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**We are Alps**  
**Climate Change Close-up**



**29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**6<sup>th</sup> July**

From: Grenoble (F)  
 To: Zugspitze (DE)

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The "We are Alps" tour is an initiative of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention to promote specific alpine topics while using sustainable means of transport. The 2015 edition will focus on Climate Change, as a factor that is significantly changing the Alps and taking into consideration that the World Conference on Climate Change (COP-21) is taking place in December this year in one of the Alpine Countries (France).

Preparing the tour we selected projects and locations that highlight many different aspects of climate change in our region. During the tour we will present activities on climate change observation, adaptation and mitigation. We will facilitate first-hand experience in projects on glacier monitoring, climate change education, innovative mobility, energy efficiency, flood and natural risk prevention, changes in biodiversity, new approaches in agriculture and tourism; in other words we are endeavouring to present you with the whole story of climate change in the Alps - at least as much of it as is possible in a week's time.

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 Secretary General of the Alpine Convention



We would like to sincerely thank all of our partners in this project:



**Climate Change Close-up**

**2015**



Monday,  
**29<sup>th</sup> June**

day 1

Grenoble

## City and mountains

To kick-off the We are Alps tour 2015 we invite you to take part in the orientation meeting at the Maison de l'International. After that we will climb one of the rare urban Via Ferrata's - the Via Ferrata at la Bastille. At the top of the city we will get a presentation of the actions for a more sustainable city (inclusion of nature, living with mountains and development of the sustainable district) located in the Alpine region.

Until <b>15.00</b>	Individual arrivals to Grenoble
<b>15.00</b>	Meeting of the participants in the Maison de l'international (1 Rue Hector Berlioz)
<b>16.00</b>	<b>Via Ferrata</b> at "la Bastille"
<b>18.30</b>	Urban <b>cable car</b> to Bastille's top and <b>walk</b> on the botanical path. Presentation of the <b>mountain policy</b> of Grenoble
<b>20.00</b>	Reception

Hotel Okko (23 Rue Hoche, Grenoble)



Tuesday,  
**30<sup>th</sup> June**

day 2

Grenoble > Megève > Sallanches

## Energy efficiency and Water management

Energy efficiency in the city has two major components: low-energy buildings and sustainable mobility. In the morning, we will get acquainted with both: low-consumption buildings at one of the 1st eco-districts developed in France - the former military buildings known as the Bonne Barracks - and sustainable mobility by visiting a mobility agency and a venturing test drive of e-cars. Traveling to a more rural area, we will have an illustration of how a mid-altitude ski resort adapts the use of water resources to the changed climatic conditions. We will conclude the day by becoming school-children and experiencing first-hand how climate change can be easily explained.

<b>07.30</b>	Breakfast
<b>08.30</b>	Bonne Barracks' Tour, 1st eco-district in France
<b>10.30</b>	<b>Stationmobile</b> (mobility agency) and test drive of the e-car
<b>12.30-16.25</b>	<b>Trains</b> and <b>bus</b> to Megève
<b>16.30-18.15</b>	Visit of the <b>Water management</b> project in Megève
<b>19.05-19.30</b>	<b>Bus</b> to Sallanches
<b>19.45</b>	Visit of the "Center de la Nature montagnarde", presentation of educational activities, dinner

Hotellerie les pres du Rosay, Sallanches (285, route du Rosay, Sallanches)



Wednesday,  
**1<sup>st</sup> July**

day 3

Sallanches > Chamonix > Interlaken

## Species moving upwards

Climate change has substantial impacts on biodiversity, especially in the Alps. With the help of experts, we will observe first-hand the changes in the flora, fauna and landscape. During lunch we will hear how climate change is tackled by an Alpine Town of the Year. Taking the picturesque ride with the Mont-Blanc express we will continue to Switzerland and get to know the Alpine Pearls' town of Interlaken.

<b>07.30</b>	Breakfast
<b>08.50-09.50</b>	<b>Trains</b> to Chamonix
<b>09.50-13.00</b>	Presentation of the <b>Phenoclim</b> Project at the CREA Observatory
<b>13.00-14.30</b>	Lunch with presentation of the <b>Alpine Town of the year</b>
<b>14.50-18.30</b>	<b>Trains</b> to Interlaken
<b>19.30-20.30</b>	Visit of Interlaken
<b>20.30</b>	Dinner and Presentation Alpine Pearls

Hotel Goldey (Obere Goldey 85, Interlaken)



Thursday,  
**2<sup>nd</sup> July**

day 4

Jungfrauoch > Oberwald

## Disappearing glaciers and appearing risks

Reaching the highest European train station, we will visit the Observatory of Jungfrauoch and see evidence of receding glaciers. After lunch, travelling to Oberwald via picturesque Grimselpass, we will see an example of climate change related risks.

