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Dear Sir or Madam,

The **EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)** seeks to address the specific challenges and potentials of the Alpine region through joint cooperation of seven states and 48 regions. In 2019 Italy is taking over the presidency of EUSALP. The 2018 presidency, held by Tirol, launched a **process to ensure that youth is heard in the future**. Building on ideas collected at the first EUSALP youth congress in Munich in November 2017, in which some of you took part, a concept for a three-step process was designed in order to develop a concrete strategy for youth involvement that will be operationalized and implemented.

The first step was the first workshop in Innsbruck, on the 19th November 2018, in which 20 young people from all over the Alpine space took part. The results of this workshop were principles of youth participation and four concrete proposals – a participation platform, a Summer Camp, the direct interaction between EUSALP representatives and schools to raise awareness and the participation of youth representatives in EUSALP meetings. You can find the results in the attached report.

The second step is now coming! And here's where we count on you: we need your presence to develop and concretize the ideas of the first workshop, to work out their implementation together with EUSALP executive board members, and to be sure that your needs and expectations have a place.

Therefore, we invite you and the other participants of the workshop in Innsbruck, to shape the future of EUSALP and **participate in the second workshop on the 29th and 30th March 2019 in Liechtenstein to develop an "Action Plan for Youth Participation"** (participants under the age of 18 should be accompanied by a responsible adult). The workshop will start at 1pm on 29th March and at 5pm on 30th March.

To ensure that the Action Plan is realized, members of the EUSALP Executive Board, the steering body of the EUSALP, and leaders of the Action Groups are also invited to the workshop. Afterwards, the common proposal for an Action Plan will be presented and discussed in the EUSALP Executive Board. In the long term, the Action Plan should be endorsed by the EUSALP General Assembly, the political level of EUSALP, and anchored in the future activities of EUSALP.

Could you please confirm as soon as possible, at the latest on **the 11th of March, if you are taking part by filling in [this registration form](#).**

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Thank you very much for your engagement and we hope to see you in Liechtenstein in March!

Kind regards

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Executive Board Member for Liechtenstein

The costs of the travel and the accommodation will be covered by Liechtenstein, Tirol and Switzerland. Accommodation, lunches and a common dinner will be organised for you. The process “youth.shaping.EUSALP” is organised by the EUSALP members Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Tirol with the support of [Alpine Town of the Year Association](#) and [CIPRA](#).