

Call for Applications

“Mountains of Opportunities”

A Summer Course for Young Professionals and Students on Spatial Planning and Territorial Governance on the Fringe of Mountain Areas

organized by ARL European Working Group *AlpPlan* - alpine spatial planning network

Date: 01 - 04 July 2023

Location: Avignon and the surrounding area of Département Vaucluse (Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur, France)

Accommodation: ibis Avignon Centre Gare

Seminar venue: Novotel Avignon Centre

What is the course about?

The fringes of mountain areas are particularly relevant for spatial planning and research, as they often represent transition areas between different land use intensities. Especially in the Alpine region, they are usually located in proximity to extra-Alpine urban agglomerations and are therefore strongly influenced by them. Here, numerous challenges for sustainable territorial development are mixed, for example in the fields of settlement and transport development as well as tourism and water management. Therefore, innovative approaches are needed, which should especially include the perspective of young professionals and students, who will be the next generation of experts on sustainable territorial development.

In a new edition of this summer course, *AlpPlan*, the alpine spatial planning network, focuses on the specific situation in the South of France between *Avignon* and *Mont Ventoux* as well as the lessons it offers for future-oriented territorial governance in the entire Alpine region. Together with local experts, the course will highlight different aspects of spatial development and related governance approaches. As a transitional area at the margins of the Alpine Convention and EUSALP perimeters, this peri-alpine region represents an interesting space from the perspective of European spatial development policy.

The course encompasses presentations, workshops/ interactive working groups and especially field trips including meetings and discussions with local experts. Several focus topics will be discussed, e.g.:

- Climate change adaptation through Agroforestry
- Tourism management
- Balancing renewable energy production, biodiversity and agriculture through Agrivoltaics
- Ways to achieve the goal of net-zero land take

Who can apply for participation?

The course is targeted at young professionals from various disciplines (e.g. public spatial planning or conservation administrations; private planning offices) as well as (PhD-) students from related academic fields (e.g. spatial planning, geography, landscape ecology, landscape architecture, political science, nature conservation etc.).

Which costs will be covered?

We will provide free hotel accommodation (single bedrooms incl. breakfast), meals and transportation during the course. Participants have to pay for their own travel to Avignon as well as the return journey.

How to apply

If you want to participate in the course, please fill in the **digital application form**, incl. a short motivation letter and CV (max. 4.000 characters each), **until latest Friday, 14 April 2023**:

[Application Form \(Microsoft Forms\)](#)

We will inform you until Wednesday, 19 April 2023, whether your application got accepted. We will be able to accept only a limited number of participants. For any questions about the course and the application procedure, please contact: alpplan@arl-net.de

We are looking forward to receiving your applications!

Agenda (a more detailed agenda will be sent to the participants after acceptance)

Saturday, 01 July 2023

Till 20:00	Individual arrival of participants (hotel check-in possible from 12:00) Group gathering and welcome
21:00	Guided night tour in the old town of Avignon

Sunday, 02 July 2023

08:30	Welcome and introduction Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hubert Job (Chair of Geography and Regional Science, University of Würzburg, DE) Prof. Dr. Andreas Klee & Constantin Meyer (ARL – Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association, DE) Benoît Fanjeau (Regional and Territorial Planning Service, Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur, FR)
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09:00	Keynote presentation M. Jean-Baptiste Blanc (Sénateur de Vaucluse, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur) (<i>requested</i>)
09:30	Presentation: Why fringe territories matter for the implementation of the Alpine Convention Živa Novljan, Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention
09:50	Introduction to the field trip area Benoît Fanjeau (Regional and Territorial Planning Service, Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, FR)
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00	Interactive workshop by EUSALP Youth Council representatives <i>Empowering Youth in Spatial Planning: A Workshop on Innovative Strategies and Collaborative Brainstorming</i>
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	Departure for field trip (via bus)
Afternoon	Field trip (excursion) including meetings and discussions with local experts
Evening	Return from field trip and common dinner

Monday, 03 July 2023

09:00	Departure for field trips (via bus)
Morning	Field trip (excursion) including meetings and discussions with local experts
In between	<i>Lunch Break</i>
Afternoon	Field trip (excursion) including meetings and discussions with local experts
Early evening	Return from field trip Summary and contribution by the participants: <i>What are your reflections and feedback on the course? How does it relate to your professional or scientific background?</i> Common Dinner

Tuesday, 04 July 2023

After Breakfast	Individual departure of participants (hotel check-out possible until 12:00)
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Data privacy statement

Thank you for providing us with your personal data in the application form. By submitting your application, you agree to the conditions on data processing by Microsoft Forms: [Security and Privacy in Microsoft Forms](#)

Your personal data will be processed in accordance with relevant national and European data privacy regulations. The data is only accessible to the staff of the host organisation (ARL – Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association, Vahrenwalder Straße 247, DE-30179 Hannover) and will not be passed on to third parties. An exception to this is the transfer of data to the hotel required for accommodation purposes. We also reserve the right to publish a list with the names of the course participants and images taken during the course on the ARL website as part of the event documentation. If we accept your application, we will store your personal data until 8 weeks after the end of the seminar and will then delete it (except for name and e-mail address). If your application is not successful, we will delete all your data within 5 days after the rejection of the application. You can contact us at any time, if you wish to withdraw your consent to the storage of your personal data, via e-mail: alpllan@arl-net.de

About the organizers

The **ARL – Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association** (*Akademie für Raumentwicklung in der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft*) is an independent, non-partisan institution for the spatial sciences under public law and is based in Hannover (Germany). The ARL offers knowledge-based analysis and advice on current sustainable spatial development issues. The ARL's network of eminent experts from science and practice carries out research and knowledge transfer activities within the Academy's joint working committees, thus offering important insights and findings for the future-oriented development of spatial structures and the political and planning measures necessary for shaping them. Moreover, with the new [interactive knowledge and communication platform](#), which is unique in this format, the ARL is making a significant contribution to the active shaping of the European Research Area in the field of spatial and planning science.

AlpPlan (alpine spatial planning network) is an ARL European Working Group (EWG) in the Alpine region, resulting from a cooperation with the Interreg Alpine Space project *OpenSpaceAlps*. It provides an independent platform for the transnational knowledge exchange on good practices and future solutions for sustainable land-use and territorial development. The network brings together practitioners and scientists from the entire Alpine region with an interest and expertise in spatial planning. It works in close cooperation with working bodies of the Alpine Convention and EUSALP.

Please find more information on: <https://www.arl-international.com/activities/alpllan-network>