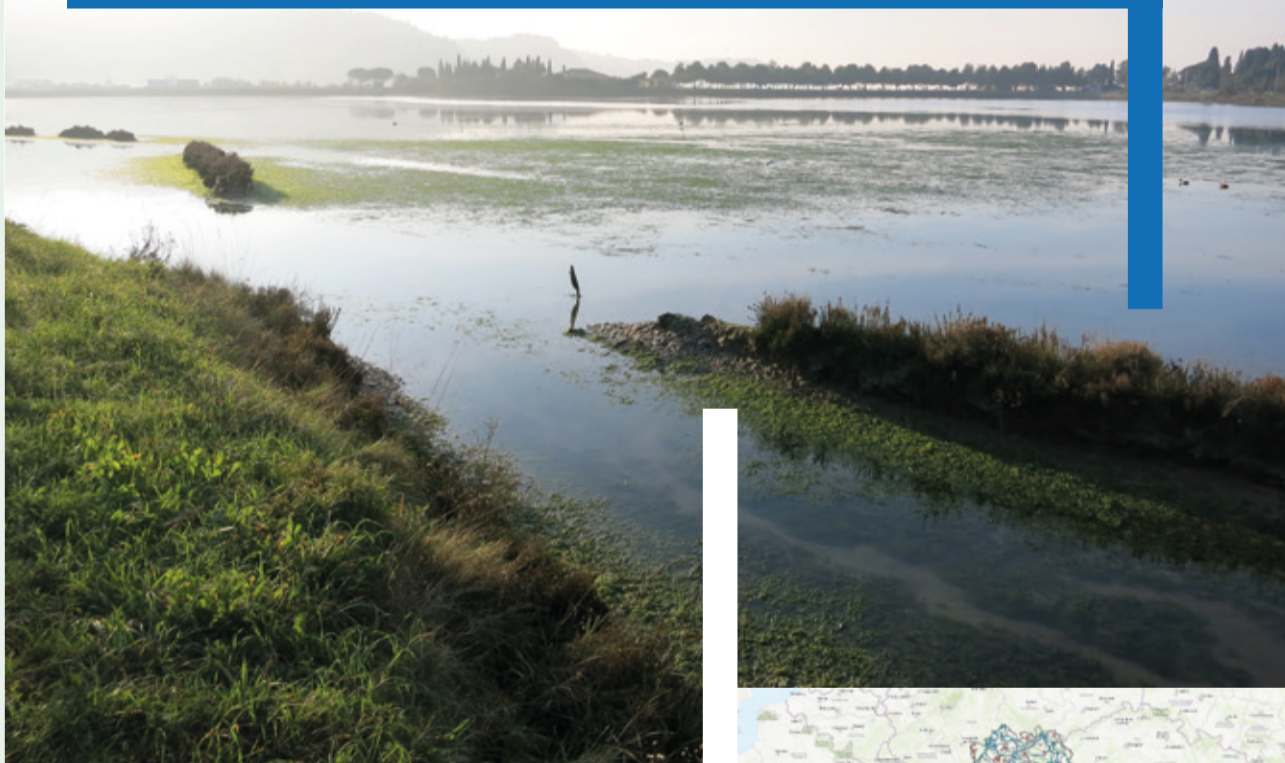


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Mainstreaming ecological connectivity in spatial planning systems of the Alpine Space

Why is it important to integrate biodiversity, climate adaptation and ecological connectivity issues into the spatial planning systems and territorial policies of the Alpine countries?



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Effects of human activities, infrastructures and climate change increasingly endanger habitats and ecosystem functions. Protected areas are essential for preservation of biodiversity and ecosystems. To be effective, they need to be connected by “ecological corridors” to form a coherent network of green and blue infrastructures. The network consists of e.g. rivers, wetlands, meadows, and forests, allowing gene flow, migration and adaptation of species.

The PlanToConnect project partners will cooperate with stakeholders in pilot areas to develop and test an Alpine spatial planning strategy for ecological connectivity, and a capacity-building package for its implementation. The aim is to identify the key cross-border areas for planning of ecological connectivity and to facilitate the upgrade of spatial planning systems and territorial policies to preserve or re-establish them.

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