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# A smarter Danube region

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& EUSALP cooperation

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# What does the programme do?

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- **Trigger and support cooperation projects** across borders and facilitate joint transnational solutions
- **Contribute to strategic discussions** in the Alpine Space
- Provide a **platform for improved cooperation** among all stakeholders in the area
- Contribute to the goals of **EUSALP**, the implementation of the **Territorial Agenda 2030**, and the work of the **Alpine Convention**

# Cooperation area



- 7 Partner States
- 5 Member States, 2 Non-EU Member States
- 42 (NUTS II) regions
- 510.000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 88 million inhabitants
- Beneficiaries: mainly public authorities, chambers, R&D institutions, but also privates, NGO

# Thematic priorities

## Priority 1

**Climate resilient and green Alpine region  
(PO 2)**

SO iv: promoting  
climate change  
adaptation, risk  
prevention and disaster  
resilience

SO vii: enhancing  
biodiversity, green  
infrastructure in the  
urban environment and  
reducing pollution

## Priority 2

**Carbon neutral & resource sensitive  
Alpine region (PO 2)**

SO i: promoting  
energy efficiency

SO vi: promoting the  
transition to a  
circular economy

## Priority 3

**Innovation and digitalisation oriented  
green Alpine region (PO 1)**

SO i: Enhancing  
research and  
innovation capacities  
and the uptake of  
advanced technologies

SO ii: Reaping the  
benefits of digitisation  
for citizens, companies  
and governments

