

YOUrALPS: Educating youth for the Alps: (re)connecting Youth and Mountain heritage for an inspiring future in the Alps.

Project Summary

Among young generation there is little awareness of the values and opportunities offered by the natural and cultural heritage of the Alps. There is an urgent need to better inform youth and make them more aware of the Alpine heritage, which has a lot to offer in terms of economic and social opportunities.

YOUrALPS (Educating youth for the Alps: (re)connecting Youth and Mountain heritage for an inspiring future in the Alps) take up the challenge to reconcile young people with the Alps. Thirteen project partners from six alpine countries work together to give structure to the field of mountain oriented education and incorporate the values and knowledge of mountains and the Alps more fully in practices also in educational curricula. Thanks to exchanges, training, workshops and trials in pilot sites the project partner will create an "Alpine school model". The project will create new opportunities for youth and increase their empowerment and engagement in the Alpine territory, to better shape their future.

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Project main outputs

- A **transnational cooperation structure** dedicated to Mountain oriented education, gathering schools and universities together with specialist from non-formal education and youth, providing resources, offers, contacts, based on a Participatory web-platform and database.
- A **comparative report** on innovative practices and mountain oriented strategies.
- An **Alpine School Model**: a joint international methodological approach based on a charter, a label, shared pedagogical tools and resources adapted to different educational level. **Recommendations** will support decision-makers in transferring and applying the model.

Project specific objectives

- **Fostering and strengthening the Alpine mountain-oriented education sector** via the settlement of a network of formal and non-formal education actors with the participation of decision-makers. Network's participants will share knowledge in a web platform dedicated to Mountain Oriented Education and will participate on the analysis and values existing educational practices in a collective report.

- **Providing youth with opportunities to develop their knowledge and sensibility on the Alpine natural and cultural heritage.** Partners' students will be involved in the model development, actively participating in the project actions and transalpine workshops. Pupils and students from pilot-schools will benefit from testing the "Alpine school" educational model (ASM).
- **Strengthening the inclusion of mountain-oriented education in the educational curricula in the school system, fostering a transnational alpine cultural identity.** A common alps-wide operational model "Alpine School Model" will be developed and tested, validated and implemented on the field. Partner decision-makers will be involved in the development, transfer and implement the model in their territory.

For further info : <http://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/youralps/en/home>