12:30 Closing of the Conference – Prof. Gerd Winter