Temperatures in the Alps have risen almost twice as much as the global average over the last century. And they are set to rise even more, especially if the Alps themselves continue to consume around 10% more energy per capita than the European average.

However, clever and innovative adaptation or mitigation initiatives are increasing in local and regional Alpine areas facing to climate change consequences. The challenge is thus to make best practice become minimum standard if we want climate neutrality in the Alps be achieved within the next 40 years.

Here is the aim of the Alpine Space project “ALPSTAR. Toward Carbon Neutral Alps – Make best Practice Minimum Standard” through the collection, analysis, comparison, testing and implementation of climate protection measures in 12 pilot regions all the over the Alps. It is now our turn to make mountains reach the stars !

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ALPSTAR Initial conference

27th and 28th October 2011
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MAKE BEST PRACTICE MINIMUM STANDARD

THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER 2011

PROLOGUE

13.00 Registration

13.30 Welcoming address
Isabelle Herlin, deputy mayor of the city of Chambéry

13.40 What ALPSTAR is about
Jernej Stritih, director of the Slovenian Government Office for Climate Change

13.50 ALPSTAR and the Alpine Space Programme
Michela Gaifami, Joint Technical Secretariat of the Alpine Space Programme

14.00 ALPSTAR, giving life to the Alpine Convention's action plan
Baptiste Chatré, Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention

14.10 Alpine Towns on the road to climate neutrality
Hubert Buhl, president of the "Alpine Town of the Year Association"

CARBON NEUTRALITY: FROM UTOPIA TO POLICY

14.20 Which energy policy is needed for carbon neutral Alps?
Benoit Leclair, Vice-president of the region Rhône-Alpes/F

14.50 Two birds with one stone: climate protection and the regional economy
Josias Gasser, Gasser Holding AG/CH

15.20 From hardware to software: a new transport policy for the Alps
Toni Aschwanden, Alpine Initiative/CH

15.50 Climate neutrality and natural protection: throwing out the baby with the bath water?
Round Table: Jernej Stritih, Toni Aschwanden, Markus Zimmermann, Benoit Leclair, Josias Gasser, Henri Dupassieux
Moderator: Wolfgang Pfefferkorn, CIPRA International

16.15 Coffee break

NOT WITHOUT US! COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPATION

16.45 What is good climate governance?
Eriuccio Nora, former director of the Italian coordination of Agenda 21

17.15 Climate protection or perspectives for a good life?
Adolf Gross, Federal departmental manager for energy, climate protection and resources coordination, Vorarlberg/A

17.45 Participation works. The example of the Ökomodell Achental.
Wolfgang Wimmer, Managing Director Ökomodell Achental/D

18.15 Aperitif offered by the City of Chambéry

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EXCURSIONS

8.45 Rendezvous

9.00 – 12.30 Study visit: Good practices in Chambéry

Chambéry's district heating plant

House of Energy ("maison des énergies")

National Institute for solar energies "INES"

Discovering Chambéry's cycle path and the activities of the organisation Ecomobilité

WORKSHOPS

14.00 Introduction to the workshops
Wolfgang Pfefferkorn

14.15 Session I

Building for a climate neutral future
Expert: Giovanni Bartesaghi, Lombardy Foundation for the Environment/I
Moderator: Roberto Vaccaro, European Academy Bolzano/I
Language: Italian

Intelligent Mobility for the Alpine Space. Results of the CO2NeuTrAlp project
Expert: Patrick Ansbacher, project partner in "CO_2-neutral transport for the Alpine Space"
Moderator: Sven Braden, LIFE Climate Foundation Liechtenstein
Language: English

Chambéry torwards 3 x 20. Strategies for 2020.
Expert: Henri Dupassieux, deputy mayor of the city of Chambéry
Moderator: Andreas Götz, CIPRA International
Language: French

How to take account of climate change in ecotourism projects?
Expert: Emmanuel Jeanjean, regional natural park Queyras/F
Moderator: Madeleine Rohrer, Alpine Town of the Year Association
Language: English

Spatial planning and natural hazards. The experience of the CLISP project
Expert: Lydia Pedoth, project partner in "Climate change adaptation by spatial planning in the Alpine space"
Moderator: Karin Feurstein, Energy Institute Vorarlberg/A
Language: English

15.15 Coffee break

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WORKSHOPS

15.35 - 16.35 Session II

How Bolzano builds carbon-neutrally
Expert: Helmuth Moroder, director-general of the city of Bolzano/I
Moderator: Roberto Vaccaro, European Academy Bolzano/I
Language: English

European transport policy: competition versus ecology?
Expert: Michel Dantin, Member of the European Parliament
Moderator: Sven Braden, LIFE Climate Foundation Liechtenstein
Language: French

