



**Meeting minutes of the 1st General Assembly 2022
of the "Alpine Town of the Year" association
Friday, 18 March, Belluno, 9:00 to 12:30**

Member Towns present

- 1) Belluno: Jacopo Massaro, Yuki d'Emilia, Nunzia Gabriele, Valentina Majolino, Fabio Copiatti
- 2) Biella: Barbara Greggio, Alessio Ercoli (in Belluno); Valeria Miotello (virtually).
- 3) Chamonix Mont-Blanc: Michèle Rabbiosi, Étienne Grillot.
- 4) Idrija: Tomaž Vencelj, Karmen Makuc, Katja Martinčič.
- 5) Morbegno: Oscar Del Barba, Maria Larossa.
- 6) Passy: Raphaël Castéra, Pierre-Olivier Carra, Juliette Vodinh.
- 7) Sonthofen: Ingrid Fischer.
- 8) Tolmin: Uroš Brežan, Špela Kranjc.
- 9) Trento (virtually): Laura Begher.
- 10) Villach (virtually): Christine Redlein.

Jury: Norbert Weixlbaumer, Gerhard Leeb.

Guests: Valentin Brunner; Alps2030 project participants for agenda item 8.

Office: Magdalena Holzer, Caroline Begle.

Excused Member Towns: Bad Reichenhall, Annecy, Brixen, Tolmezzo, Brig-GLIS, Lecco, Bolzano, Herisau, Chambéry.

Excused jury members: Cristina del Biaggio.

Reading notes:

- **Resolutions in bold and orange**
- **Invitations in green and bold**
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Greetings

Ingrid Fischer welcomes the General Assembly. There is a **minute's silence at the beginning for Ukraine and peace in the world**. Ingrid Fischer also welcomes the approximately 30 participants of the Alps2030 project who are also in the hall at this moment. The events in Belluno take place together with the Alps 2030 project and its closing event. Our association is a partner, together with the Alpine Towns of the Year Belluno, Idrija and Tolmin, and three municipalities in Liechtenstein. CIPRA International is the lead partner. A big **thank you for the hospitality** and warm welcome to Belluno, to the mayor Jacopo Massaro and to Yuki d'Emilia, to Sara, Valentina, Fabio and the three young women Matilda, Alice and Maria-Chiara who helped with the preparations and the programme! Ingrid Fischer also welcomes the representatives from Trento and Villach who are participating online. Ingrid Fischer informs that Magdalena Holzer is director since January and thanks her and her colleague Caroline Begle for the good preparation of the meeting. She is very much looking forward to working with them and would like to visit them more often in Schaan. **The Mayor of Belluno, Jacopo Massaro**, warmly welcomes **the guests from the Alpine towns to Belluno**. It is his last term in office, so it is a great honour and pleasure for him to be here. He would like to thank the association for the numerous meetings and the lively exchange. Strategies in the Alpine Space were discussed and he learned a lot.

1) Establishment of the quorum and approval of the minutes of the 2nd General Assembly 2021 in Chamonix-Mont Blanc

The **invitation and agenda were sent out 6 weeks before today's meeting**. No requests for further agenda items were received. Ingrid Fischer informs that item 9 AOB has been moved up and item 8 is the last item on the agenda, as the young people of the Alps2030 project will then join. The towns of Villach and Trento, which are online, are invited to vote online. 10 of 19 Alpine towns are present, **the quorum is reached**. Each member town has one vote. The chat in the Zoom room is available for communication. Are there any other requests for agenda items to be dealt with? Does the General Assembly agree to the proposed agenda?

→ **The General Assembly has no objections and no further motions.**

Resolution: the agenda is adopted unanimously.

Do you agree with the meeting minutes of the 2nd General Assembly in Chamonix in October 2021?

→ **10 out of 10 present (physical and virtual) Alpine Towns agree.**

Resolution: The General Assembly agrees with the content of the minutes of the 2nd General Assembly 2021.

