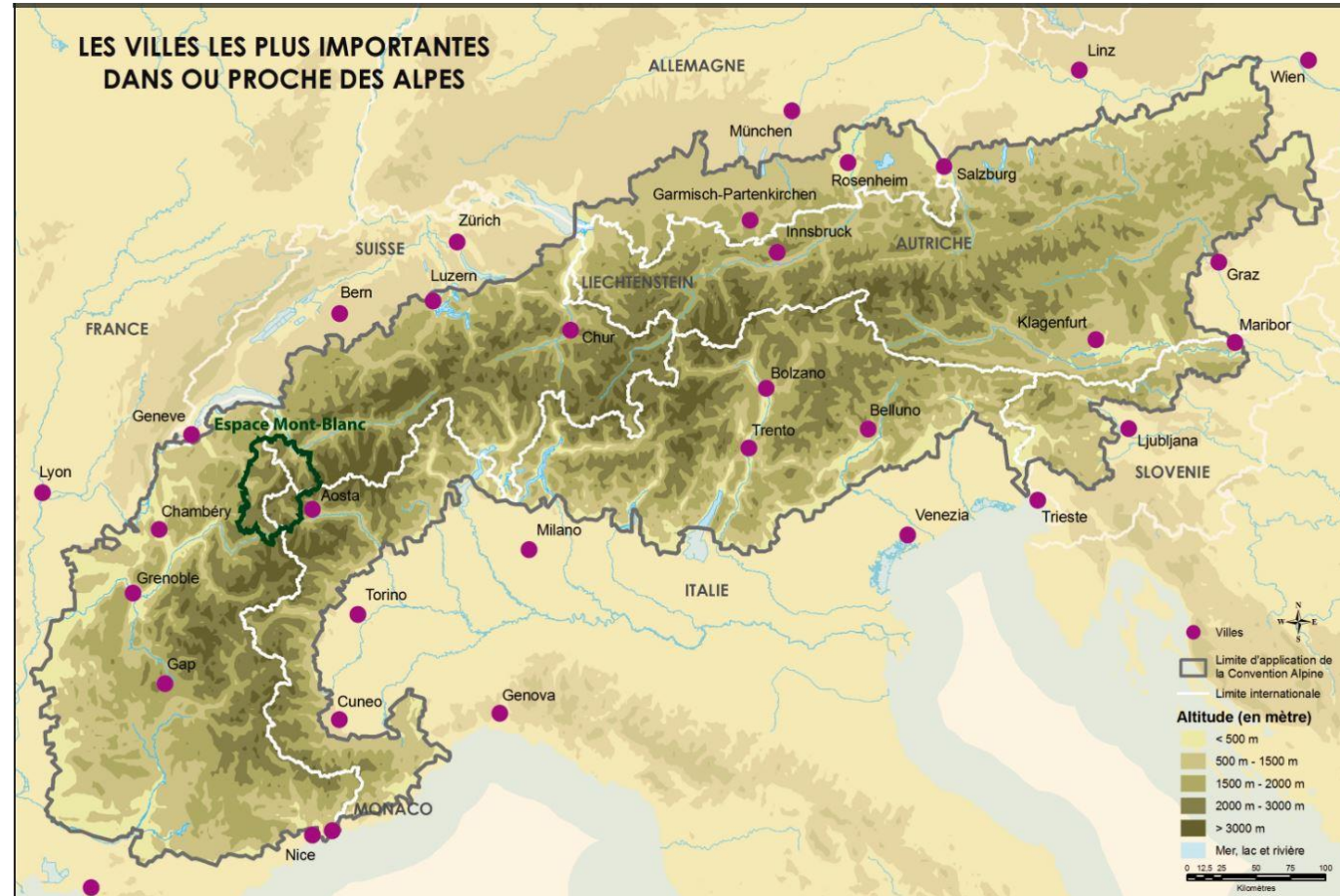


# Governance of tri-national Mont-Blanc area









# Wilderness and Mass tourism

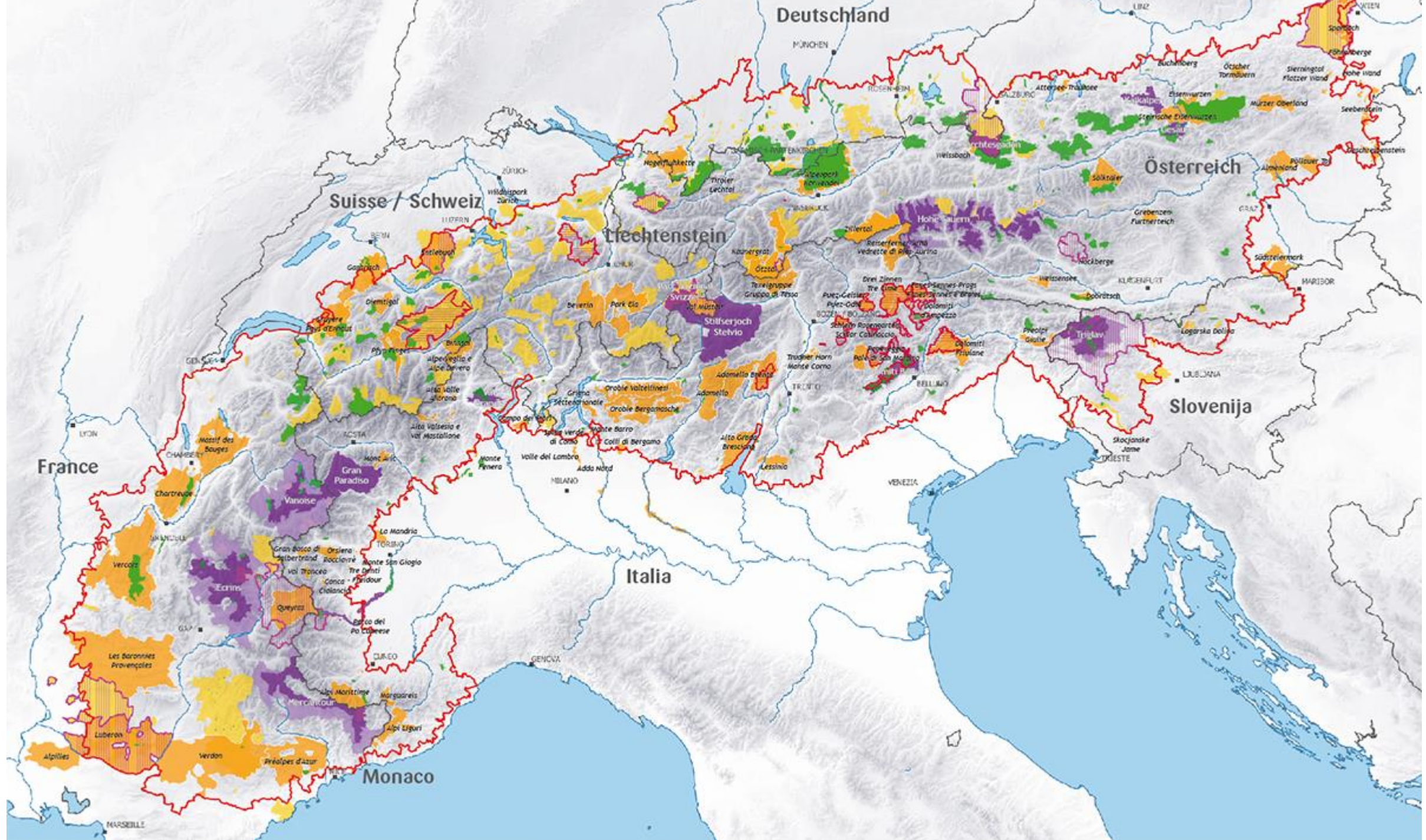
- in heavily populated Europe  
near central airline hub Geneva

-Cradle of alpinism/mountaineering  
and of mountain research  
since 18th century

-Lonely adventure in altitude and  
3rd most visited site of the globe







Deutschland

Suisse / Schweiz

Liechtenstein

Österreich

France

Italia

Slovenija

Monaco

MÜNCHEN

ZÜRICH

WIEN

LYON

VENEZIA

GENOVA

TRIESTE

MARSEILLE

Genève

Basel

Sankt Gallen

Chur

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# Diversity and Unity

Stretching vertically over 4300 m

Mont-Blanc offers high diversity of

Habitats, Geo-Morphology,

Glaciers and landscapes

climate change: Threat and Chance

Espace Mont-Blanc:

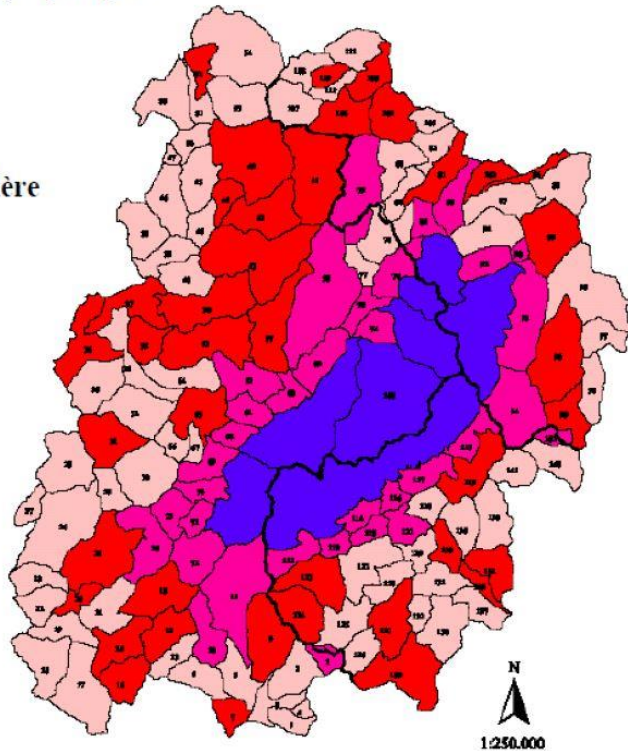
3 Border regions – **same** culture + language,  
same opposition to World Heritage site,  
to international protection and  
to transborder management



# Programmes financés par EU/INTERREG - Implementation 0 ou minimale

Niveaux d'importance des paysages

- Accord international
- Coopération transfrontalière
- Coordination régionale
- Local



- Milieux Sensibles 90s-2000
- Schéma de Développement Durable 2000-2005
- PIT - Plan de Gestion Transfrontalier 2005- 2013
- Stratégie du Mont-Blanc since 2013

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 INTERREG -Funds  
 ca. 40 Mio €

Annexe 6 : Niveau d'importance des paysages, Espace Mont-Blanc 2000



# Long-term Vision

vs.

# Local politics

Our umbrella NGO Pro MONT – BLANC:  
20 years volunteer advocacy  
for transborder conservation of massif and  
a more sustainable development in valleys

But **no** financial and political POWER

Within tri-national governance body  
of **local** mayors and administrators

3 **States** proposed International Park,

But do not dare to convince mayors

EU - funding without monitoring



# Bottom-up, top-down or joint governance ?

My own conflict:

While in Latin America, Africa and Asia I tried to convince „hard-line“ environmentalists to **include** local communities in conservation,

To respect prior informed consent from Indigenous People

But now – involved in local/regional politics -

I rather call for stronger participation of **State** representatives, of **international experts**, for **monitoring** of implementation from funders

At least, for the conservation of **globally unique, but vulnerable nature**

