

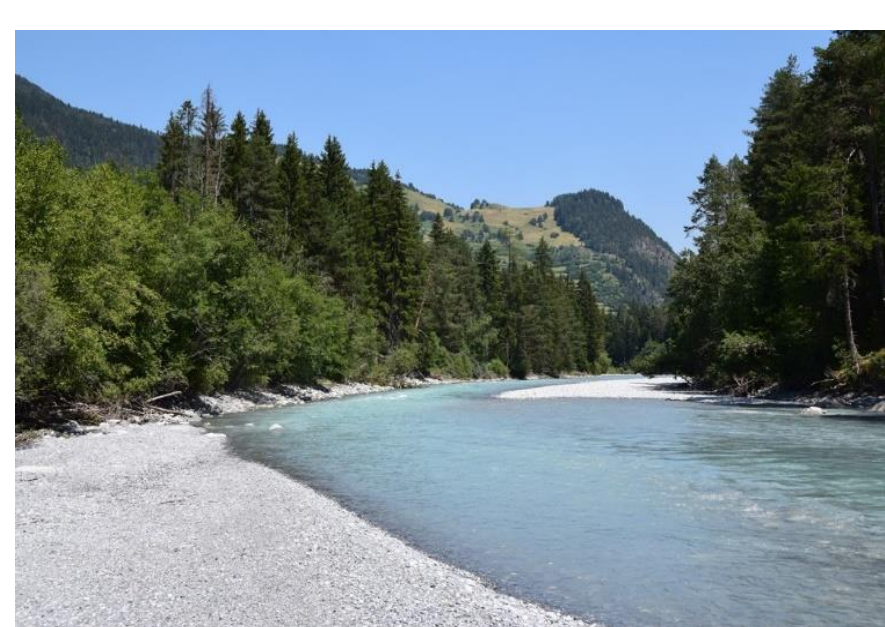
SPARE - STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR ALPINE RIVER ECOSYSTEMS – INTEGRATING PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dans le cadre du projet Interreg Alpine Space «SPARE», les partenaires du projet travaillent ensemble pour faire progresser l'harmonisation des besoins humains avec la protection des écosystèmes aquatiques. Cinq zones pilotes se sont engagées à gérer leurs rivières et bassins versants de manière intégrative, et à mettre en oeuvre des processus participatifs, à la fois pour améliorer les pratiques de gestion des rivières et pour accroître la sensibilisation et les connaissances sur les services écosystémiques des rivières en bonne santé

The SPARE project aims at contributing to an improved harmonization of human use requirements and protection needs. Nine project partners from six Alpine countries are working together to advance the harmonization of human use requirements and the protection of Alpine rivers. The main objectives are to show how strategic approaches for the protection and management of rivers can be improved across administrative and disciplinary borders and to raise awareness of the services provided by Alpine rivers as well as their vulnerability.

5 Pilot Case Studies

- Applying a participatory process



SPARE Action and Policy Support Service

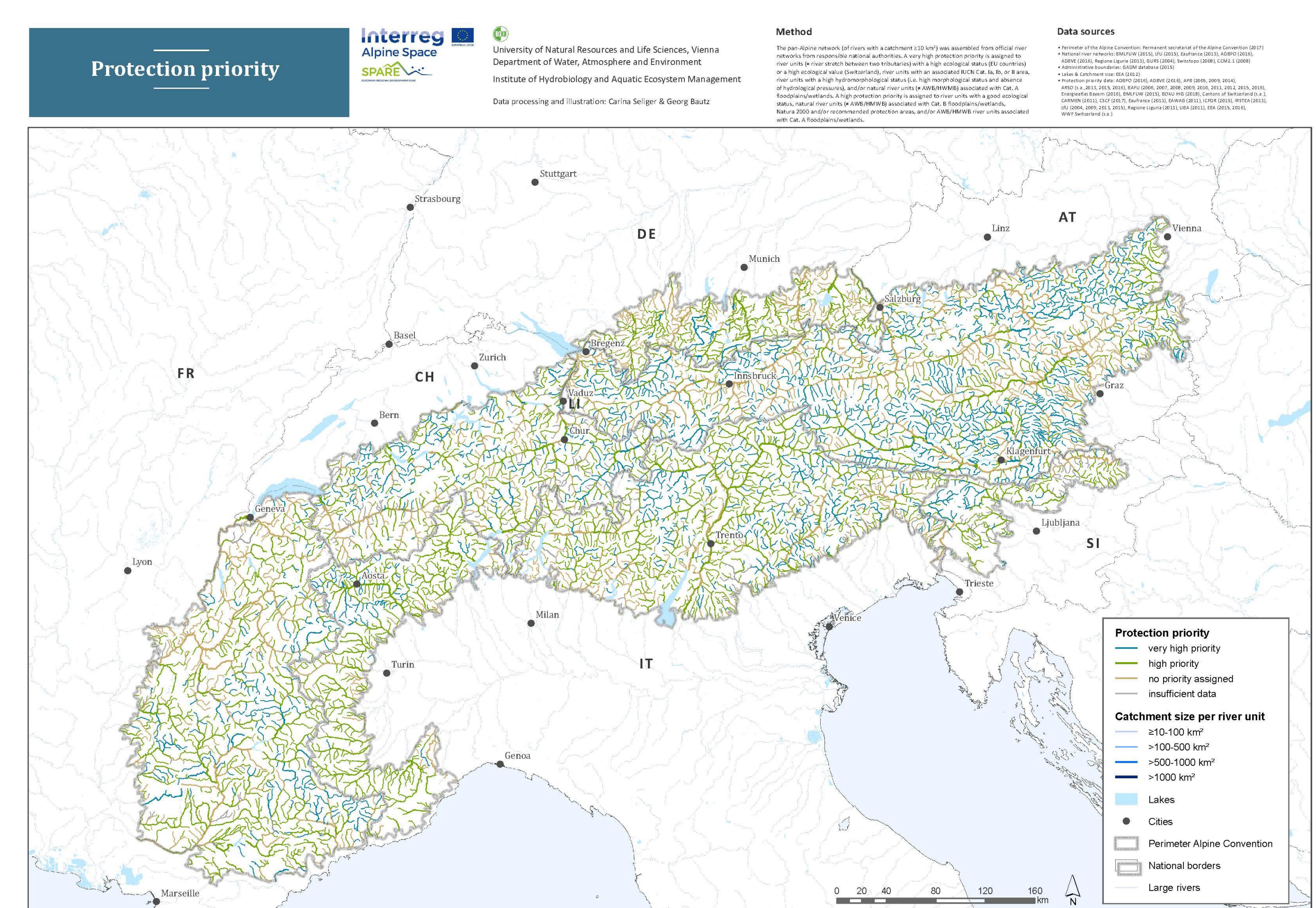
- River Protection and Management Reference Database
- Decision and Participation Workflow
- Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

Pan-Alpine Database

- Overview of priority rivers with high protection needs
- Framework to put future projects and decisions in a pan-Alpine context
- Consistent database of most important pressures and resulting ecological status

Main results

- A collection of river management challenges and best solutions
- A set of participation tools
- A pan-Alpine overview of rivers with high protection need
- Guidances on innovative river protection and management processes across different spatial and administrative levels
- An interactive platform of knowledge exchange



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