

# Ecological Continuum Initiative

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## THINK TANK ON ECOLOGICAL NETWORKS IN/TO THE ALPS

### INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP Follow-up projects and new projects implementing ecological networks beyond ECONNECT

#### PROGRAMME

17 November 2010, Bozen/Bolzano, South Tyrol (Italy)

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## Goals

The goal of this workshop is to develop visions and projects beyond ECONNECT, first to ensure that good ECONNECT projects will continue and second, to involve members of the think tank in new projects.

To ensure this continuation, some preliminary work has to be done by now. The status quo of ongoing ECONNECT projects and initiatives have to be determined and together with experiences from other ongoing and already completed projects, the needs for future work have to be identified. In specific working groups themes and projects that should be followed up will be developed. In this way the participants may contribute to topics they are really interested in and - a main challenge of this workshop - persons and/or organisations that are willing to take the lead of new projects may be found.

During a workshop in December 2010 the 55 most urgent questions concerning an ecological continuum in the Alps (55Q) will be discussed (see presentation of the project 55Q by Chris Walzer). Whereas this meeting will focus on scientific issues, the workshop in November will exclusively focus on concepts, basic information and implementation.

Beside ECONNECT (especially activities in pilot areas), other projects and further structures as national networks are invited to get involved in this superior task of building up an Alps wide ecological network.

## Workshop Programme, 17 November 2010

Time	Speaker / Moderator	Topic
08.30	Leopold Füreder	Welcome, Programme, Presentation of Participants
08.40	Aurelia Ullrich	<b>Continuum 2011+</b> - project outlook
08.55	Leopold Füreder	<b>ECONNECT</b> – current project state and perspectives
09.15	Chris Walzer	Goals of the <b>55Q</b> -project
09.25	Anke Hahn (proposed)	<b>Transeconet</b> – experience of a similar project
<b>09.40</b>		<b>Coffee-break</b>
10.15	Leopold Füreder	Organisation of Working groups
10.30	Working Group Leaders	Working Groups 1-4
<b>12.00</b>		<b>Lunch-break</b>
13.20	Working Group Leaders	Working Groups 1-4
14.50	Leopold Füreder	Final discussion and ending
15.45	Chris Walzer	Fazit

## **Working Groups (WGs)**

In each WG approximately six to ten participants will discuss on specific topics (see below). At the end, in each WG two to three of the most important projects/ideas should be identified and shortly described. To ensure a continuation of work, points as feasibility, financial opportunities and possible partners should be discussed for those priority projects. In addition, a list of up to ten project ideas may be roughly formulated.

Each Participant has the possibility to join two of the following five working groups.

### **WG1: Analysis of connectivity and data preparation. Leader: Kathrin Renner & Katrin Sedy**

Looking for projects concerning

- set up of data-bases; data collecting, data processing, modelling and validation of models
- future development and implementation of the „continuum suitability index“
- data collection and build-up of a transboundary database for the analysis of barriers and corridors in the Alps

### **WG2: Implementation in Pilot areas. Leader: Guido Plassmann**

Looking for projects that

- help continuing promising approaches of existing pilot areas
- are associated with new pilot areas

### **WG3: Transfer of knowledge. Leader: Leopold Füreder**

Looking for projects that

- help bringing experts and stakeholders together
- improve the work with stakeholders

### **WG4: Open Pool for current topics and new ideas. Leader: Thomas Scheurer**

Looking for projects of different topics as for example

- landscape development
- methodologies
- legal barriers

## Workshop outline

- Target participants: Think tank experts, collaborators from ECONNECT and other connectivity projects, stakeholders from pilot areas
- Moderation: Leopold Füreder (ECONNECT)
- Organisation: Beat Schlüchter, Thomas Scheurer (Continuum Initiative / ISCAR)
- Date: 17 November 2010, 8.30 – 15.30, common dinner on 16 November
- Registration: Please register with the official form not later than 29 October.
- Place: Bolzano/Bozen (Italy); Haus des Amtes für Naturparke, Landhaus 11, Rittner Strasse 4 (see map below)
- Accommodation: If you are interested in a booking, please use your registration form to let us know.
- Costs: The Continuum Initiative will provide workshop facilities and meals (dinner on 16 November and lunch on 17 November) as well as overnight accommodation if needed.

