





#### **CHEERS**

### Cultural HEritagE: Risks and Securing activities

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#### **Cultural heritage in the Alpine area**



 The Alps host an outstanding variety of material and immaterial cultural heritage elements ...













Courtesy: CHEERS Project Partners

#### Cultural heritage in the Alpine area



• ... which are the grounds not only of Alpine people's identity but also of the human cultural heritage.





























#### **Cultural heritage prone to risks**



 When affecting the Alpine territory, natural disasters are likely to be exacerbated by the climate change and represent a major threat to the cultural heritage, in terms of asset safety and fruition.













### The CHEERS Project Partners









#### **France**







#### **Germany**



#### Italy







#### Slovenia





#### **Switzerland**

University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland





+ 36 Institutions from the 6 countries as Observers

#### The CHEERS Project in a nutshell



- Protection of Alpine cultural assets in the event of a crisis or natural disaster
- Increase of knowledge about values and vulnerabilities of the Alpine cultural heritage exposed to natural hazards
- Support to decision making and to education and training in order to enhance effectiveness and promote the participation of local stakeholders

#### The CHEERS Project: an example to better focus the working fields





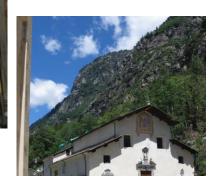
#### Monitoring of the Gallivaggio landslide

https://cmg.arpalombardia.it/webcmgfrontend/dis sesto.asp?def=102ovince



GALLIVAGGIO - OPERE DA PRELEVARE IN SANTUARIO







The evacuation of the mobile cultural heritage from the Santuario di Gallivaggio, May 2018 – Lombardy Region

Courtesy: Lombardy Region Regional Secretariat – Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and **Activities** 





### The CHEERS Project Goals



- To produce a sound methodology for local communities all over the Alps for recognition and identification of cultural heritage stock at risk in need of foremost safeguarding interventions
- To improve the capacity of local communities to manage safeguarding interventions on cultural assets against natural hazards
- To build innovative elements for the enhancement and implementation of policies in the field of cultural heritage protection and salvaging as a crucial territorial capital



### The CHEERS Project **Operational approach 1/2**



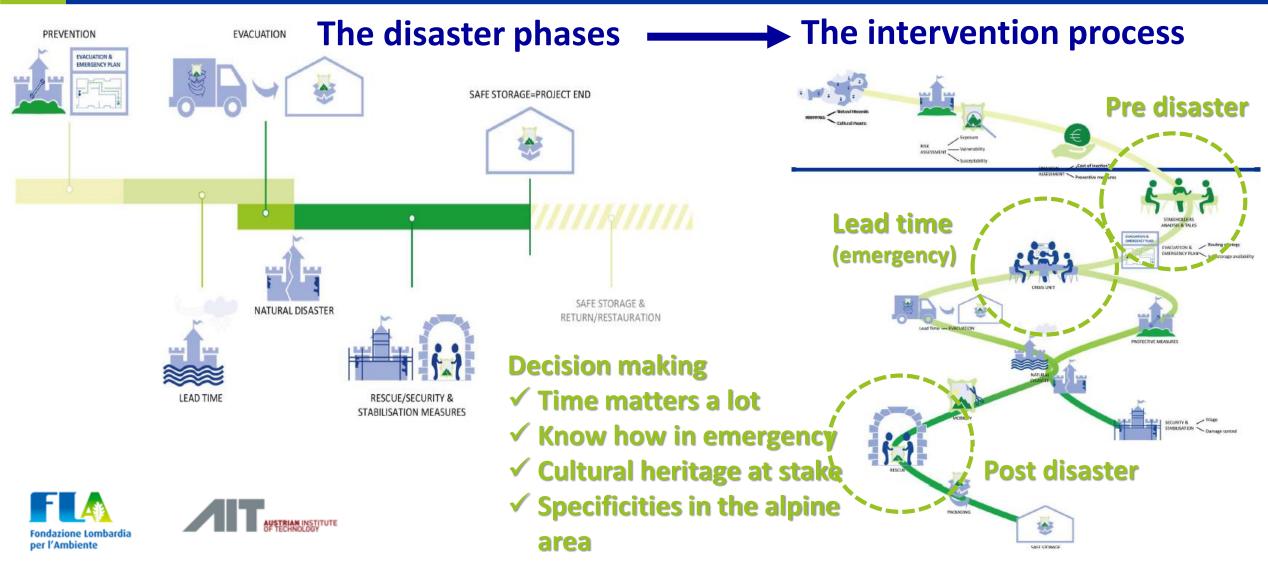
- Building the **knowledge base** for identifying and valorizing the cultural heritage stock at risk
- Learn from case studies and past experiences
- Defining reference conservation/securing approaches, techniques and training for Civil Protection Operators and Volunteers
- Developing new models of emergency planning to protect cultural heritage, built on shared pilot experience and transferable at transnatio level





