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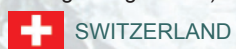


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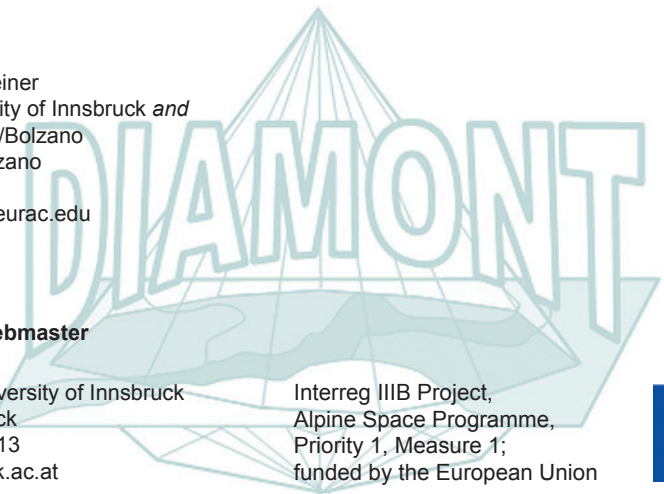
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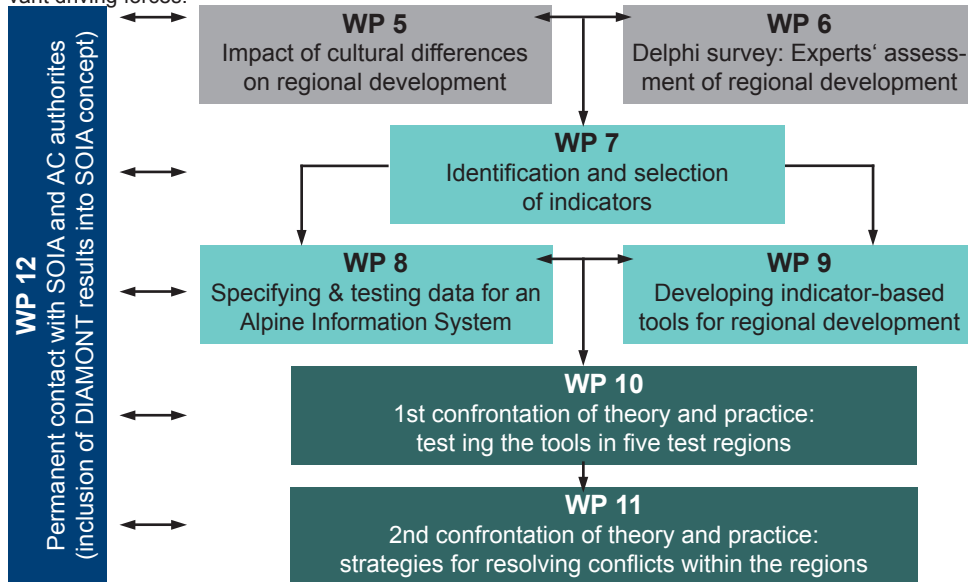
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Objectives / output

The Alps are considered one of the most sensitive regions in Europe. To ensure the sustainable development of this unique area, seven Alpine states and the EU signed the „**Alpine Convention (AC)**“ in 1991. Since the adoption of the **European Spatial Development Perspective** in 1999, regional policy has been focussing increasingly on coherent economic and social development, on the conservation of natural and cultural diversity and on a balanced competitiveness of the regions. But how can we measure whether these particular objectives are being achieved?

Primarily, **thorough knowledge** of the specific structures and problems within the Alpine space is needed to cope with future challenges. Just as important is the **identification of adequate indicators and tools to describe and steer relevant regional development processes**. Thus, DIAMONT aims to advise the Permanent Secretary of the AC on developing an Alpine-wide information system (SOIA) and on the selection of appropriate indicators and relevant data for sustainable regional development. It will take into account the **assessment of experts** as well as the **expectations and experiences of regional stakeholders**. The intensive cooperation and dialogue between private corporations, public authorities, scientific institutions, non-governmental organisations and stakeholders within the project results in a better understanding of the relevant driving forces.



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The DIAMONT **advisory board** is a well-balanced mix of **public authorities** (Bayrisches Staatsministerium für Umwelt, Gesundheit und Verbraucherschutz; Lebensministerium Österreich; Schweizer Bundesamt für Statistik; Agenzia Provinciale per la Protezione dell'Ambiente), **Alpine organisations** (Club Arc Alpin, CIPRA, ASCOMALP, Réseau Alpin des Espaces Protégés, Allianz in den Alpen) and **scientific institutes** (TERRITOIRES-Institut de Géographie Alpine). President is Mr. Schleicher-Tappeser, Secretary General of the Permanent Secretary of the Alpine Convention.

Work stages

In a first step, basic information on the development of Alpine regions is gathered by means of literature research and expert interviews. How cultural differences such as norms, administration, value systems, etc. influence regional policy and development is examined with studies in six Alpine countries (WP5: Martin Boesch, FWR-HSG). In a Delphi survey ca. 60 experts will be asked to assess the present and future challenges, problems, and opportunities within Alpine Space (WP6: Vincent Briquel, CEMAGREF). Based on the results of these studies, a specific relevant sector (e.g. tourism, agriculture) will be selected to be studied in detail. Appropriate indicators will be defined (WP7: Konstanze Schönthaler, Bosch & Partner) and regionally comparable data identified (WP8: Ulrike Tappeiner, EURAC). Then planning tools will be developed for specific clusters of development regions (WP 9: Stefan Marzelli, ifu-plan). To ensure their practical applicability, these tools will be discussed with the public and adapted to the experiences of the stakeholders in two successive workshops in five test regions (WP 10/11: Mimi Urbanc, AMGI / Tommaso dal Bosco, UNCEM).

All work stages can be tracked on the DIAMONT website (<http://diamont.uibk.ac.at>). In addition, a newsletter will be published quarterly to inform the interested public (<http://diamont.uibk.ac.at/newsletter.htm>).

Time schedule

- WP5: April – October 2005
- WP6: April 2005 – February 2006
- WP7: August 2005 – May 2006
- WP8: December 2005 – March 2008
- WP9: April 2006 – December 2007
- WP10: March – July 2007
- WP11: September – December 2007