Energy scenarios for 2050: thinking ahead in the Alpine regions
Expert: Laurent Chanussot, Rhonalpenergie-Environment/F
Moderator: Andreas Götz, CIPRA International
Language: English

Climate change and tourism in PACA region: how to renew local and regional procedures
Expert: Loïc Dautrey, Region of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur/F
Moderator: Moderator: Madeleine Rohrer, Alpine Town of the Year Association
Language: French

Wind turbines, biomass and solar power plants, a challenge for spatial planning?
Expert: Markus Zimmermann, Bureau for spatial planning St. Gallen/CH
Moderator: Karin Feurstein, Energy Institute Vorarlberg/A
Language: German

16.45 Presentation of the workshops' results
Sven Braden
Karin Feurstein
Andreas Götz
Alexandre Mignotte
Roberto Vaccaro

17.30 – 17.45 The way forward

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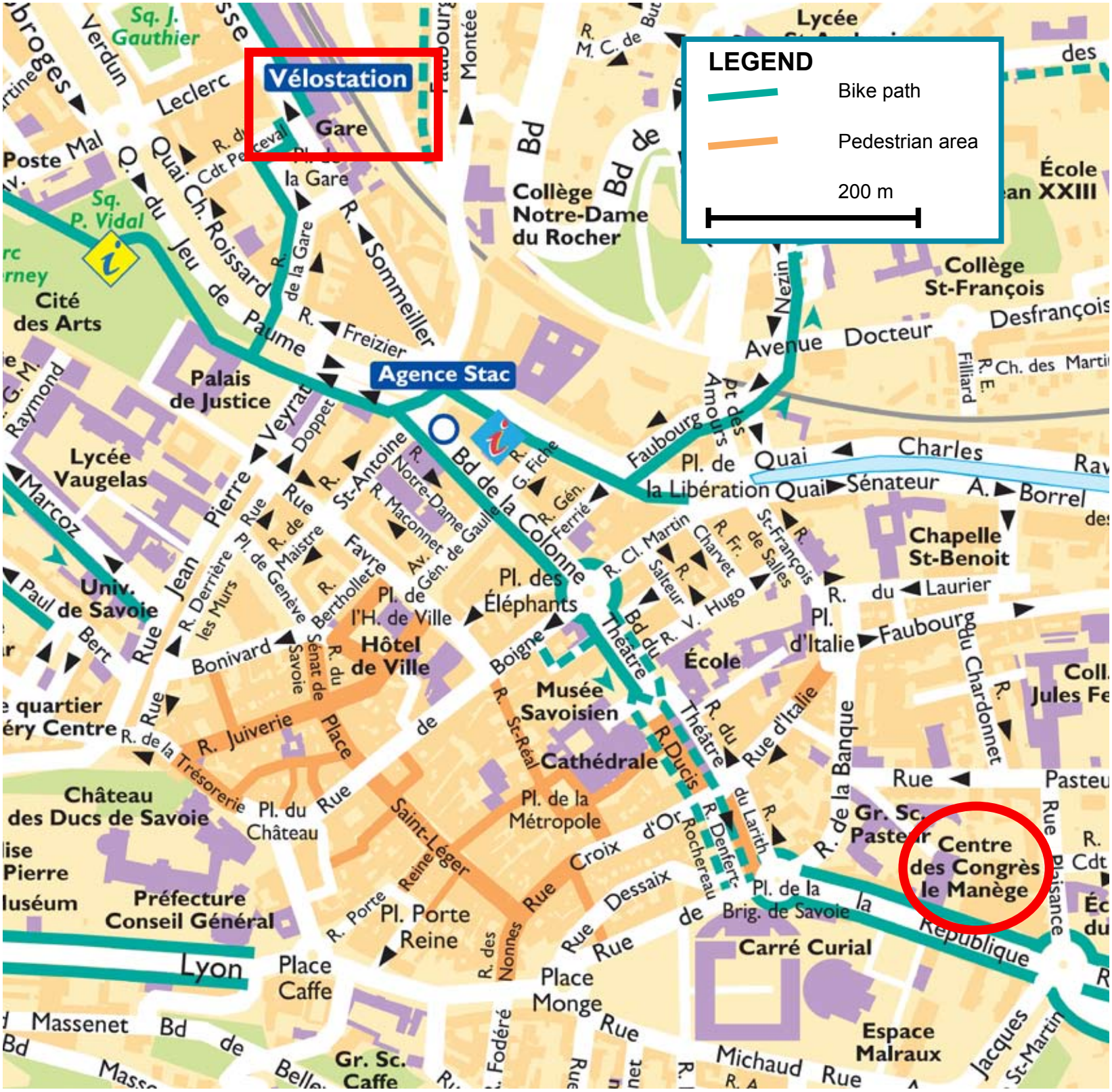

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