

Why a wiki for research projects on spatial development in the Alps?

Spatial development is a crucial issue in the Alpine Space where economy, society and environment have to coexist in a very confined space. Although this often raises **transnational questions** within the Alpine Space, it is usually regulated at either the local, regional or national level. This poses a number of challenges for coherent development in the Alpine Space and within the framework of the European Union.

Sound decision making in spatial development requires appropriate, manageable and current information – the **WIKIAlps project delivers the necessary tools**. These include a wiki, mini guides and recommendations, all tailored to the needs of decision makers, civil servants, researchers and entrepreneurs as well as an interested public, providing them with **operative information ready-to-use for spatial policy design**.



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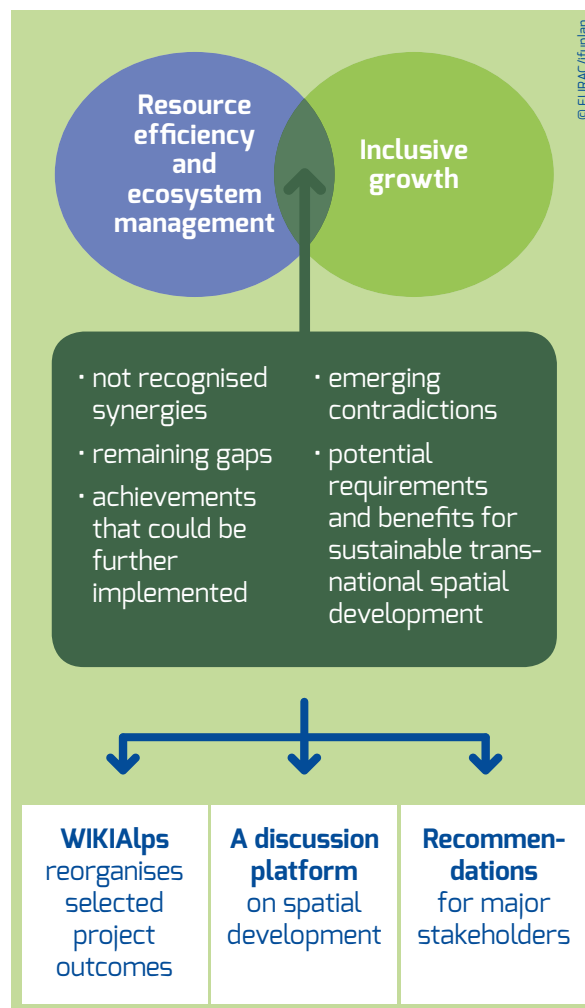
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Objectives

The overall aim of the WIKIAlps project is to facilitate **balanced and shared territorial development in the Alpine Space** by overcoming national borders. It will capitalise on selected projects on spatial development issues carried out in the Alpine Space programming period 2007 – 2013 in the fields of **“Inclusive growth”** and **“Resource efficiency and ecosystem management”**, highlighting:



Expected results

The main expected results of the WIKIAlps project are a series of evolving ready-to-use tools related to spatial development:

1. A wiki reorganising the outcomes of selected EU projects on spatial development issues and providing easy-to-use information for spatial policy design:

- Factsheets on capitalized projects.
- Competences matrix of stakeholders and institutions involved in spatial development of the Alpine Space.
- Insights on common issues and needs in spatial development in the Alpine Space.

2. WIKIAlps mini guides to include project findings immediately and practically in sustainable spatial development:

- How to use the wiki.
- How to use the achievements of selected projects and identified transnational needs.
- How to use the matrix of competences.
- How to overcome national borders in a sustainable Alpine spatial development.

3. Practical recommendations for policy makers, civil servants, researchers, entrepreneurs and the interested public on:

- The methodology for the analysis of project results and their transferability.
- How to integrate transnational issues in spatial policy planning.