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Local endogenous development and urban regeneration of small alpine towns

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Alpcity awarded by "Sfide2006"

The AlpCity project received a **"Diploma di Merito"** at the Forum of the Public Administrations held in Rome (Italy) on May 10th 2006. The Forum PA is an integrated project of communication that promotes a direct and effective comparison among central and local Public Administrations, enterprises and citizens concerning themes of quality of services and the efficiency of the public action. In the framework of the Forum PA 2006 "From Good Practice to Good Administration" AlpCity received the Diploma at "SFIDE 2006" competition.

WHAT IS SFIDE? "Sfide" is an initiative of evaluation of public policies concerning the theme of territory integrated development. "Sfide" was promoted by the Department of Development of the Territorial Economies and the Council Presidency. The judging commission was composed by Censis, Confindustria, Formez, SDA Bocconi and Andigel.

This initiative proposes a way of evaluation in progress and of promotion of good practices oriented to the outline, collection and diffusion of success initiatives in the field of economic development in the territory, realised by local authorities and intermediate subjects with public investment.

"Sfide" proposes local administrations to accept an evaluation not only of the project idea, but also of their capacity to obtain and share results through a permanent monitoring of the project.

Alpcity was selected as a successful initiative in the field of innovative actions and technological transfer directed to the territorial development. AlpCity won the challenge proposed by 'Sfide2006' whom many Italian local administrations have taken part into.

Now the **AlpCity project belongs to a "quality circle"** where it may spread and develop culture and instruments for appraising local politics, through a constant monitoring of the project and an evaluation of the quality and quantity results.

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under the section "Alpcity candidatures for award"

SFIDE 2006
Politiche di innovazione sul territorio

Menzione di merito conferita a
Regione Piemonte

per il progetto
"ALPCITY - "Sviluppo locale endogeno e riqualificazione urbana di piccole città dello spazio alpino""

Daniela Sena, AlpCity Project Manager, received the Diploma di Merito for the AlpCity Project

Regione Piemonte stand at the Forum PA– Rome

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AlpCity selected as an "Alpine space success story"

The Alpine Space Summit was organised in Stresa (Piedmont - Italy) on June 19th-20th 2006 by the JTS (Joint Technical Secretariat) in the framework of the InterregIIIB - Alpine Space Programme. It represented the opportunity to have an insight into all the projects belonging to this Programme through presentations and discussions. The event also opened a wide discussion concerning the future of this programme. During this summit Alpcity was selected as **"a success story"** in the framework of the Alpine Space Programme. Daniela Sena, the AlpCity project manager, presented the AlpCity project to all other project officers during the plenary session of the first day. This acknowledgement represents a relevant success for the AlpCity project that closes in October and which launched a search for new funds and partners.

Daniela Sena, AlpCity Project Manager presents the AlpCity Project

Mercedes Bresso, Piedmont Region President and Fabio Croccolo, Italian Ministry of Infrastructure

AlpCity scientific steering committee and partners meeting

The AlpCity Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) and Partners Meeting took place on June 6th-7th 2006 in Turin (Piedmont - Italy) at Palazzo Bricherasio. All the AlpCity Partners attended the Meeting. A section was dedicated to the SSC experts in order to exchange information about AlpCity case studies and future scenarios. During the meeting an overview of the case studies state of the art has been done and the work packages coordinators, together with the experts, presented all criticalities. Attention was also paid to the AlpCity Best Practices Database. The Observatory on Sustainable Cities' team presented the new AlpCity Best Practices Database including potential good and best practices collected during the project. Prof. Socco, OCS director, described what a best practice is and encouraged all partners to extract lessons learned from their case studies in order to transfer them.

The meeting agenda included also the presentation of the AlpCity team activities.

Some updates about the web site and the poster collection were provided. All the posters of the AlpCity case studies (in A4 size) were collected into an institutional document in order to spread information about case studies activities.

The closing session outlined some key deadlines as well as the plan of work up to the end of the project.

Mrs Cavallo Perin and Ms Sena

Mr Socco's speech

Ms Convertino's presentation

The case studies posters

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AlpCity Best Practices database on line

www.ocs.polito.it/alpcity/scheda_db.htm

Finally the AlpCity Best Practices Database is now available on line!! It was presented at the AlpCity PPs/SSC meeting held in Turin on June 6th- 7th 2006.

The link is www.ocs.polito.it/alpcity/scheda_db.htm. On this web site it is possible to get information about the Regional Urban Observatory's mission and structure. Moreover the guidelines on Best Practices and forms to be filled in are available on the web site too.

The aim of the AlpCity Best Practices DataBase is at supporting the monitoring and transferring of Best Practices in the alpine space. Its specific role is to encourage the circulation of innovative and effective practices to solve problems, related to a common strategy worked out for the endogenous development of small alpine towns. In the construction of the DataBase, successful and transferable model procedures have been defined so that they could be adopted and improved in other different contexts.

This DataBase is divided into thematic areas and action fields whom the common strategy is composed by.

Best Practices are collected in different modalities: through the AlpCity case studies and through the suggestions received from the AlpCity internal and external institutions.

