



*"The aim of the programme is to support cooperation in three priority areas: the environment and risk prevention, accessibility, and competitiveness, including spatial development. Cooperation is necessary in an area as large as the Alpine Space, as the problems to be tackled are not just local or regional, but rather cross-border. A good example is climate change, which is a focus of our current efforts to encourage projects. We cannot manage climate change in each region individually; instead it should be managed in several regions across national borders. This is what*

*our cooperation programmes are designed for; to encourage and find common solutions to problems.*

*We currently have 35 projects bringing together various actors, including institutions, private and public organisations, chambers of commerce, NGOs, universities and development agencies. I think for them it's very important to keep going. We're currently having discussions about a macro-regional strategy for the Alpine Space. The strategic alignment of a future programme with the Europe 2020 strategy is important; we must be very clear on what results and impacts we expect from projects. Our objective is for projects in our programme to develop common policies. The need to cooperate comes from increasingly complex problems and challenges worldwide that need answers beyond local, regional and national levels."*

**Dr Christian Salletmeyer**  
General Programme Manager of the Alpine Space Programme

to 76%, are helping improve the quality of life for locals on a daily basis.

Among the many projects undertaken, three projects stand out: the ACCESS project aims at making general services more accessible in sparsely populated mountain areas; the PermaNET project looks to make an important contribution to mitigating natural hazards resulting from climate change impacts on alpine

permafrost; and the AlpHouse project has set out to preserve and develop the cultural heritage of the Alpine Space, focusing on its building architecture. It also aims to optimise the energy efficiency of these buildings.



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REGIONS EVOLVING THROUGH COOPERATION

*"Many traditional buildings can be found throughout the Alpine Space. It is our duty to protect our cultural heritage if we want to avoid losing it forever. Our task is huge, but it's the right time to work on preserving our alpine building heritage and ensuring energy efficiency. There are many incentives and funding options available, given the current focus on climate change worldwide. We aim to make our target group, namely the general public, architects, craftsmen and decision-makers, more aware of the solutions available for protecting the building architecture, which is a feature of the Alpine Space's cultural heritage. The issues go beyond material value; each building is unique to its region and holds cultural value. Some regions and countries might try running such projects using their own means, however by undertaking a transnational project, there is a sense of being in it together, as well as knowledge that their results can also be used by others."*



**Karlheinz Vollrath**  
Director of AlpHouse