2) Annual financial statement 2021 and discharge of the Board and the Secretariat

Details can be found in the documents on Google Drive. The Alpine Town of the Year Association **collected 191,830.92 euros and spent 120,803.97 euros in 2021**. Of the 2021 income, **84,593.15 euros** were allocated to the **committed reserves for 2022** for the implementation of the Climate Action in Alpine Towns project (formerly Atelier Urbain) and the remaining difference was taken from reserves. **The non-profit association closes the year 2021 with a result of 0.00 euros**. The relevant documents were made available in Google Drive. The income came from membership fees (95,000 euros), as well as project-related funding (around 96,000 euros) from the Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Development (Climate Action in Alpine Towns, formerly Atelier Urbain), the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Re.set Alpine Tourism) and the EU funding programme Erasmus+ (Alps2030). **The accounts were prepared by the Sonthofen-based tax consultancy Hirscher & Sprinkart and audited by the two auditors Christine Redlein, Villach and Jean Rivo, Chamonix.**



The following text was approved and signed by both auditors (document on Drive): *As auditors of the Alpine Town of the Year Association, we have audited the 2021 annual accounts and related documents. We note that*

- *we have been provided with all the necessary documents*
- *that the accounts have been properly kept*
- *that the income statement and balance sheet have been correctly prepared; and*
- *the supplementary explanations on individual points are comprehensible and well-founded.*
- *The annual result for 2021 was 71,026.95 euros. The assets of the association on 31 December 2021 amount to 141,630.58 euros, the result carried forward amounts to 0.00 euros.*

We recommend that the General Assembly approves the annual accounts 2021 and discharges the Secretariat and the Board.

Does the General Assembly agree to this proposal?

→ **10 of 10 Alpine Towns present agree, without votes against or abstentions.**

Resolution: The General Assembly approves the annual accounts 2021 unanimously,

Does the General Assembly discharge the Board and the Secretariat?

→ **10 of 10 Alpine Towns present agree, with no votes against or abstentions.**

Resolution: The General Assembly unanimously approves the actions of the Board and the Secretariat.

The Board would like to thank the auditors Christine Redlein and Jean Rivo.

3) Amendments to the Statutes - New version of the Statutes of the Association

As already reported, the amendments to the statutes recently adopted by the General Assembly meant that the statutes had to be adapted in various places so that all regulations were in line with the amendments to the statutes. The members of the association have received the new version of the statutes with the invitation to today's meeting in all alpine languages, the changes were marked in red.

According to information from the Sonthofen notary's office, it is now necessary for the General Assembly to approve the newly drafted association statutes by resolution. German association law is very correct here, all requirements must be fulfilled so that the changes to the statutes can come into force. All members of the association received the new statutes with the invitation to today's meeting. A copy is attached to the original minutes. There are no questions.

Does the General Assembly approve the proposed amendments to the Association's Statutes?

→ **Resolution: The General Assembly unanimously approves the proposed revised Association's Statutes. There are no votes against and no abstentions.**

A big thank you to Manfred Maier, who supports the association with indispensable and diligent legal advice.

4) Presentation of the work programme of the office in 2022

Ingrid Fischer hands over to Magdalena Holzer.

Administration

- **Handover of the office** from Claire Simon to Magdalena Holzer / CIPRA International, January 2022; There are still activities being carried out together with Claire Simon, such as the Climate Action in Alpine Towns project, the final financial report on Online AlpWeek 2020 or open things from 2021 on the subject of air quality.



- Ongoing **administrative tasks**: Approximately six board meetings and two general meetings are planned - the preparation, implementation and follow-up of these; the ongoing controlling, the handling of incoming and outgoing invoices and payments, accounting preparations for the tax advisor in Sonthofen and regular coordination of these.
- **Strategic development of the association** and support of the members.

