



Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2013/2549(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on a macro-regional strategy for the Alps		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	REGI Regional Development		
European Commission	Commission DG Regional and Urban Policy	Commissioner HAHN Johannes	

Key events			
23/05/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/05/2013	Debate in Parliament		
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Documentation gateway					
Motion for a resolution		B7-0190/2013	15/05/2013	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B7-0196/2013	15/05/2013	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B7-0197/2013	15/05/2013	EP	
Joint motion for resolution		RC-B7-0190/2013	15/05/2013		

Oral question/interpellation by Parliament		B7-0118/2013	16/05/2013	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B7-0229/2013	20/05/2013	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0229/2013	23/05/2013	EP	Summary

Resolution on a macro-regional strategy for the Alps

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on a macro-regional strategy for the Alps.

The resolution was tabled by the EPP, S&D, ALDE, and Greens/EFA groups.

Members recall that the territories that make up the Alpine region share many common features, such as the geographical uniqueness of their high mountain areas and their close interactions with the larger cities in the peri-Alpine belt. They consider that the macro-regional strategy for the Alps, which should be comparable to the strategies adopted by the EU for the [Baltic Sea](#) and [Danube regions](#) will afford an opportunity to give the Alps a new dimension and greater significance in the EU context, in terms of better access to funding. The multi-level governance principle should be put at the heart of the planning and implementation of the Alps strategy.

Members call for the Commission to submit without delay a specific action plan for this area with a view to overcoming the structural handicaps faced by mountain regions and creating the right conditions for economic growth and effective social and territorial cohesion in the region. They note the Alpine region belongs to several EU Member States and non-EU countries, and constitutes an interconnected macro-region with heterogeneous economic capacities and growing concerns over environmental issues, demographic change, transport infrastructure, tourism and energy-related issues. Coordination of the internal and external policies of all stakeholders could produce better results and added value.

A macro-regional strategy for the Alps must coordinate existing EU funds, in particular under the cohesion policy, in order to implement projects aimed at addressing common challenges such as protection of the environment, investment in competitiveness and innovation, agriculture and forestry, water, energy, environmental and climate issues and transport.