For the international protection of the MONT-BLANC MASSIF

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At the crossroads of France, Italy and Switzerland the Mont-Blanc is the highest mountain in the Alps. The third most visited natural site in the world, Mont-Blanc attracts nearly 6 million visitors yearly. Without the benefit of international protection the mountain is in real danger to the pressures of economic development and climate change. The goal of proMONT-BLANC is to make this mountain region a model of tri-national management and sustainable development - with a legal and political status recognized by the 3 countries and their local municipalities. “

Barbara Ehringhaus, Présidente de proMONT-BLANC
Who we are

▲ In the beginning …

In 1986, 200 years after the first ascent of the Mont Blanc, mountaineers from around the world launched an appeal to make the Mont Blanc a protected area.

In 1991 local politicians created a tri-national organisation comprised of the 35 local councils, named Espace Mont Blanc, with the ambition of ensuring sustainable development in the area.

Simultaneously leading alpine clubs and environmental agencies from France, Italy and Switzerland joined forces to create proMONT-BLANC and to motivate the implementation of tri-national protection for the site as agreed by the three Ministries of environment.

▲ Our Association …

proMONT-BLANC brings together more than twenty organisations with almost one million members:

• International (Switzerland, Italy and France): CIPRA, Alpine Clubs, Mountain Wilderness, WWF etc.

• National: FRAPNA, Legambiente etc.

• Local: ARSMB, Association for the Aiguilles Rouges Nature Reserve, Haute-Savoie Hiking Commission, Vivre en Tarentaise, Association pour la sauvegarde du Mont-Joly etc.

▲ … Keeps growing

Today membership of proMONT-BLANC is open to individuals.

If you care about this extraordinary landscape you are invited to join, too.

Our mission

• Our members are committed to develop synergies between French, Italian and Swiss environmental protection organisations.

• We try to identify problems early on and raise awareness among interested parties.

• We promote and contribute to long-term environmental management policies, through communication and lobbying of decision-makers on environmentally sound decisions.

• We develop and support exemplary and innovative projects on a stand alone basis or with partners who share our objectives.

In 2016 proMONT-BLANC organized a week of hiking for young people around the Mont-Blanc.

They were met during their tour by experts in glaciology, mountain flora and fauna, agriculture and tourism from the three countries.

Members of the group and other university students have since taken several initiatives to help promote the ideals of sustainable tourism and better protection of this unique mountain region.

We welcome all interested young people to join us in our mission.
More than 20 years working toward the official recognition of Mont-Blanc’s international significance

Our actions

▲ On international and alpine level:
- We are active participants in the Alpine Convention, the international treaty for sustainable development and protection of the Alpine communities.
- Since 2000, we are principals in the project to obtain UNESCO World Heritage status for the Mont Blanc mountain region.
- We promote and facilitate the exchange of information on the Mont Blanc with the worldwide Mountain Partnership at FAO and with the Transborder Protected Area network of IUCN (World Commission of Protected Areas) and within the Mountain Biome Group of its WCPA (World Commission of Protected Areas).
- We monitor European environmental projects for the Alps and for the entire Alpine Macro-Region.
- Within Espace Mont-Blanc (35 municipalities of the three countries) we are proactive for an ambitious tri-national management plan that addresses issues such as climate change, biodiversity, sustainable tourism, energy and transport, and also improved air space control (i.e. heli-skiing and tourist flights).

▲ On national, regional and local level:
- We develop and propose projects and transfrontier initiatives to national, regional and local government bodies.
- We are a member of Haute-Savoie Commission for Natural Sites.
- We are a focal point for exchange of information about environmental issues with the Italian Val d’Aosta, the Swiss Valais and the French Savoy regions.

▲ Within the Mont-Blanc massif:
- We are active in the development, the implementation and monitoring of hands-on projects and initiatives, including the rehabilitation of particularly vulnerable or precious sites, such as Mont Lachat and the Col du Midi, the reduction of heli-skiing and the creation of an effective Mont Blanc Observatory.
- We are active members of all working groups in the Espace Mont-Blanc with the objective of determining an overall strategy for the future of the Mont Blanc Mountain Range.
- As part of our permanent campaign to reduce international freight traffic, we are participants in the Network for the Reduction of Air Pollution for the surrounding valleys.
- Since 2014, we have been working on a status report and cartographic analysis of the Mont Blanc area. This research will be used to draw up an innovative protection and management scheme for the region.
Follow us! Get involved!

As a politically and economically independent organisation, our actions depend entirely on our donors’ generosity and the work by our volunteers.

Join and support proMONT-BLANC!

By providing a donation, contributing expertise, your know-how or your time or just finding out more about our work, please contact us at secretariat@pro-mont-blanc.org

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OUR MEMBERS : proMONT-BLANC brings together French, Italian and Swiss NGOs involved in protecting mountain areas and promoting sustainable development in the Mont Blanc area: Association for the Aiguilles Rouges Nature Reserve; Association for the Respect of Mont Blanc (ARSMB); Association Défense du Mont-Joly; International Commission for the Protection of the Alps (CIPRA) France, Italy and Switzerland; Italian Alpine Club (CAI); French Alpine Club (FFCAM); Swiss Alpine Club (CAS); French Mountaineering and Rock-Climbing Federation (FFME) : Haute-Savoie Hiking Committee; Legambiente; Mountain Wilderness France, Italy and Switzerland; World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) France, Italy and Switzerland.