### The CHEERS Project Operational approach 2/2

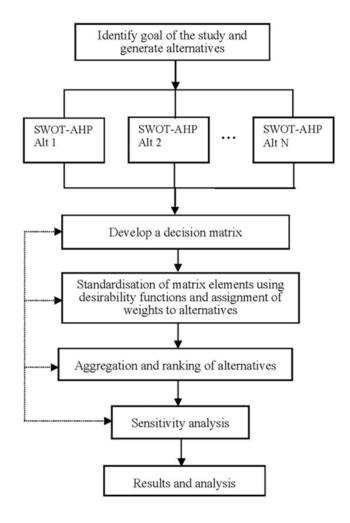




# The CHEERS Project Outputs 1/3



- A. Implementation of tools to valorize cultural and natural heritage of the Alpine Space
  - Assessment method for assets evaluation and prioritization of interventions if needed.





# The CHEERS Project Outputs 2/3



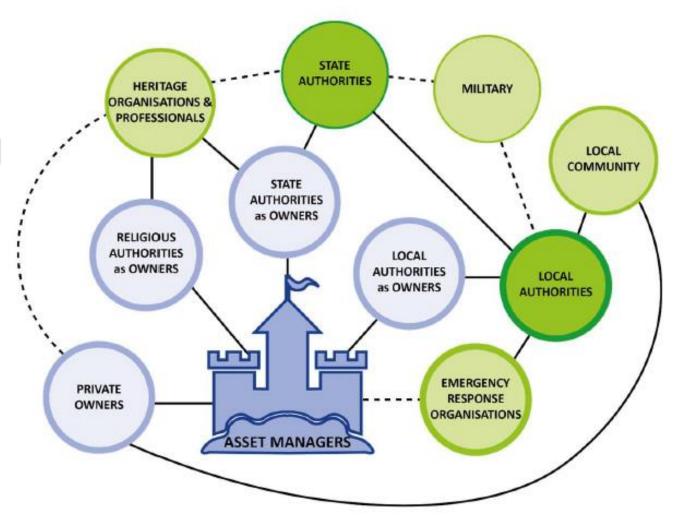
- B. Implementation of tools to valorize cultural and natural heritage of the Alpine Space in a protection and emergency perspective
  - Conceptual toolkit for the identification of the exposure of cultural assets to risk and the evaluation of the related vulnerabilities profiles according to different hazards.
  - Education & Training learning units on the Cultural Heritage and Risk management cycle.
  - Innovation concepts of Civil Protection Plans for cultural heritage assets protection & schemes of simulation exercises.



# The CHEERS Project Outputs 3/3



- C. Transnational cooperation structures aiming at the implementation of sustainable valorization of cultural and natural heritage of the Alpine Space
  - Establishment of the CHEERS experts and stakeholders network for cultural heritage protection in the Alps.