Communication

In 2022, communication is to become a focus, explains Caroline Begle from the office. The following activities are planned:

- **Media relations**: Sending out pan-Alpine media releases and encouraging members to publish news about Alpine Town activities in their region. This is why it is important for us to exchange information with the members. Caroline Begle will contact each town and get in touch with the person responsible for communications in order to keep up to date here as well. Of course, the office provides texts and materials for members to use.
- Exchange is also very important in the area of **social media**. Here, networking is well possible via hashtags and links. Something about our **25th anniversary** is regularly published on social media.
- **A podcast episode** is also planned for this anniversary.
- The **annual report** for 2021 has been completed, it is already on the [website](#), was handed out to those present on site, is available for download and can be printed out if required.
- A central tool for communication is the **website**, which was already redesigned by Caroline Begle at the beginning of 2021. Regular updates are made here and at least 10 news articles are published. Higher numbers have already been measured: from 17,000 hits in 2020 to 31,000 in 2021. Since the beginning of this year, there have already been over 10,000 page views.
- There should be a new **flyer** with the most important information for interested potential new towns to better promote the association.

Please send any ideas or requests to Caroline Begle (office@alpenstaedte.org). For example, we need more testimonials from members about what membership in the association means.

Gerhard Leeb offers his support in communication. Barbara Greggio from Biella proposes to make electronic postcards for each Alpine town to present each town.

At the board meeting the day before, it was discussed what the association can do for **Ukraine**. It was decided to communicate the activities of the member towns. **The office will write to all Alpine towns and collect what measures are being taken there for Ukraine/refugees.** This will then be communicated via social media.

Political work

- **Climate Action in Alpine Towns** presented at the Permanent Committee of the Alpine Convention on 9 March (Magdalena)
- Next **Permanent Committee of the Alpine Convention** in Bern on 5-6 July, **members of the association are cordially invited to represent the association there.**
- **Alpine Conference** in Brig/Glis on 8 September (tbc);
- Other bodies, such as the Working Group on the **Report on the State of the Alps on "Towns in the Alps"**, 7 April in Innsbruck, Yuki d'Emilia participates).

Project work

- **"Climate Action in Alpine Towns"** on green and blue infrastructure and citizen participation; a meeting is planned in Brig-Glis in September and an online exchange in advance;
- **Alps2030** closing event in Belluno, the young participants will be present at the end of the session and present concrete implementation projects. The project partner Belluno has al-



ready presented videos on the SDGs, today the groups from Liechtenstein and Slovenia will give an insight in their activities.

- **AlpWeek** in Brig-Glis, September 2022: together with the Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE and the town of Brig-Glis, a joint event will be organised, e.g. an excursion to project implementations in Brig-Glis or a workshop on the topic of heat in urban centres.
- **The Alpine Space Programme Call** is currently taking place, and the association has received a number of requests for partnerships. These will be discussed in the board and forwarded to the members.

Climate change adaptation & youth have been with the association for a few years, but also air quality, thermal refurbishment, sustainable mobility. What other needs and ideas are there from the towns?

Gerhard Leeb said that since many towns are located on the south side of the Alps and there are studies that the south side is more affected by climate change, a project in this area might be interesting for these towns.

Ingrid Fischer notes that due to the situation in Europe and Ukraine, many things will run more slowly. Our task as an association must be to continue to promote these effects of climate change and projects. Subsequently, also with people who may stay with us after fleeing and whom we can involve here.

The association wants to be a community hub for exchange and for questions on which expertise already exists in other towns. **Over the current year and beyond, the office is planning online exchanges on specific topics, where the next steps will be defined. It could also lead to the formation of thematic working groups from different towns, depending on the interest of each town. The member towns are cordially invited to send topic requests to Magdalena Holzer.**

5) Passy, Alpine Town 2022: Presentation of the work programme and outlook for the events on 14 and 15 October 2022

Raphaël Castéra, Mayor of Passy. Details can be found in the presentation on Google Drive. Four focal points are planned:

