

# IMEAS at the EUSALP Action Group Forum

## IMEAS attended the EUSALP (EU-Strategy for the Alpine Region) Action Group Forum

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**EUSALP** constitutes a strategic agenda that should guide relevant policy instruments at EU, national and regional level, by closely aligning and mutually reinforcing them. The **EUSALP Action Group Forum** was held from 14th to 16th February in Garmisch-Partenkirchen under the Bavarian Presidency, bringing institutions and people working on the implementation of the Strategy together, in order to build networks, synergies and close cooperation across Action Groups and **EUSALP** objectives and to discuss the implementation of the Strategy with external experts and other projects and initiatives in the Alpine Region.

**IMEAS** was invited to the **Action Group 9** meeting and actively contributed to the working session in the subgroups about Renewable Energy and National and Regional Energy Strategies. **IMEAS** presented its main goals and outputs during the “AG meet (ASP) projects” session, and the following open discussion about content matching allowed to identify concrete actions to start cooperation between **IMEAS** and AG9 on integration and energy modelling issues.



Fig. 1 - IMEAS meets PEACE\_Alps in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Bavaria: Roberta Roberto (ENEA) and Hans-Jörg Barth (EZA!) collectively work on the Alpine Strategy.

**IMEAS** also participated to the Workshop “Governance in the Alpine Area”, organized within the framework of the ASP project **AlpGov**, dedicated to identify possible action corridors in the field of governance among the AGs. Contacts have been established with **AlpGov** members so as to build a fruitful information exchange with **IMEAS** on topics such as stakeholders network and multi-level optimal governance.

New inputs were not given to action groups, also projects could network and exchange experiences and overlapping contents. One of the other projects that **IMEAS** could find several ties with was **PEACE\_Alps** represented by Hans-Jörg Barth from EZA! The different needs of municipalities and obstacles preventing implementation of energy measures on local level that have been collected by **PEACE\_Alps** can be an important basis for future **IMEAS** results. So it proved again that transnational networking actively supports individual projects and represents an important element of future success.



Fig. 2 – Sara Veronesi (Province of Trento) and Daniele Russolillo (Fondazione per l’Ambiente) discuss interactions between **IMEAS** and **AlpGov** projects.

We will keep you posted for upcoming follow-up!

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