

# 30 YEARS OF ACTION FOR EUROPEAN MOUNTAINS

## Conference

Krakow, 9 September 2025



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NBP Krakow Economic Salon, ul. Basztowa 20, 31-156 Krakow, Poland

Thirty years ago, in Kraków, representatives from across Europe gathered to call for stronger cooperation between mountain territories and better recognition of their specificities in public policies. This call, captured in the *Kraków Declaration*, marked the birth of Euromontana — the European association of mountain areas.

In 1995, the message was already clear: mountain areas, though often fragile and remote, are also rich in opportunities and fertile grounds for innovation. Since then, Euromontana has worked to promote balanced development, tailored policies, and vibrant communities in Europe's mountain regions.

As Europe enters a new policy cycle, Euromontana and the Region of Małopolska invite mountain stakeholders to return to Kraków—where it all began—to reflect on 30 years of collective action and on the socio-economic and environmental transitions that have shaped our regions. Are we still facing the same challenges? How far have we come in ensuring that mountain voices are heard and needs are addressed across all levels of governance?

This anniversary event is not only a moment of celebration—it is also a time to look ahead. Together, we will discuss how to strengthen interregional cooperation, advance mountain-proof policymaking, and build resilient, attractive, and future-proof mountain communities.

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09.00 – 09.30	<b>Registration</b>
09.30 – 09.50	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Witold Kozłowski, Vice Marshal of Malopolska</li><li>• Laura Gascon Herrero, President of Euromontana</li></ul>
09.50 – 10.20	<b>Thirty years of action for European mountains: what have we achieved?</b>
10.20 – 10.40	Break
10.40 – 11.00	<b>The road ahead for European mountains</b>
11.00 – 12.10	<b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What perspectives for mountains in a new European policy cycle?</li><li>• How to strengthen interregional cooperation?</li><li>• How to move towards mountain proof policies?</li></ul>
12.10 – 12.30	<b>A new Krakow Declaration for the future of mountains</b>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch

Languages: **English, French and Polish**