1. **Community kitchen:** In the past, a private company took care of the catering. Today it is the municipality that provides healthy food with local products. Eleven employees were hired, 900 meals are prepared every day for schools and senior citizens. Other activities for children and other groups are planned, such as an open day for all citizens, so that the community kitchen becomes more visible and the inhabitants get to know the 25 producers from the region who supply the food.
2. **Energy efficiency and savings**, especially in buildings and **air quality**. A website, "Air Attitude", has been set up, on which measurements are published, e.g. particulate matter and other quality criteria. One's own local measures to improve air quality can be shared there. Afterwards, a calculation of air, climate and energy gains can be made to check the impact of the action. This is especially important for raising awareness.
3. **Use of natural areas and management for tourists.** Citizens should help shape events and there are various events that run under the motto "environment". Soft mobility and the management of visitor flows are important.
1. **Climate change:** Educating Mont Blanc residents about the causes and consequences of global warming: three Climate Wednesday talks ("Climate history in the Mont Blanc area", "Climate resilient landscapes and resources" and "What will agriculture look like in 2050? "); a joint workshop "La fresque du Climat/The Climate Puzzle" is also planned. Furthermore, international road traffic in the Alps will be the subject of an event.

Key dates



Other events:

- **"Salon International du Livre" (Mountain Literature Festival)** in August with various round tables, exhibitions, readings with various authors. Round tables, exhibitions, readings with various representatives from Haute-Savoie. Representatives from Haute-Savoie. A partnership with Brig-Glis and Trento is being worked on.
- **Members' meeting of the Alpine Towns on 14 October**, there will be an Alpine buffet to taste.

The Tour des Fiz mountain race will take place from 8 to 10 July. Raphaël Castéra cordially invites athletes from the Alpine towns of the year! An invitation will follow.

Norbert Weixlbaumer thinks the roadmap (see presentation on the Google drive) is excellent, it shows a nice field of different actions. One question on participation is open: this is an important process. To what extent can we succeed in involving citizens, e.g. in improving air quality, how should people be brought on board?

Raphaël Castéra explains that they need to think about this in more detail, but the will is there. The Wednesday climate talks, for example, are a tool and the town is focusing on this point. They have set up an advisory board with political representatives and citizens to discuss environmental issues.

Gerhard Leeb emphasises that it cannot be said often enough - especially with regard to the situation in Ukraine: all those who participate in the Alpine Towns are a fine example of how cooperation can work, across borders.

Ingrid Fischer gives the floor to Co-President Uroš Brežan, who moderates the second part of the session. He thanks Raphaël Castéra and is pleased that Passy is dealing efficiently with the implementation of the programme. He is convinced that they are successfully implementing the activities and that together with the members the successes can be celebrated at the meeting in October.

6) "Alpinism" as a marker of alpine identity

Étienne Grillot, Chamonix Mont-Blanc. Details can be found in the presentation on Google Drive. After about 10 years of work by 3 towns and countries (FR, IT, CH), the inclusion of **alpinism in the intangible Unesco cultural heritage** was achieved. Since then, work has been done on the implementation. There was a round table in Chamonix in October and a questionnaire was prepared and sent to the Alpine towns.

The survey: The questionnaire was addressed to local decision makers, but could also be given to local alpine clubs or other organisations related to the topic. There were qualitative questions



for the Alpine towns to find out what their relationship is with alpinism in their location. The survey was open to all, there were responses from two Alpine towns: Biella and Tolmin. Why did the questionnaire get so little feedback? Is it too long? No practical examples? Little interest?

The answers that do exist nevertheless allow conclusions to be drawn:

- **Local alpine clubs and associations are fundamental.** They are the cradle of the transmission of mountaineering and mountain sports in general. They are fundamental actors and intergenerational mediators to develop and perpetuate concrete initiatives for the development of mountain sports activities.
- **Cultural institutions are also essential to preserve the memory of the mountains.** However, one speaks of the "mountains" as a whole rather than alpinism, a more specific activity. Complementary to these institutions, there is a strong interest in local figures / icons / mountaineers or alpinists. These publicly known people in these towns can represent a focal point between mountaineering as a sport and as a cultural activity. They are present as multipliers for mountaineering education among the younger generation, who identify them as role models.
- A final important aspect concerns the **places where mountain sports are practised, which** play an important hinge function in communication and encounter.
- In general, the need for a common reflection on the notion of **sustainability of** access to and practice of mountain and high altitude activities is key. This area of reflection seems to be important, it crosses borders and already starts in the lowlands where the majority of athletes live and work.

