

INVITATION

Green Week 2015 side-event of the Interreg B

Alpine Space project ‘recharge.green’

Energy and nature in the Alps: a balancing act! How to reconcile renewable energy and nature?

Should I attend?

Renewable energies have great potential nowadays, but energy production and use also increase pressures on nature. The recharge.green project looked at the **trade-offs between the costs and benefits of renewable energy use**. In particular, the project looked at **impacts of energy production on ecosystem services**. The goal is to achieve sustainably used landscapes where ecosystems and their services to people continue to function, and where energy production is optimised for this purpose.

The 2015 edition of Green Week, the biggest annual conference on European environment policy will look at the benefits we receive from nature and the framework in place to protect it. During the side-event of the transnational ‘recharge.green’ project, **the question of how to balance renewable energy and nature / biodiversity protection will be discussed**. Within the last three years, the project consortium has elaborated new approaches, tools like Decision Support Systems and policy recommendations for a renewable energy strategy in the Alps. The side-event is public and addresses **stakeholders from policy levels, NGOs and research institutions as well as energy companies** in order to discuss and disseminate new methodologies and tools that identify renewable energy potential, its trade-offs and impacts on nature. The side-event as well gives insights in stakeholder involvement processes and their acceptance of renewable energy production and nature protection.

recharge.green is an Interreg IVB transnational cooperation project funded by the European Regional Development Fund in the framework of the Alpine Space Programme. It involves 14 partners and runs from October 2012 - June 2015. The lead partner ‘Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology (FIWI) - University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna (AT)’ and the partners ‘EURAC Research (IT)’, ‘IIASA - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (AT)’ and the ‘Region of Veneto (IT)’ will share and discuss the final project results with you.

What to take home: Which Decision Support Systems and policy approaches can be chosen and implemented on local, regional and European policy level to balance renewable energies and nature?

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recharge.green presents its developed and implemented approaches, tools and recommendations for the policy level.

AGENDA – June 05, 2015

10.00h – 10.15h: Welcome and introduction session

**10.15h – 12:00h: Input session: Results from ‘recharge.green’ on how to balance renewable energy and nature protection - results from the Alps
Question and Answers session after each speaker**

12.00h – 12.30h: Networking drink

- Facets of services nature provides us - What did we do? Be up to date: outcomes of recharge.green and policy recommendations.
by Univ. Prof. Dr. med. vet. Chris Walzer, Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology - University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna
- What’s the scenario? Towards renewable and sustainable energy production in the Alps: spatially explicit modelling of production and protection.
by PhD Florian Kraxner, IIASA – Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Ecosystem Services and Management Program
- A spatial decision support system for renewable energy production in Alpine valleys: analysis of trade-offs between renewable energy and ecosystem services. Results from recharge.green pilot areas.
by PhD Giulia Garegnani, EURAC Research – Institute for Renewable Energy
- Stakeholder involvement in Mis and Maè Valley. A participatory approach of how to balance hydropower and nature protection in two valleys of Veneto – a best practice.
by Francesca Miotello, Region of Veneto – Office for Economics and the Development of Mountain Areas

Be invited to discuss with us and share your ideas on how to reconcile renewable energy production and nature on various policy level!

How can I register?

Please send a confirmation email to Nina Kuenzer at n.kuenzer@the-blue.net or 0049 (0)89 890 488177 until **June 02, 2015** to register and for further questions.

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