

## About ALPTREES

It is a "transnational cooperation project for Sustainable Use and Management of Non-Native Trees in Urban, Peri-Urban and Forest Ecosystems in the Alpine space". The main objective of the ALPTREES project is to enhance the protection, conservation and the ecological connectivity of Alpine ecosystems. On 1st of October 2019 the project was selected to be funded by the Interreg, Alpine Space Program. The project strives to provide a transnational strategy to develop a decision support system on responsible use and management of non-native trees in the Alpine space promoting stakeholder cooperation. Moreover the project aims to develop policy recommendations for non-native tree species in the Alpine space.

**OCT '19**



**ALPTREES members in the project kick-off meeting in Nov 2019, at BFW, Vienna**

## Non-native trees (NNT)

Non-native trees, also known as "non-indigenous", "alien", "introduced", "allochthonous" or "exotic" trees, are tree species, breeds or hybrids in the Alpine Space region whose presence there is the result of human activity by way of intentional or accidental introduction. By contrast, native trees are tree species of natural, post-glacial forest development in the Alpine Space region. For example Red Oak and Douglas fir are some of the non-native trees prevalent in the Alpine space:

**NOV '19**

## Kick-Off Meeting

The project ALPTREES started with a kick-off meeting on November 14th and 15th in 2019 at BFW, the Austrian Research Centre for Forests in Vienna, Austria. Together with our 12 project partners from Austria, Germany, Slovenia, Italy and France, the project strives to develop a strategy for sustainable use and management of non native trees in the Alpine region.

### Key Facts

Project Start date      2019-10-01  
Closure date              2022-06-30  
12 Project partners from Austria (3), France (2), Italy (3), Slovenia (3) and Germany (1).  
Project budget is € 2.348.664,64.

**DEC '19**



**Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) native to North America**



**Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) native to North - West American**

**JAN '20**

## Round the Corner

- The first **Tree Talk** is coming up at Admiral Kino in Vienna on **27th February 2020**
- Time: 19.00 to 21.00 h
- Please register here in the link below:  
<https://forms.gle/doXFNhZStYH8bZfs8>  
Address : Admiral Kino, Burggasse 119, 1070
- A **Conference** on the "Sustainable Use and Management of Non-Native Trees in Urban, Peri-Urban and Forest Ecosystems in the Alpine Region" will be organised by ALPTREES partner Fondazione Edmund Mach di San Michele all'Adige, in Michele all'Adige, Italy will be held on **3rd March 2020**.

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## EUSALP Annual Forum

On 28th and 29th November 2019, the ALPTREES project partners, participated in the 3rd EUSALP Annual Forum held in Milan, Italy. The EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP) is based on a joint initiative of Alpine states and regions to strengthen cooperation between them and to address common challenges in a more effective way.



**EUSALP workshop for future strategies for forests and timber production in the Alpine Region.**



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