Further directions and possible cooperation with other Alpine towns

- **Environmental aspect:** The issue of mobility is also not new, but it is of great importance, especially with regard to the problem of the last kilometre in mountaineering.
- **Economic component:** local sports resource collections, second-hand shops or clubs that collect materials to pass on to those who need them.
- **Social component:** The huts are extremely important places as they are located at the interface between medium and high mountains / hikers - alpinists / day trippers, hikers or visitors staying for several days / beginners - advanced - experts. Place of relaxation, refuge or rest. Place of mediation with high social interaction. Not to forget the hut wardens who also impart knowledge about the mountain ecosystem.
- **Mountaineering is also a cultural activity** promoted by various initiatives: e.g. European Heritage Days, International Mountain Day, Alpine Museums, Mountain Film Festivals. Many towns or areas that are not in direct proximity to high mountains can have such places. This should be kept in mind for territorial strategies to develop the high mountains.

There are **concrete examples of the promotion of alpinism in France:**

- **Piolets Jeunes:** Young mountaineers from all over France meet here for a weekend. The best "mountain" initiatives are awarded prizes.
- **Grand Parours:** approx. 10 events built around a mountaineering course where partici-pants can discover or perfect mountaineering.
- **La Chamoniarde:** This association provides free information about the conditions in the high mountains or the routes in the massif. It also offers awareness-raising activities and training on mountain safety.

Chamonix is happy to exchange ideas and collaborate on this. Étienne Grillot: etienne.grillot@chamonix.fr.

Next steps? The survey is still open until 31 April. Interested Alpine towns are invited to fill it in. The results will be presented at the General Assembly in Passy.



Raphaël Castéra notes that the questionnaire is interesting and that we need to use these tools of communication and networking. He asks what role it plays outside alpinism. There might also be towns that are not associated with alpinism because they are not so high? Étienne: Alpinism also has this cultural aspect that is not directly related to mountains and even if the peaks are far away, the meaning is there. For example, a mountain guide comes from Bourgogne, she discovered the mountains in literature and not because she lives in the Alps. Even towns that are far away can perceive and implement the cultural aspect (events, exhibitions, offers in the media library, books, films...).

Norbert Weixlbaumer adds that alpinism is a central theme, also for our work in the association. There is a heterogeneous alpine identity, also in lower regions not only in the high alpine area. He asks whether the survey could also be distributed outside the network, not only to Alpine towns. That might be a way to make the survey more broadly based.

Étienne Grillot takes this on board, saying that this could be well disseminated via the Alpine clubs and thus gain greater popularity.

Uroš Brežan is satisfied that Tolmin participated, but his alpine association also had difficulties filling in the questionnaire, which was a bit complicated. He will also send it to the national alpine association in Slovenia. Alpinism is another element that connects us all in the Alps.

Gerhard Leeb adds that he became aware during the Chamonix lecture that we have the same problems across the Alpine region, but in terms of mentality, there are different approaches in the countries on how to confront the population. There are general problems, but no cultural commonplaces.

7) The added value of membership in an international Alpine network for sustainable urban and regional development using the example of the "Alpine Town of the Year" association

Master's thesis to be written by Valentin Brunner, University of Vienna, supervised by Norbert Weixlbaumer, University of Vienna. Valentin Brunner took the floor and thanked everyone for the invitation. The working title already shows what it will be about, **international cooperation**, across borders, **in the context of sustainable urban and regional development**. As an empirical part, he would like to examine the **Alpine Town Association**.

There are **three research questions**:

- What are the most important factors in how networks can function effectively?
- What added value do members derive from participation?
- Strategies and considerations for improvement

The methods: research and case studies in which existing member towns are examined in more detail and **interviews are** conducted in the course of this. Seven towns were pre-selected; interviews of about one hour will be conducted on site or online. According to a guideline, there are the same questions for all towns.

Timeframe: Start in February 22, interviews and case studies in May, analysis over the summer, **results to be presented at the Assembly in October**.

