



Le Président

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*Subject: AlpCity continuation – in the framework of the Alpine Space Programme 2007-2013.*

*Dear President,*

*Following the last conference of April, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 "A kick-off event for AlpCity », I really want herewith to express the great satisfaction I feel for the work done via the partnership of the AlpCity project –in the framework of the INTERREG IIIB Alpine Space Programme.*

*From 2004 to 2006, the project enabled indeed to be used to working together, to identify and to develop concepts dealing with issues related to the endogenous development of small alpine towns. The acknowledgement of the quality of the work accomplished by European institutions is an interesting sign for the future of the network.*

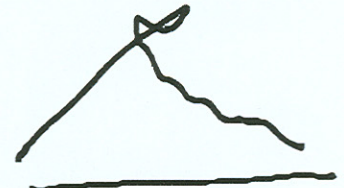
*Thus I want you to know that I am deeply interested in the continuation of the project AlpCity with the objectives of:*

- Enhancing the recognition of the importance of small alpine towns in the territorial dynamic of the alpine space,*
- Contributing to reinforce the attractiveness of small alpine towns as far as economy, tourism, services, landscape and urban quality are concerned in view of a harmonious and sustainable development of the alpine space,*
- Contributing to a European policy of territorial planning and sustainable development.*

*The basis for the continuation of AlpCity, presented in the annex, relies on an organisation in « resources centre » based on a greater involvement of partner Regions and local partners committed to the project. The aim via this new organisation is to dynamise the network effect in favorising direct exchanges between the different partners at different levels (project / regions / local actors) and to favorise the dissemination of experiences and know-how as wanted by the EU in the next programme. Widening the network, towards Eastern Europe notably, seems to be also a necessary development.*

*Thus, my departments, represented by the spatial planning department, will continue to work in close collaboration with the AlpCity team in order to elaborate the future partnership.*

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of connected loops and curves, positioned above a horizontal line.

*Raymond Forni*