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Towards an EU Strategy for the Alpine Region



The Presidency and the Secretary General of the Alpine Convention witnessed today the signing of a political declaration by the representatives of the Alpine Regions and States asking for the elaboration of an EU Strategy for the Alpine Region. “I am convinced that an EU Strategy can be a significant tool to ensure territorial cohesion and sustainable development of the Alpine

Regions. I wish to congratulate the government of France and in particular Minister Repentin for the leadership role in this process”, says the Secretary General Mr. Reiterer.

The Alpine Convention provides over 20 years of collective experience to deal with the most important issues concerning the region, such as: transport, agriculture, energy, climate change, nature protection, natural disasters, sustainable tourism etc. “As Secretary General, I am happy to facilitate the sharing of this experience”, says Reiterer.

Within the perimeter of the Alpine Convention 14 million people are living in more than 50 regional entities and over 5.000 local communities. The Alps are the habitat for thousands of natural species – making the Alps the second most important biodiversity hotspot of Europe. It is of extreme importance to be able to ensure the sustainable development of this diverse region.

“I would like to express my great hope that the EU will be able to define such a Strategy for the Alpine Region through an open, constructive and transparent dialog with all relevant stakeholders, with a view to ensure a prosperous and productive future for us and the generations to come” concludes Reiterer.