Can young people fulfil their aspirations by staying in the mountains? Or by leaving to better come back, enriched by new skills and experience? What are the sectors that attract them? What are the obstacles that slow down those who want to settle in the mountains or those who want to stay in the mountains?

10 years after its first study, Euromontana, the European Association of Mountain areas and its members, in collaboration with UNITA project launches a survey to better understand youth aspirations and see the changes.

During this conference, Euromontana will present the results of this large survey that collected more than 1100 answers all over Europe. Expectations and wishes of young people will be analysed such as the answers provided by policy-makers to try to answer to these needs. Finally, the conference will give the floor to some young people to directly share with the audience some positive experience of innovations led by young people.

*Interpretation will be available in French and English.*
09.30 – 09.40 Opening remarks by Juanan Gutiérrez, President of Euromontana: Youth Matters in our Mountains

Session 1: Young people in mountain areas: aspirations and challenges from all over Europe
Moderation: Marie Clotteau, Director of Euromontana

09.40 – 10.00 Be young in mountain areas: first results of the Euromontana 2021 survey, Blandine Camus, Communication and Policy Officer of Euromontana

10.00 – 10.10 Perspectives from the Pyrénées: key results of the ERASMUS transpyrenean Youth Forum, Idoia Arauzo, Coordinatrice de l’Unité de Développement et Dynamisation, Communauté de Travail des Pyrénées

10.10 – 10.20 Focus on Italy, key results of an Italian survey, Andrea Membretti, researcher, Riabitare l’Italia and University of Turin

10.20 – 10.45 Questions and Answers

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

Session 2: Answering to young people needs
Moderation: Marie Clotteau, Director of Euromontana

11.00 – 11.20 A new focus on young people in Europe: a European Youth Manifesto, Biliana Sirakova, EU Youth Coordinator, European Commission, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

11.20 – 11.35 CIPRA Alpine Change Maker network: involving young in the future, Marion Ebster, CIPRA international

11.35 – 11.50 Innovation by young people in mountain areas: Lucie Lombard et Nicolas Rodigari

11.50 – 12.05 Youth: a strategic priority in EUSALP, Pauline Treissac, Bourgogne-Franche-Comté Region for the French EUSALP presidency

12.05 – 12.15 Testimony from a member of the EUSALP Youth council, Achille Ribeyron

12.15 – 12.25 Questions and Answers

12.25 – 12.30 Concluding remarks by Isabelle Roux, Director of Educ’Alpes