

Research in Austria's national parks under one roof

From endemite research to bat surveys, from plant sociological studies to grey goose monitoring, from social and economic studies to environmental education publications: The wealth of knowledge of the Austrian national parks is available on the metadata platform www.parks.at. As part of the open data initiative, work was also done on an interface to data.gv.at, where more than 1 300 entries on nature and research topics related to the national parks are now available for download. The content spectrum ranges from geodata to reports on glacier measurement projects and inventories to status reports of the national park administrations.

More information available on: www.parks.at

Wolf – a topic of tension

The wolves are back! A CIPRA project sheds light on why transparent communication, professionalisation of the shepherding profession and more networking are needed. CIPRA conducted numerous interviews with scientists, politicians, civil servants and practitioners from all Alpine countries. An additional study which took place in South Tyrol, France, Switzerland and Austria, defined potentials and challenges for a cross-border shepherds' organisation. The study and the project report are available online. Based on the results, CIPRA is now developing a project which will explore the question of how communication can succeed in the area of conflict between wolves and humans.

More information available on: www.cipra.org/knowledge-wolf

Alpine Changemakers

The *Alpine Changemaker Network*, founded by CIPRA International, is an association of organizations from education, regional development and environment, which transcends national borders, generations, institutional barriers and cultures enabling a change of perspective and expanding personal and collective agency. The network strengthens Alpine society, its resilience and cohesion, and contributes in making the Alpine region environmentally sustainable and viable as a living and economic space. The pilot project, the *Alpine Changemaker Basecamp*, which will take place in July 2021 in Valposchiavo, Switzerland, will be a temporary, experimentally oriented laboratory, framed by a mentoring programme. In July 2022, a network meeting will take place in Silandro, Italy in the Vinschgau Valley in which the *Alpine Changemakers* will present their projects and their respective progress. In addition, they will become mentors for the next generation of *Alpine Changemakers* for one day, as the second *Alpine Changemaker Basecamp* will take place there afterwards.

More information available on: www.alpinechangemaker.org

Parks discussed in this issue

Abbreviations: NP – National Park; NaPa – Nature Parc; BR – Biosphere Reserve; RG – *Ruhegebiet*; p. – page