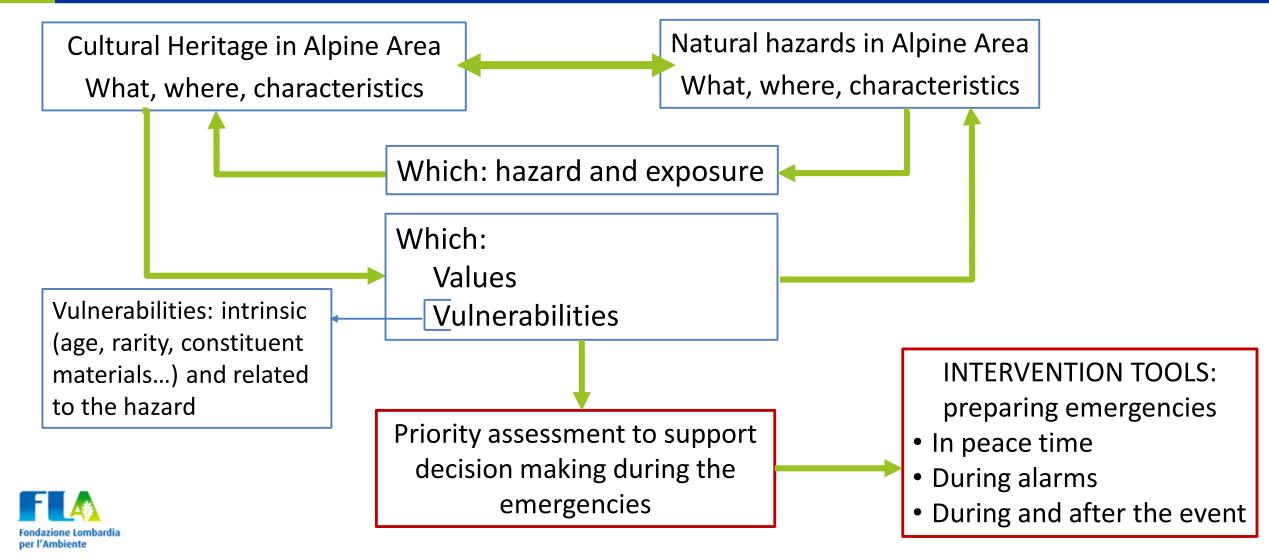






# The CHEERS Project Working concept





# The CHEERS Project Working path 1/4



#### WP1 - Alpine Cultural Heritage: value and vulnerability

It frames the topic of the definition of Alpine cultural identity, analyzing the issue of its exposure to natural hazard and it investigates the related economies, focusing on values in terms of identity, cultural function and income generation and finally produces a methodology for assets evaluation and prioritization in salvaging interventions. Also, it proposes relevant elements for future policy making in the field



# The CHEERS Project Working path 2/4



# WP2 - Advancing Hazard and Exposure Assessment methodologies applied to the field of Cultural Heritage protection in the Alpine environment

It provides local communities with tools that can be effectively applied to identify which of the evaluated assets are truly exposed to risk. To this aim, it integrates analysis on hazard, assets, risk mapping approaches and vulnerability assessments to support interventions in alert or emergency conditions



# The CHEERS Project Working path 3/4



### WP3 - Alpine Cultural Heritage Protection: approaches and techniques

It enquires about the nature of the potential damage to the exposed assets in relation to different hazards and the techniques to protect and salvage them. It also investigates the managing aspects, how the issue of cultural heritage protection is governed transnationally and at the country level, in terms of roles, responsibilities and funding sources as well. While experts are gathered to share case histories, an educational format is produced for the transferability of this knowledge core



# The CHEERS Project Working path 4/4



#### WP4 - Emergency planning and salvaging

It takes advantage of pilot activities to provide Alpine communities with guidelines for new Civil Protection Plans oriented to cultural heritage protection and reference formats of simulation exercises testing the effectiveness of Operating Procedures for salvaging interventions on cultural assets



# The CHEERS Project Challenges 1/3



- Territorialize the reasoning about how to maximize effectiveness and efficiency of interventions on cultural heritage prone to natural hazards in the Alpine Area
  - Recognize the alpine cultural heritage
  - Mapping of the alpine cultural heritage exposed to different hazards
  - Building of a local-based and stable knowledge of the disaster risk according to the local territorial specificities and of the related strategies for disaster risk reduction



# The CHEERS Project Challenges 2/3



- Produce assessment tools with a strong scientific base and, at the same time,
   easy-to-use for end-users in the secure and salvage process
- Put in evidence the decision-making processes to be followed if an event occurs or is likely to occur, better identifying the whole of the actors to be involved in decision-making chains and with which roles and competences during emergencies
- Produce systematic evidence and learning from the past experiences and practices
- Diffuse the culture of preparation in peace time in order to maximize effectiveness in action and, therefore, to minimize damages and losses to cultural heritage

# The CHEERS Project Challenges 3/3



- Increase the availability of tools and methods to enhance the active involvement of local communities of stakeholders
  - Awareness about the multiple values of their cultural heritage exposed to natural hazards
  - Knowledge about the multiple risks their cultural heritage is exposed to and the related vulnerabilities
  - Understanding of the need for being adequately prepared to intervene on cultural heritage









#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

