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Projet « HIKE! »: Alpine Mountain Leadership Forum for Future

The Centre for Resources, Expertise and Sport Performance (CREPS) of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur is coordinating an exchange of good practices project gathering 7 partners in the Alps, which are training centres for mountain leaders.

This Strategic Partnership, in the field of Vocational and Educational Training, is funded by the Erasmus+ programme and supported by the Regional Authority in Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur and the international relations office of the Ministry of Sports. The project is also boosted by the French Presidency of the European Strategy for the Alps (EUSALP).

The launch of this project is a positive development, despite the current pandemic. CREPS Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and its partners met online on 1 December 2020, in order to discuss the first steps to implement this granted project, which is due to take place over the next 24 months.

Project Objectives

- To develop and strengthen a network of training centres for mountain leaders in the Alpine region.
- To encourage and contribute to a better knowledge and understanding of the training practices and qualifications available for mountain leaders.
- To reflect on the evolution of the profession in order to promote sustainable tourism in all seasons, which is one of the main priorities of the French EUSALP Presidency.
- To pave the way, if not for the harmonisation of qualification standards, then at least, for a better recognition of the partner countries' training paths and thus setting the foundations for learners' mobility in the Alpine region and across Europe.

***Partners**

CREPS "Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur", CREPS "Auvergne Rhône-Alpes" (France), Mountain Leaders Association in Vorarlberg (Austria), Italian Association Mountain Leader (Italy), Technical university of Munich (Germany), Anniviers Formation (Switzerland), Mountain Training National School – Nordic Skiing and Mid-Mountain National Centre. (ENSM-CNSNMM in France).

***First meeting**

Workshop hosted by CNSNMM (Nordic Skiing and Mid-Mountain National Centre) in Prémamanon in the French Jura from March 29th to April 2nd 2021.

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