

Title: Pioneers of change: Supporting the transitions of Mountain Regions

Nature-positive economic solutions for resilient mountain futures

In the face of climate change, mountain regions stand at the forefront of major transitions. They must preserve their natural resources while sustaining the conditions for their economic development, ensuring they remain attractive, dynamic, and inhabited. As part of the European Mountain Pact launched by the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region, which calls for the specific characteristics and needs of mountain territories to be integrated into European policies and programmes, this event will provide a platform for regions and local stakeholders to share good practices on nature-positive economic solutions in mountains. Through examples of concrete projects and tools, participants will highlight their ambitions, needs and hopes for accompanying the transition of mountain areas, in the current and future programming period.

- **Introduction of the policy session**, and presentation of The European Mountain Pact.
Speaker: Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region.
- **State of play:** The climate and environmental challenges affecting the mountain economies.
Speaker: Euromontana.
- **Session 1:** Supporting the transition of the forestry sector
Speakers:
 - Project Forest EcoValue (INTERREG Alpine Space) - *INRAE*
 - Project Carbon fund in Albertville, Savoie (INTERREG Europe) - *Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Energie Environnement*
 - Project BasoData - *HAZI*
- **Session 2:** Supporting the transition of tourism and sport sector
Speakers:
 - Project TranStat (INTERREG Alpine Space) - *INRAE*
 - Beyond Snow (INTERREG Alpine Space) - *Syndicat Mixte du Mont d'Or*
 - Presentation of the Mountain Program - *Caisse des Dépôts*
- **Panel discussion with all speakers:** Addressing transitions in mountain areas in the current and the next programming period, good practices and current needs - *Introduction by Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region and moderation by Euromontana.*
- **Wrap-up:** *Speakers: European Commission DG REGIO D.1 Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional Cooperation, IPA, Enlargement, and CINEA Department D Natural Resources, Climate, Sustainable Blue Economy and Clean Energy.*