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# GEMS TASKFORCES ENGAGED IN A NEW EVENT

## “New minorities promoting sustainable tourism in traditional communities”

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- More than 120 citizens from the entire GEMS network had the opportunity to work together and to deepen their knowledge on the EU policies and instruments on Intercultural Dialogue and its potential for stimulating Local Development;
- GEMS Participants debated around proposals for strategies and actions on local development, focusing on the role of (multi)cultural initiatives for the revitalisation of the territory of the alpine communities (e.g. attracting new tourists and “new residents” in the mountain areas).

## MAIN INITIATIVES DEBATED UPON

### 1. Identified Objectives:

- Development of an inclusive and open community through the intercultural dialogue;
- Promote culture and local traditions to strengthen a sense of belonging to small communities, as part of a wider EU community.

### 2. Potential Actions to be implemented:

- Organisation of a network Cultural Festival to promote and revitalise the local territory (e.g. Music Festival of the Alps that could promote communities to new tourists and residents);
- Organisation of initiatives fostering the establishment of transnational alpine schools networks and exchanges, promoting traditions, culture and history of alpine communities, as part of a wider, EU, community;
- Establishment of a transnational Alpine Youth Association, that could contribute, with “fresh&creative” ideas to the elaboration of a new “territorial” communication strategy for the Alpine communities, in collaboration with existing actors and networks (e.g. GEMS, Alpine Pearls).



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