



Tagung Boden und Bodenschutz in Europa

Bodenschutz in den Europäischen Strategien für den Donau- und
Alpenraum – vom politischen Konzept zur Umsetzung

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Character der macroregional strategies

- So called „soft policy instrument“.
- States and regions agree on policial topics for a pre-defined territory, however without creating new regulations, new funds or new structures (the 3 No's).
- Coordination task fulfilled by European Commission, but „ownership“ is expected from states and regions
- Instrument to be implemented voluntarily, however kind of political binding is given!



EUSDR: territory and topics

The Danube Region

14 Countries
more than 110 Mio.
inhabitants.

The EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR, adopted in 2011) refers to the entire Danube Region and addresses four thematic pillars:

1. Connecting the Region
2. Protecting the Environment
3. Building Prosperity
4. Strengthening the Region

Territorial coverage of the Danube region
for the Danube region strategy





EUSALP: territory and topics



The Alpine Region

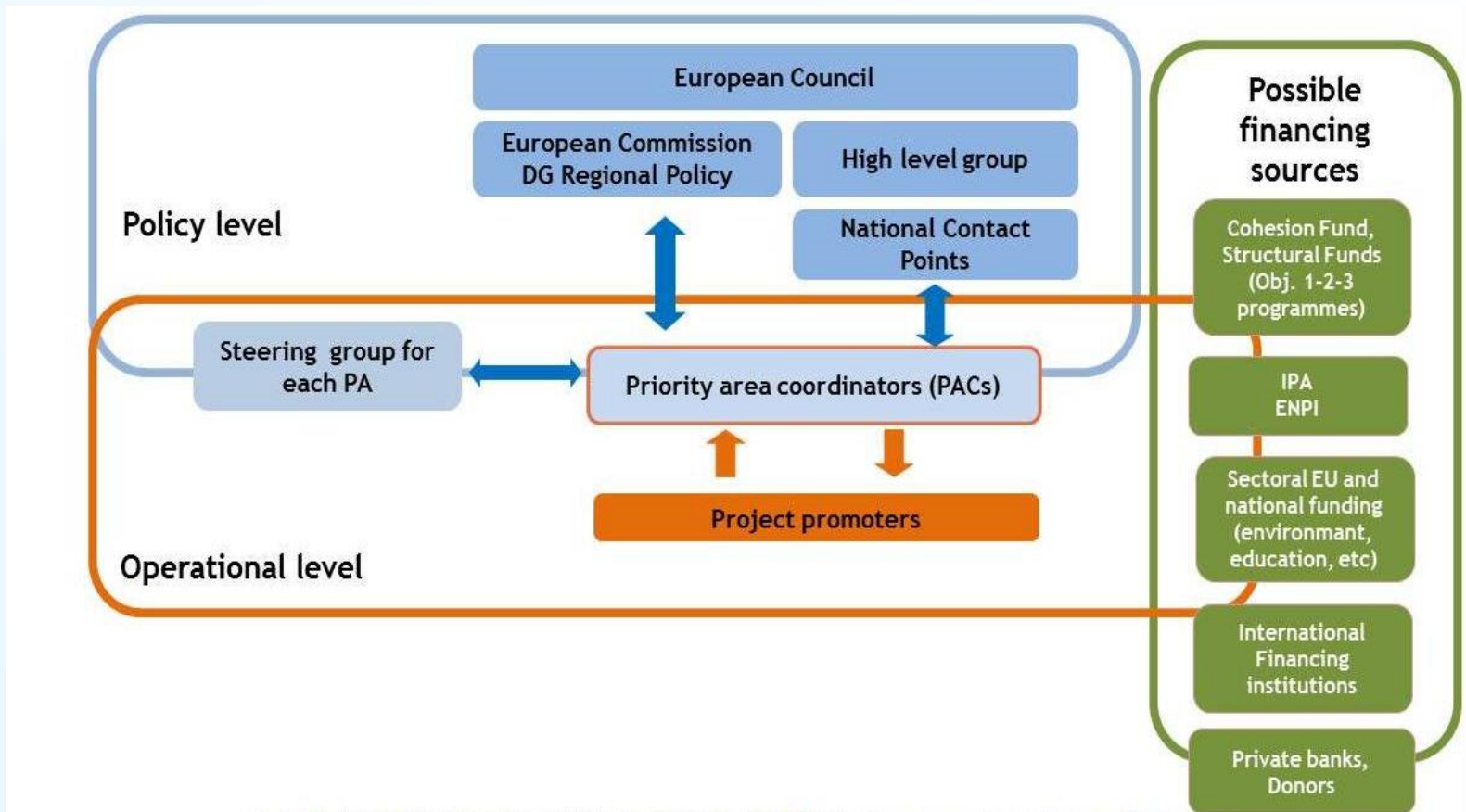
7 states, 48 regions
about 80 Mio.
inhabitants.

The EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP, adopted in 2015) refers to the core Alpine area and its surroundings and addresses three thematic and one horizontal objective(s):

1. Economic growth and Innovation
2. Mobility and connectivity
3. Environment and Energy
4. Governance

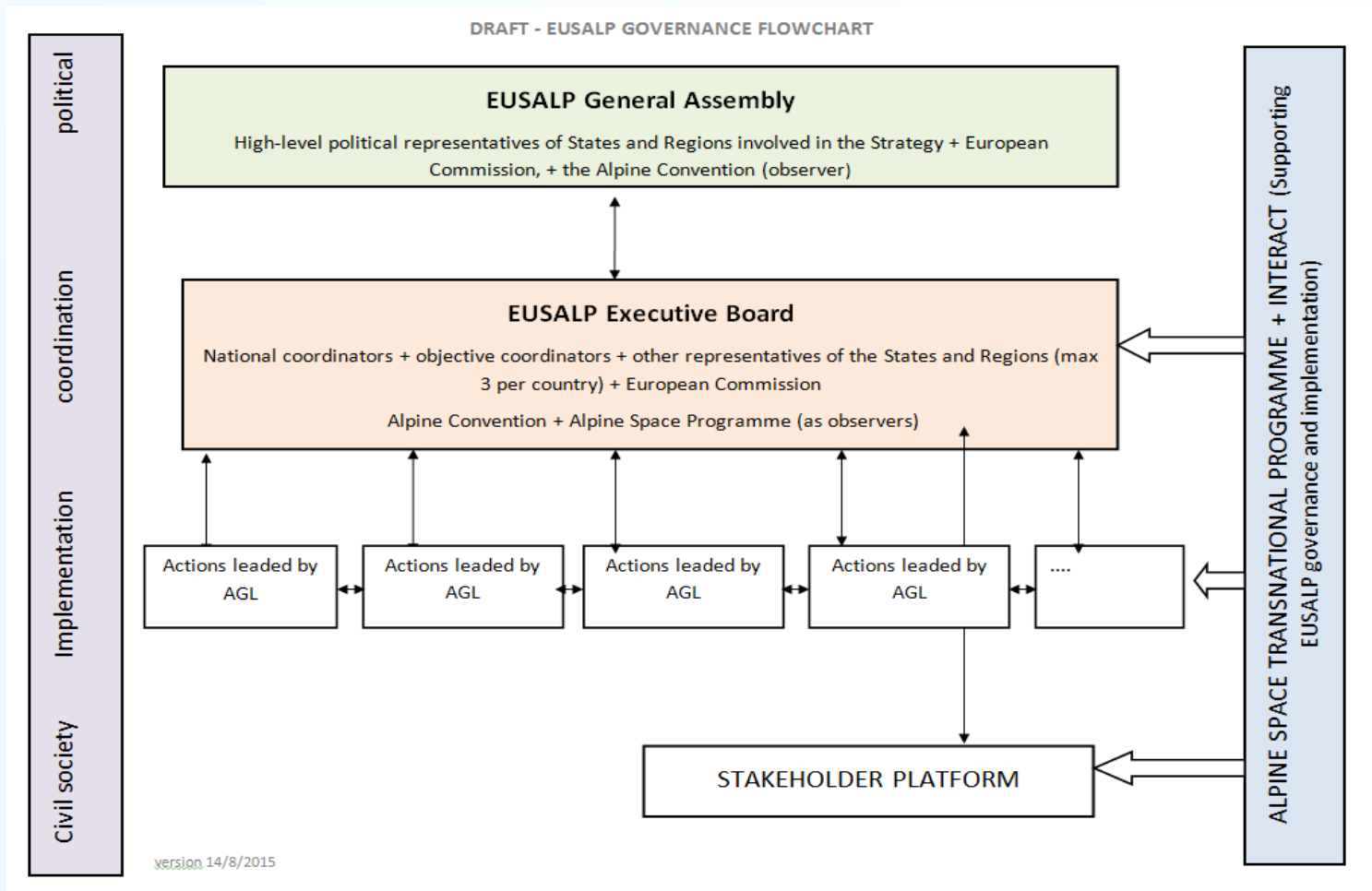


Governance of EUSDR





Governance of EUSALP





Issue of soil (protection) in EUSDR

- **Statistic: 12 hits on „soil“ in Action Plan**
- **1 out of 4 targets in Priority Area 6**
Enhance the work on establishing green infrastructure and the process of restoration of at least 15% of degraded ecosystems, **including soil**, in order to maintain and enhance ecosystems and their services by 2020 in the Danube Region and to improve air quality.
- **3 out of 16 Actions in Priority Area 6**
Action 10 - To ensure appropriate treatment of solid waste. Integrated waste management systems should be established and implemented on national, regional and local level.
Action 11 - To create standardized and compatible information on land cover on transnational basis”. (former GMES).
Action 12 - To raise awareness about soil protection.



Issue of soil (protection) in EUSALP

- Statistic: 6 hits on „soil“ in Action Plan
- Action 6: To preserve and valorise natural resources, including water and cultural resources
“... According to this approach, preservation and valorisation of sources like biodiversity, water and **soil** are closely interwoven.”
- Examples of possible projects
Strengthening **soil** protection and sustainable land use in the Alps, in particular regarding the issues of land take and soil sealing and the risk of landslides.
- Ref. to Protocol Soil Protection of Alpine Convention



Organisation of work, responsibilities EUSDR

- Steering Groups: administration + observer
- Priority Area Coordinator (PAC)
Dr. Florian Ballnus, Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Consumer Protection
Ana Kobašlič, Ministry for Environmental and Nature Protection, Croatia
- Task Forces
Among others: SONDAR (Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region) www.sondar.at, Initiated and chaired by Land Lower Austria, Christian Steiner und Erwin Szlezak.
Recently chair involved as permanent observer in Steering Group 6



Organisation of work, responsibilities EUSALP

- Action Groups: administration + funding programmes + observer + guests
- Action Group Leads (AGL)
Wolfger Mayrhofer, Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention
Helmut Serro, Land of Carinthia
- Task Forces as an option



How to bring soil topic forward?

- Generally: Contact Priority Area Coordinator or Action Group Lead
- Clarify how you want to contribute to implementation of Strategy, such as:
 - Proposing projects
 - Getting support for meetings
 - Presenting results or projects
- Be aware: PACs and AGL do not have the capacity to approve any activity. They are meant to support you in promoting your activities!
- Have in mind next multiannual framework 2021-2027!