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"Ecological network in the Alps – a response to climate change that will conserve biodiversity?"

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Number of module	Title of presentation	Name of chairman/Structure	Language of the presentation	Contact (telephone, email, etc...)	Supports/Tools (power point presentation, photos, etc...)	Language of the supports/tools
2	The Continuum Project: catalyzing and multiplying connectivity	I do not know what is meant in my case	German	aurelia.ullrich@ci-pra.org	Power point presentation	English

### **SUMMARY of presentation (mains ideas developed in the language that you prefer) :**

Together with the Platform Ecological Network of the Alpine Convention and the ECONNECT project, the Ecological Continuum Project is the third Alps wide initiative that aims at implementing an ecological network in the Alps. The Continuum Project is run by a Consortium of four Alps wide networks: Alparc, the International Scientific Committee for Alpine Research (ISCAR), the WWF European Alpine Program and CIPRA, the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps. The four Consortium partners are cooperating on the connectivity topic since 2002 and they have started the Continuum Project in June 2007 with financial support from the Swiss MAVA foundation for Nature.

With its common methodology and the measure catalogue, the Continuum Project has laid the ground for the work of all Alpine connectivity initiatives. It has set up the exemplary work with pilot regions that have started implementing connectivity actions on the ground. The Continuum is animating a public debate on connectivity and is working for a long term perspective for the Alps wide ecological network.

At the moment, the Continuum Project is preparing major communication activities for 2010. The international Year of Biodiversity will present an optimum framework for promoting ecological connectivity to a wide public. A further focus is the setting up of a Think tank and service centre on Alpine ecological connectivity. This topic will be discussed in the frame of an expert workshop in December 2009.

More information on the Continuum Project: [www.alpine-ecological-network.org](http://www.alpine-ecological-network.org)

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