

# Enable climate neutrality in the Alps!

## Alpstar and the Alpine Towns

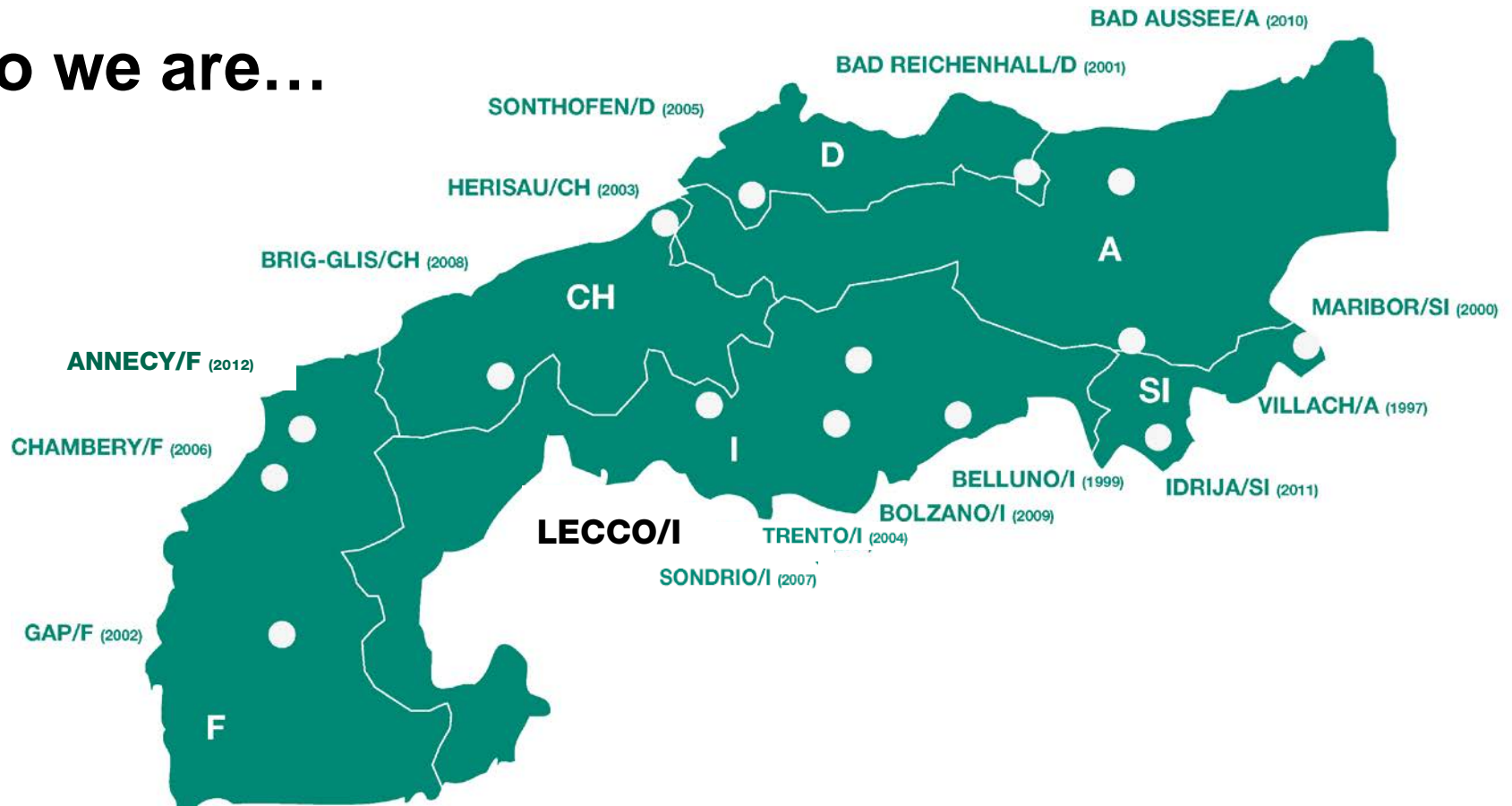


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# Who we are...




An aerial photograph of a city, likely Vancouver, showing a wide river (the Fraser River) flowing through the urban landscape. The city is densely packed with buildings and green spaces. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains under a clear sky. The text "The future of the climate change will be decided in the cities." is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

**The future of the climate change  
will be decided in the cities.**

A scenic view of the Alps. In the background, there are several layers of mountain ranges. The highest peaks are covered in snow and appear in shades of blue and white. The middle ground shows darker, forested mountain slopes. In the foreground, there is a hillside with several trees that have turned bright orange and yellow, indicating autumn. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

**Who if not us can turn the Alps  
into an exemplary region?**

A group of people in a meeting, with hands raised in a gesture of participation or agreement. The image is a close-up shot of several individuals. In the foreground, a person's hand is raised, palm facing forward. In the background, another person's hand is also raised, and a woman with glasses is visible, looking towards the camera. The overall atmosphere is one of active engagement and collaboration.

**We need you! Climate change  
demands participation.**



**Toward carbon neutral Alps**  
**Make best practice minimum standard.**



**Learning from each other  
across geographical borders.**



# Gymnasium Sonthofen: setting a good example



An aerial photograph of the city of Bozen/Bolzano, Italy, taken from a cable car. The city is densely packed with buildings, mostly multi-story residential and commercial structures. The foreground shows the cable car's cables and a small cabin. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The text "Energy-efficient reconstruction in Bozen/Bolzano: collaboration with the house owners" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Energy-efficient reconstruction in  
Bozen/Bolzano: collaboration with the  
house owners**

A vibrant street scene in an Alpine town. The image shows a narrow street lined with colorful, multi-story buildings in shades of yellow, orange, and white. In the background, a church with a tall, dark spire is visible against a backdrop of green mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. People are walking along the street, and some are seated at outdoor cafe tables. The overall atmosphere is lively and scenic.

**The towns in the Alps must  
engage even more for a  
sustainable future**