Uroš Brežan thanks Valentin Brunner and is pleased to have this opportunity to take a step in the right direction with this analysis in his Master's thesis.

Norbert Weixlbaumer comments that such a work is a good opportunity to carry out a kind of **location determination**. Where does the association stand, where does it want to go?



What needs to be done to improve in order to achieve the goals? It is not about further monitoring, but about being able to become aware of what could be done differently with the partners and where the development should go.

Špela Kranjc finds the topic very appropriate and is looking forward to the results, because the question of how to better communicate the association and the cooperation to the citizens has often come up. This Master's thesis will benefit us because the results can be used for communication with the citizens.

The next agenda items 8 and 9 will be swapped, as we will be joined by the young people from the Alps2030 project at 12:00.

9) Miscellaneous

A) **Election of a new Board member to replace Francesco Brollo:** Francesco Brollo is no longer mayor of Tolmezzo, according to the statutes he can no longer be a Board member. The Board expresses its sincere thanks for the work of Francesco Brollo over the past years, also in this context. At the Board meeting the day before, it was decided to elect a new member today. Barbara Greggio from Biella has agreed to take on this position. Uroš asked if there were any other candidates. There are no other candidates. Which Alpine Towns vote for Barbara Greggio as a substitute member of the Alpine Town of the Year Association instead of Francesco Brollo?

→ **Resolution: The General Assembly unanimously elects Barbara Greggio as an assessor to the Board. There are no votes against and no abstentions.**

Barbara Greggio thanks everyone for their trust. It is an honour and at the same time an obligation for her. She feels energy and passion, if you work and smile at the same time, it is easier to carry out such a task.

B) **Update from the Board meeting: Re-entry Sondrio.**

Sondrio was awarded the title "Alpine Town of the Year" in 2007. In 2014, the town withdrew from the association. In 2021, Sondrio applied for re-entry into the association. The jury and the board evaluated this proposal and wanted more information about the upcoming 2026 Olympic Games in Milan-Cortina d'Ampezzo, where part of the events will take place in the province of Sondrio, arguing that it is difficult to combine Olympic Games with sustainability measures. Sondrio was invited to the board meeting the day before and participated virtually. Mayor Marco Scaramellini and Councillor Marcella Fratta from **Sondrio**, presented sustainable examples of their town policies. However, the races of the Olympic Games will not be held in the town of Sondrio. Uroš asked if any major investments will be made before the Olympics that will affect the landscape. Sondrio said they are facing sustainable mobility problems, public transport to Milan is difficult because it is outdated and there is only one railway line. These problems will be tried to be addressed and solved, also in the context of the Olympic Games. Quality of life and travel opportunities should improve.

After discussion, the Board decided to support the re-admission of Sondrio to the Association. (Resolution Board meeting 17 March 2022)

Norbert Weixlbaumer explained that he had come to know Sondrio as a valuable town. After the town's renewed push, everyone became wary of the Olympic Games, because they can never be held in a sustainable way. If these concerns can be addressed, that is good. If the transport infrastructure can be improved in a sustainable way and there is no other destruction and soil sealing, he has no concerns. However, he lacks certainty and evidence, but in principle he is positive.



Oscar Del Barba confirms that the traffic situation is difficult and the connection to Milan problematic, as it is for Morbegno and Lecco. Lecco has already implemented a double-track connection here, but the goal of better rail mobility is a common goal of the three towns. He was pleased that Sondrio wanted to be a member again, but they would like to analyse the impact of the projects.

Uroš suggests putting together a delegation, inviting Norbert Weixlbaumer to join them and someone from the board or the Secretariat to travel to Sondrio to see if the policy continues to be in line with the principles of the association.

Ingrid adds that there should also be someone here who can make statements on how the Olympic problem affects the surrounding area, because this also radiates into the surroundings. Supra-regional information would also be helpful here.

Raphaël Castéra asks if roads will also be built and asks that the delegation write a re-port so that all members are informed about what infrastructure projects there will be.

