

Imalp action plans: results and follow-up

Area	Action group	Action	State of progress and follow-up envisaged after Imalp
Moyenne-Tarentaise (France)	Work organisation	Farm level: Analysis of work organisation and exploration of means to improve it	Suspended. Possibly follow up by farmers' association in the frame of GIDA.
	Collective structure	Collective level: creation of a collective structure for mutual help and exchanges of services	Activation for encouraging exchanges of services. 10 exchanges done. Creation of the structure postponed. Facilitation should be continued by the farmers' association (GIDA).
	Diversification	Diversification	Several events organised: rallye, training, on-farm visit proposed to tourism actors. A collective dynamics emerged and a brochure was prepared, an association "Goutez nos fermes" was created. Collaboration with the tourism office of Moutiers will continue.
	Communication	Communication on agriculture and farmer job	A film on agriculture in Moyenne-Tarentaise designed. A leaflet for elected representatives of municipalities designed and disseminated. Newsletter about Imalp edited.
	Local group	Establishing contracts between farmers and municipalities and environmental NGOs for adapting farmers' practices to the demand of society	23 contracts signed with municipalities (Aigueblanche valley + St Martin de Belleville) for landscape up-keep; 21 ha, works for landscape recovering done at 75%. Method acquired no new contracts. Biodiversity diagnosis at farm level and a contract signed with the Conservatoire du Patrimoine naturel de la Savoie.
Val di Sole (Italy)	Zootechny	Recovering grassland from abandoned meadows	Contracts signed between 3 municipalities (Commezzadura, Pellizzano, Vermiglio) and farmers, 15 ha The meadows and pastures (for a total of about 13,5 ha) recovered in the municipalities of Pellizzano and Vermiglio will be cultivated after the project's expiring.
	Zootechny	Manure curing through a collective turning machine	Machine hired from a cooperative in Bolzano for 2004 and 2005. After an inquiry, the provincial administration for agriculture inserted the support for the buying of a similar machine in Val di Sole among its priorities.
	Fruit growers	Cooperative field management of small acreage or abandoned apple orchards	No real progress on this action, the interested farmers concluded that the work required is too high. Abandoned
	Local activator plus a farmer and a municipality	Recovering of old apple cultivars	Despite the interest of a farmer, due to the opposition of the landowners the action stopped. No follow up.
	Educational activities	In-farm educational activities	Introduction of farming lectures and farms visits in 7 elementary schools with about 100 h of didactic activities and 250 pupils involved. Summer Pasture didactic week for intermediate school with 37 students involved. Funds were obtained to continue the action after the project's expiring.
	Sheep meat	Local product valorisation of sheep meat	The Training Center for hotel and restaurant experimented innovative recipes, to induce restaurants to use mutton in their menu. New opportunities have arisen from an Interreg IIIb project dedicated to sheep and goat breeding.
	Local group	Local product valorisation of the Casolet cheese	Action stopped due to the re-emergence of existing conflicts.

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Murau (Austria)	Naturwärme St. Lambrecht	Heating with wood chips in St. Lambrecht	A wood chip heating station was constructed for the supply of a Vivarium. Further development envisaged with a dynamite factory
	ARGE kommunale Dienstleistungen	Cooperative for local services to encourage farm pluriactivity	Disposal and composting of biological waste. This action is remaining stable and will be continued. No scaling up is planned
	"Aufleben"	Magazine with a focus on the "Bioregion Murau"	Edition of a quarterly magazine about the activities of "Bioregion Murau" 275.000 prints. Enlargement of the scope of the magazine with inclusion of a Leader project and tourism organisation.
	Local group	Bio-region working group	Bio-region project will continue. Development of 'Energy vision 2015' plan. New activities scheduled : improvement of regional chain for organic food products—especially focussing on direct sales.
Val d'Hérens (Switzerland)	Meat	Construction and marketing of typical quality products in the meat sector	7 tonnes of meat sold. An association was created (spin-off of the action group). A facilitator employed by the cantonal services. Collaboration with a national research institute. Follow-up of this collaboration in the frame of "Pasto project".
	Milk	Improvement of the supply of local dairies with summer milk and marketing of local cheeses	2 full-time farmers shifted the calving. Visits to dairies and training for farmers. Direct sales of cheese organised. Cheeses set under vacuum for local sale. Follow-up by the cantonal agricultural office (creation of a cantonal dairy observatory).
	Agri-tourism and on-farm educational activities	Diversification : development of tourism and educational activities on farm	Development of a network of agri-touristic farms with proposal of agri-touristic package for visits, accommodation. 9 farms have signed a charter and created an association. Support of a regional pilot project funded by the federal and cantonal levels and targeted on farm diversification in the agri-tourism sector and the land management.
	Land management and work efficiency	Improvement of land management and work efficiency by collective partnerships	3 municipalities (Vex, Hérérence, Evolène). Hérérence: land management planning tool developed at municipality level. Chemeuille: collective management of cattle by 5 farmers and the municipalities, no agreement obtained for the use of a mobile milking machine. Follow-up in 3 municipalities, support of the regional 'pilot project'.



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