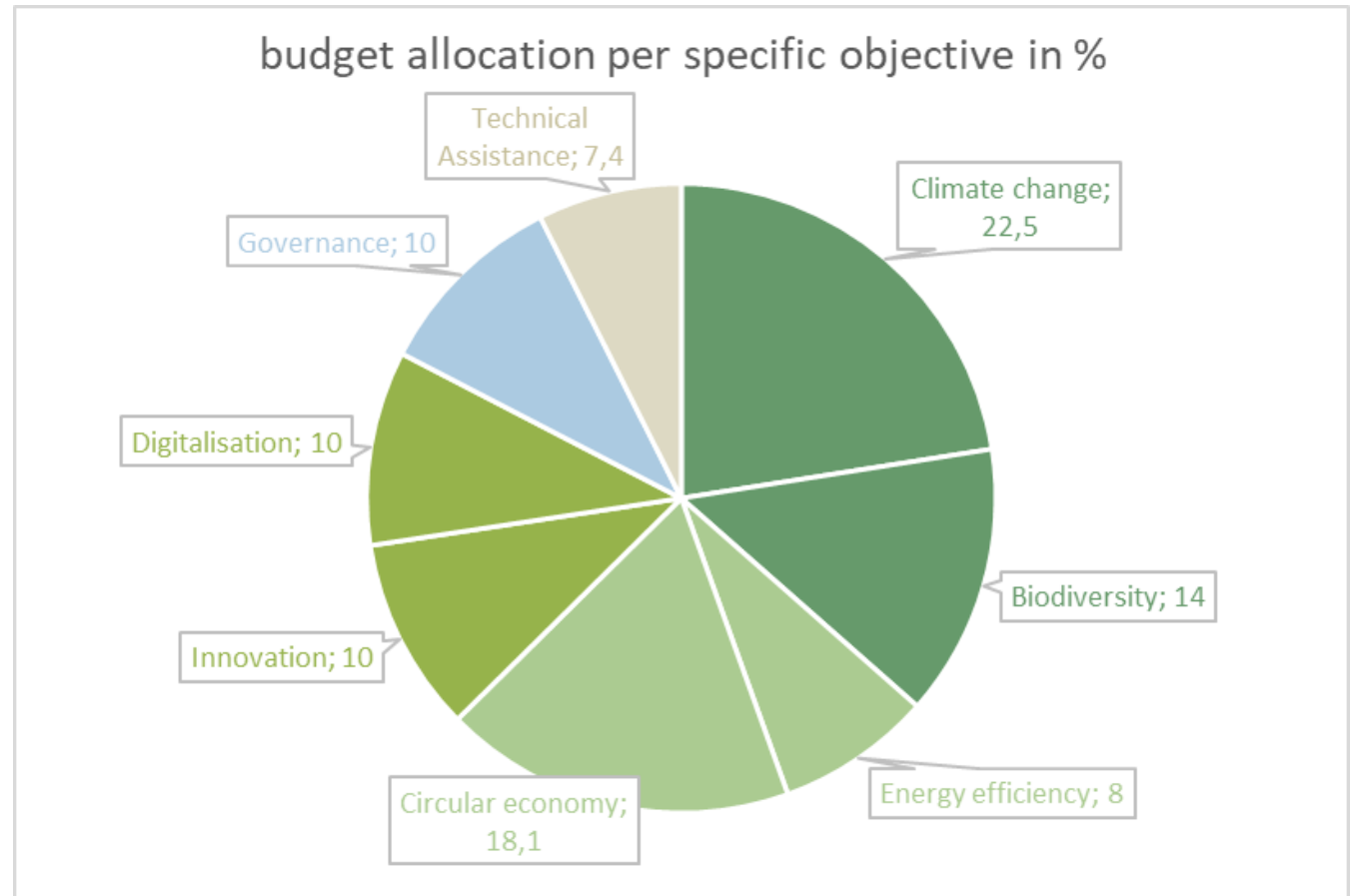
## Priority 4

**Cooperatively managed and  
developed Alpine region**

Enhance institutional capacity of public  
authorities and stakeholders to implement  
EUSALP (Interreg-specific objective)

# Budget framework

- ERDF = **107 Mio EUR**  
(excl. national co-financing and CH/LIE contribution)
- **Co-financing rate = 75%**
- Estimation to finance around **100 projects**



# Cooperation with EUSALP

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The Strategy is being developed following the EC recommendations given in the report on the implementation of EU MRSs.

EUSALP is central to the achievement of our shared objectives, acting as:

- **Spin doctor and incubator** of project ideas through AGs, being leading expert in their respective fields
- **Capitalization/diffusion** platform, to help project reach the policy level
- **Catalyst** of topics and stakeholders, to better steer and pool all available funding

# EUSALP AGs & ASP projects

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## Complementary roles & Win-Win cooperation

- ASP helps to trigger ideas through meet and match events
- Projects contribute to achieve EUSALP goals and implement AG action plans
- EUSALP brings visibility to projects & their achievements, helping to reach the policy level
- Synergies for a wider territorial impact & an increased uptake of results
- EUSALP Youth Council and AS Youth ambassador initiative
- JS support to establish links, being also an observer in EUSALP AG

# Small-scale projects: rationale

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- New form of cooperation: shorter duration and less partners
  - laboratory for new ideas
  - address innovative subjects from a thematic/territorial perspective
  - deliver knowledge through analysis, experimentation or fieldwork
  - tool to react to any unexpected and/or emerging trend
  - two typologies of SSP: “setting-the-scene” and “roll-out”
- Projects need to demonstrate tangible and realistic outputs
- New entry door to the programme / to cooperation



# Projects approved in 2022/23



Approved projects along programme priorities:

## Priority 1: Climate resilient and green Alpine region (PO 2)

### Classic projects:

- ADAPTNOW
- BeyondSnow
- MOSAIC
- PlanToConnect
- TranStat
- X-RISK-CC

### Small-scale projects:

- I-SWAMP
- FRACTAL

## Priority 2: Carbon neutral & resource sensitive Alpine region (PO 2)

### Classic projects:

- AlpTextyles
- AMETHyST
- CEFoodCycle
- Cradle-ALP
- ECOLE
- ForestEcoValue
- H2MA

### Small-scale projects:

- Alps4GreenC
- CERVINO
- Cool\*Alps
- INNOBIOVC

## Priority 3: Innovation and digitalisation supporting a green Alpine region (PO 1)

### Classic projects:

- SmartCommUnity

### Small-scale projects:

- AlpSatellites

## Priority 4: Cooperatively managed and developed Alpine region

### Classic projects:

- SupportEUSALP

- ✔ 22 projects approved in total
- ✔ EUR 30 Mio ERDF committed so far (about 30% of the programme budget - excl. TA)



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