<b>07.00</b>	Breakfast
<b>07.52-10.22</b>	<b>Trains</b> to Jungfrauoch
<b>11.00-13.00</b>	Visit and presentation of the <b>Jungfrauoch observatory</b>
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	Lunch
<b>14.00-17.07</b>	<b>Train</b> to Meiringen
<b>17.10-20.30</b>	Travel to Oberwald via Grimselpass (Spreitgraben)

Hotel Ahorni (Hinterdorfstrasse 3, Oberwald)



Friday,  
**3<sup>rd</sup> July**

day 5

Oberwald > Liechtenstein

## Biking for a better climate

We will experience what public and private sectors, together with civil society can do to convince cross-border commuters to use more sustainable means of mobility.

<b>07.00</b>	Breakfast
<b>08.44-13.00</b>	<b>Trains</b> and <b>Bus</b> to Liechtenstein
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	Lunch
<b>14.00-15.30</b>	Visit of a <b>Power Plant</b>
<b>15.30-16.00</b>	<b>Biking</b> tour to Schaan (ca. 5 km)
<b>16.00-16.30</b>	Refreshment and presentation of <b>commuter's topic</b>
<b>16.30-16.45</b>	<b>Biking</b> tour to Hilti (ca. 3 km)
<b>16.45-18.15</b>	Visiting <b>commuter's infrastructure</b> and aperitive
<b>18.30-19.15</b>	<b>Train/Bus</b> to Feldkirch
	Free evening

Hotels Gutwinski (Rosengasse 4-6, Feldkirch) and Bären (Bahnhofstraße 1, Feldkirch)



Saturday,  
**4<sup>th</sup> July**

day 6

Grosses Walsertal

## Nature, tourism and climate change

Presenting the pallet of actions a small valley in the middle of the Alps can perform in relation to nature, tourism, biodiversity, forestry, agriculture and their adaptation to climate change.

<b>07.00</b>	Breakfast
<b>08.00-09.00</b>	<b>Bus</b> to Thüringerberg
<b>09.00-10.00</b>	Welcome and Presentation of "UNESCO Biosphere Park Grosses Walsertal"
<b>10.00-12.00</b>	Forest Management: short <b>hike</b> and Information
<b>12.19-12.24</b>	<b>Bus</b> to St. Gerold and short <b>walk</b> to "Propstei St. Gerold"
<b>12.30-13.30</b>	Lunch
<b>13.30-14.45</b>	Information about the Project KlimTourV and free time to <b>walk</b> "Weg der Sinne"
<b>15.00-15.56</b>	Information about the <b>Passivhouse community center</b>
<b>15.52-15.56</b>	<b>Bus</b> to Blons
<b>16.00-16.50</b>	Visit of the <b>avalanche community center</b> , <b>walk</b> in the village and break with refreshments
<b>16.58-17.18</b>	<b>Bus</b> to Buchboden
<b>17.45-19.00</b>	Visit the <b>sulfur spring</b> (swimming)
<b>19.30</b>	Dinner (herbs menu) and presentation of <b>Mountaineering villages</b>

Bergsteigerdoerfer: Hotel Gasthof Kreuz (Buchboden 1, Sonntag)



Sunday,  
**5<sup>th</sup> July**

day 7

Sonthofen > Garmisch-Partenkirchen

## Wetlands regeneration and future generations

Sonthofen is a very active Alpine town with comprehensive action towards climate change and an active involvement of youth in the decision making processes. The Youth Parliament of the Alpine Convention will present their activities and resolutions from 2015 meeting over lunch. In the afternoon we will visit a regeneration of a wetland area which contributes to mitigation of climate change by reducing emissions.

<b>08.00</b>	Breakfast
<b>09.30-13.30</b>	<b>Hike</b> to Baad
<b>13.30-14.40</b>	<b>Bus</b> and <b>Train</b> to Sonthofen
<b>15.00-19.00</b>	Visit <b>Wetlands Sonthofen</b> with Youth Parliament presentation
<b>19.02-22.03</b>	<b>Trains</b> to Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Hotel Garmischer Hof (Chamonixstraße 10, Garmisch-Partenkirchen)



Monday,  
**6<sup>th</sup> July**

day 8

Zugspitze

## High altitude high level meeting

The highlight of the tour is the meeting with the president of the Alpine Conference, German environmental minister, Ms Hendricks and the Bavarian environmental minister Ms Scharf at the highest mountain of Germany. We will visit the famous Schneefernerhaus Environmental Research Station on the topic of glacier and permafrost in the modern time.

<b>09.00</b>	Breakfast
<b>10.15-10.45</b>	<b>Train</b> to Eibsee
<b>10.45-11.00</b>	Meeting with Federal Minister Barbara Hendricks and Bavarian Minister Ulrike Scharf; <b>press statement</b>
<b>11.15-12.00</b>	<b>Train</b> to the Zugspitze
<b>12.00-15.00</b>	Presentation of the <b>Schneefernerhaus Environmental Research Station</b> and lunch
<b>15.15-16.00</b>	<b>Train</b> to Eibsee
<b>16.00-17.00</b>	Farewell aperitif
	Individual returns home