Ms Elisabetta Rosa

Ms Stefania Guarini

Call for Best Practices

AlpCity is always looking for additional Best Practices to be included into the project. All type of lessons learned related to the Alpine Space are useful for AlpCity in order to collect and mainly transfer them to other actors who are working on similar themes in different geographical areas. In order to join the Alpcity Database please visit the web site www.ocs.polito.it/alpcity/scheda_db.htm and follow the instructions. The AlpCity team, with the key support of the OCS, will check the submitted form in order to appraise the Best Practices submitted according to the criteria established by the UN-Habitat (the UN Agency for Human Settlements which created the biggest Best Practices DataBase concerning the sustainable urban development, www.unhabitat.org).

AlpCity final conference in Pracatinat

AlpCity organises the AlpCity Project Final Conference on October 16th-17th 2006. This important event is held in PraCatinat (Fenestrelle - Turin - Italy), a beautiful place in the Alps (www.pracatinat.it).

Representatives of the Piedmont Region and other Italian and EU regions, representatives of the Ministry of Infrastructure, of the Managing Authority of the InterregIIIB Alpine Space Programme and JTS (Joint Technical Secretariat), some important representatives of the UN-Habitat and international organisations working in the field of urban development have been invited to attend the meeting.

This is a pick event for discussing the Alpcity future connected to the creation of the AlpCity - Ruo and explaining the AlpCity recommendations. AlpCity is looking for new partners and new funds and this is an important chance to create some interesting synergies with other projects and think about the future partnership.

The future role of AlpCity could be linked to the creation of the **AlpCity Regional Urban Observatory** with the aim at collecting Best Practices, transferring them and monitoring EU projects of local development implemented by Piedmont Region and other national or international regions through a local net of observatories. AlpCity, thanks to the success of the project, could offer support for local development initiatives by creating a trans-national partnership in order to transfer and coordinate the experiences. This exchange is basic for the success of an initiative and AlpCity could benefit from its previous experience for supporting regions, institutions and local entities to implement their projects connected to the territorial and urban development. Moreover this is also in line with the future EU financed programme 2007-2013 which foresees some investments for the exchange of Best Practices in the field of urban development and quality of life.
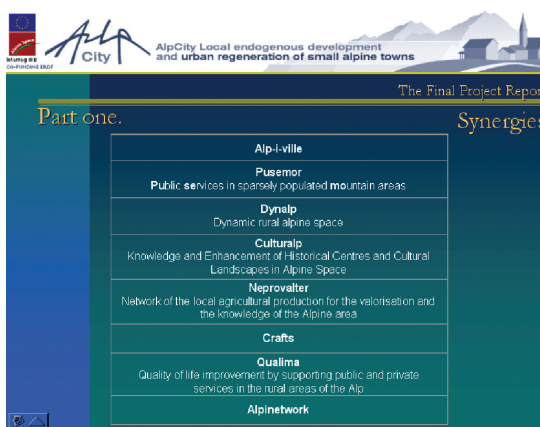
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CONSORZIO PRACATINAT
Laboratorio Didattico sull'Ambiente
Laboratorio per una Società Sostenibile

Pracatinat by night

AlpCity synergies with other projects: the Venice meeting

The AlpCity team attended an important event held in Venice (Italy) on April 19th 2006 and organized by Veneto Region, whose purpose was to analyse synergies among ALPCITY, INNOREF and RECOVER projects.

The main synergy among these projects is the methodology adopted in carrying out the involved case studies: the PARTICIPATORY PROCESS. During this meeting the intention was to discuss a possible cooperation in order to give an added value to the involved projects, by collaborating with different programmes and optimising the results. The most important challenge concerning the usefulness of the results depends on the chance to guarantee a continuation to all the projects.

These synergies were presented during the Turin meeting and highlighted during the Stresa Pick Event where many representatives of other projects of the alpine space attended the meeting.

AlpCity team

AlpCity candidature at the Dubai award

AlpCity submitted its candidature to the Dubai International Award for "Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment" on March 31st 2006. The purpose of the competition is to recognise and enhance awareness of outstanding and sustainable achievements in improving the living environment as per the basic criteria established by the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the Dubai Declaration. This biennial environmental award has been established in 1995 by Municipality of Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Higlights On the 16th February 2006 the European Union signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the UN-Habitat in order to strengthen their collaboration on research for sustainable cities. The aim of the agreement is at supporting researchers addressing urban planning and governance, housing, water management, sanitation and land use. A database of more than 250 projects financed by the EU's Research Framework Programme and UN-HABITAT will make research results available to experts and policy-makers.

From case studies to lessons learned

The finalisation of the Final Recommandations

The final recommandations are the results of lessons learned and Best Practices extracted from each AlpCity case study. They are an overview on the AlpCity case studies and represent political suggestions linked to the AlpCity experience in the framework of the alpine space. This big work of selection and revision has been carried out by prof. Socco, OCS, in collaboration with Mrs Maria Cavallo Perin, the person in charge of the AlpCity Project.

At the AlpCity Scientific Transnational Conference held in Milan (Italy - June 2005) Mrs Maria Cavallo Perin, proposed to finalize these final recommandations at the end of the project in order to submit them to the national governments and to the European Union as a final proposal for the improvement of life conditions of people living in mountain areas.

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