



Save the Date!

From 23rd to 24th October 2017 a conference on **“Flood protection through protection forests in the Alpine Region”** takes place in **Bad Reichenhall**. The Bavarian Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry, as well as the Bavarian Ministry of the Environment and Consumer Protection cordially invite to this symposium.

In 2017, Bavaria has the presidency of the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region EUSALP. The Action Group 8, co-headed by Bavaria and Austria, aims to improve risk management and to better manage climate change in the EUSALP area. As part of the Bavarian presidential program, the symposium elaborates on the aspect of flood protection by protection forests. Multifunctional mountain forests are indispensable for the protection of life and limb as well as for the protection of enormous asset values throughout the Alpine area. At the same time, mountain forests have multiple other important functions such as supply of wood and maintaining employment in rural Alpine regions. The participants will have the chance to meet experts from Bavaria and other EUSALP countries and regions to discuss their experiences concerning protection forests in the Alpine region in respect of flood protection and heavy rain as well as exchanging experiences on risk governance in this field.

The following topics are going to be discussed on 23. October:

Session 1: Forest, water and climate change

Prof. Dr. Wolfram Mauser, LMU Munich:

Changes in precipitation patterns due to climate change

Prof. Dr. Markus Disse, TU Munich:

Effectiveness of reforestation and forest conversion measures as components of decentralized flood protection in pre-alpine catchments

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schraml, Forest Research Institute Baden-Württemberg:

Ruling with networks - useful for mountain forests?

Session 2: Best practice, governance; Flood protection

Franz Halmich, Mayor of the Community Schellenberg:

The flood in June 2013 - Effects, implications and consequences for the community of Schellenberg

Dr. Andreas Rimböck, Bavarian Environment Agency:

Oberammergau, a prime example for the Bavarian torrent development concept

Dr. Sebastian Höllerl and Dr. Franz Binder, Bavarian Forestry Administration:

Protection Forest Restoration, a contribution to flood protection?

Alfons Leitenbacher, Office for Food, Agriculture and Forestry Traunstein:

Prevention & healing in close alliance - the mountain forest offensive in the Berchtesgadener Land

Dr. Günther Unterthiner, Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Alto Adige:

From the catchment area plan to individual forest management interventions. The "Obere Ahr valley"- planning measures on forest and agricultural areas with the need for action relevant for natural hazards

Josef Fuchs, Office of the Tyrolean Regional Government, and Gebhart Walter, Austrian Service for Torrent und Avalanche Control, Provincial Headquarters Tyrol:

Torrent control and protection forest - a conspiratorial Tyrolean community

Session 3: Looking forward

Panel discussion among others with representatives from the field of nature conservation, water management and forestry.

Excursions in the field on 24. October illustrate the discussed topics.

Target groups: Interested forest owners, farmers, forestry workers, water management authorities, conservationists, mayors from Germany and neighbouring countries.

Please save the date. A detailed program with more information as well as an invitation with a registration address will follow soon.

The presentations will be held in German – an English translation will be provided.

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