Michele Rabbiosi adds that things should not be mixed up. The Olympics are always a big event. If we can use the Olympics to improve mobility, it can be an opportunity for Sondrio. Moreover, Sondrio seems to respect the criteria to join the association.

Uroš asks for a vote on whether the Executive Committee **can organise and authorise a delegation to go to Sondrio and prepare a report.**

→ **Resolution: The proposal is unanimously adopted by the General Assembly. There are no abstentions and no votes against.**

Magdalena Holzer added that it was not a question of deciding whether Sondrio should be awarded the title again. The town already received the title in 2007 and so far no town has been deprived of the title. **There have also been no re-entries from towns that have withdrawn. The process is to be defined together with the Executive Board and the jury. The Secretariat will keep the members informed in this regard.**

- C) **Next Alpine Town of the Year** - applications are open, the form can be found on the association website. **Alpine Towns of the Year are invited to think about possible future Alpine Towns and are welcome to promote our association.**
- A) **Mutual invitations:** The pandemic was a quiet time, slowly activity is coming back to our towns. **Alpine towns are asked to think about possible moments when they can invite other Alpine towns to events with market stalls, lectures, sports teams, etc.** This provides a platform to spread the aims of our association, to network and cooperate with each other.
- E) **Exhibition in Sonthofen:** From 16 July to 14 September there will be an exhibition in Sonthofen presenting itself as an Alpine town. Sonthofen will send an invitation to all Alpine towns. Ingrid will then report on it in Passy.

Uroš Brežan cordially invites you to the next events: AlpWeek in Brig-Glis from 6 to 8 September 2022 and to the second General Assembly 2022 and the Ceremony in Passy on 14 and 15 October 2022.

8) Results from the Alps2030 project

The events in Belluno will take place together with the **final event of the Alps2030 project**, in which our association is a partner, together with the Alpine Towns of the Year Belluno, Idrija, Tolmin and three municipalities from Liechtenstein. Each of them focused on at least one concrete implementation project. Belluno has already presented its activities at the General Assembly in



Chamo-nix, today we are happy about the **inspiring activities of the young project participants** from Idrija, Tolmin and the three Liechtenstein municipalities.

Idrija

The project group from Idrija has set up a "**library of items**" where citizens can borrow things; the annual fee is 20 euros, there is a price list for the individual items. The young people have made an exhibition in the main square of the town to inform the citizens. There are 28 members at the moment, but the aim is to increase the number.

Tomaž Venčelj, mayor from Idrija, is happy that the youth centre in his town is functioning so well. It is located in a building owned by the town. Another part of the building is a hostel with 70 beds. There are many other activities going on in the youth centre, they are very active also in participating in different projects. There are 1-2 staff members who do a great job. The municipality tries to support them, also financially.

Liechtenstein

The project group in Liechtenstein organised a **green event**: at an open-air festival they served ve-ge-tarian food, developed a waste concept, a reusable system for catering and a partially electric shuttle service. There is a film about this, which was also submitted to a youth film competition, and they are also working on a "**Green Guide**" for more environmentally friendly events. Video with subtitles:

<https://vimeo.com/kreativakademie/review/688292607/a85bcbe420>, **pass-word**: oja

Raphaël Castéra is impressed by the initiative. He asks if an environmental balance sheet has been drawn up for aspects such as recycling, CO2 emissions, etc.

Severin Quaderer from the Liechtenstein Project Group explains that unfortunately this was not considered in the preparation, but he would be happy to take up this idea if there were another event.

Tolmin

The project group from Tolmin grammar school organised a variety of activities:

- a workshop where they made **bags out of old shirts**,
- a **landscape cleaning campaign**
- they participated in a workshop of the energy association, which was about **renewable energy resources**
- and built small **hydrogen-powered vehicles** themselves.
- The focus of the implementation was on the redesign of the **library in the grammar school**: architecture students from the University of Ljubljana submitted plans, and now the space is being implemented using the most natural materials possible.

The Co-Presidents congratulate the young people and thank them for the inspiration and for their great commitment!

Belluno, 18 March 2022

Ingrid Fischer
1st Chairpersons of the Association (co-presidents)

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