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EUMA – improvement of good governance of climbing and mountaineering in Europe European mountain huts

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How many mountain huts do we have in Europe?



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Association mountain huts in Europe

Detailed data available from 13 countries and 1034 mountain huts

DAV, Germany PZS, Slovenia

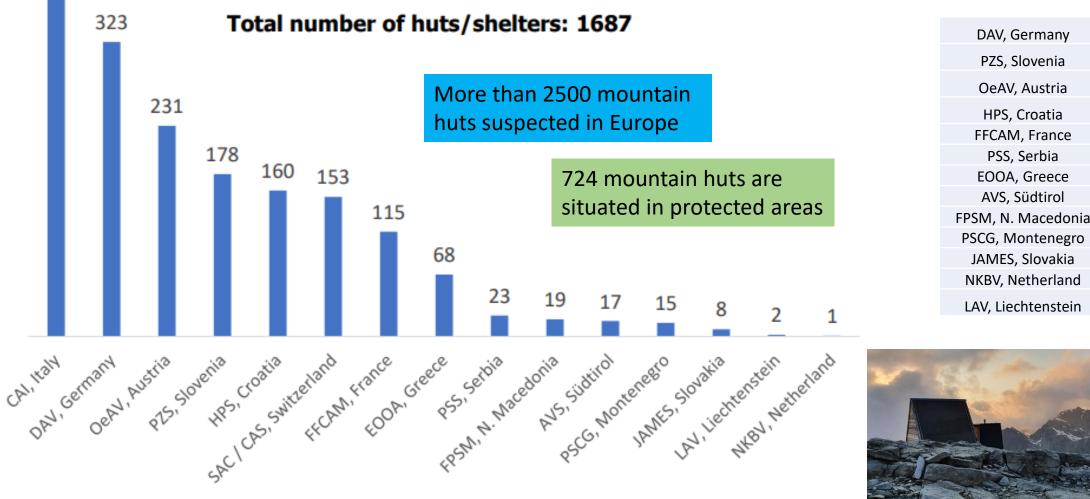
OeAV, Austria

HPS, Croatia

FFCAM, France

PSS. Serbia

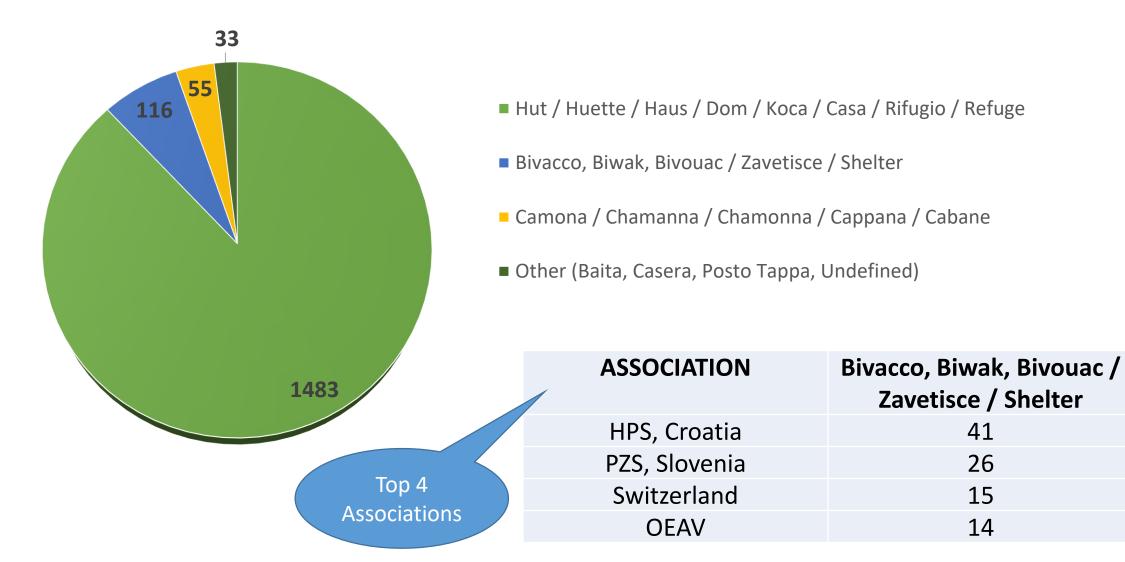
EOOA, Greece AVS, Südtirol



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374

Type of huts in absolute numbers



Zavetisce / Shelter

41

26

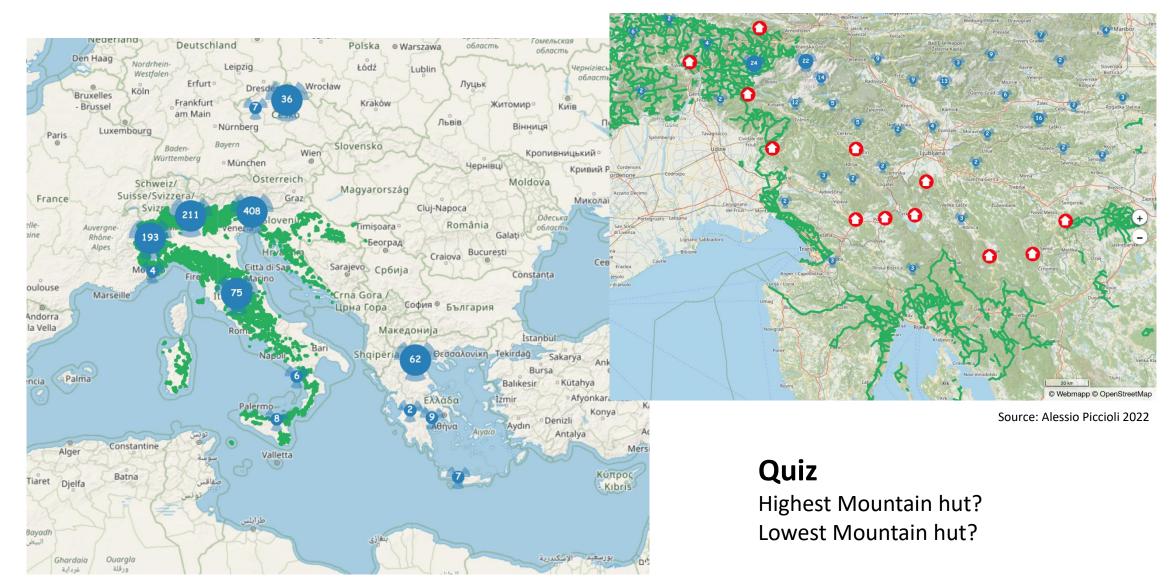
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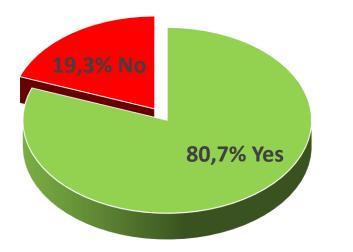
EUMA European mountain huts data base



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Waste Management

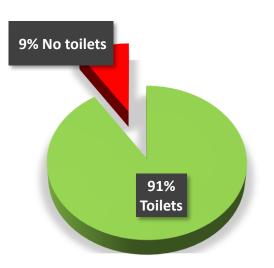




Association	No	Yes
HPS, Croatia	0%	100%
DAV, Germany	10%	90%
EOOA, Greece	100%	0%
FPSM, N. Macedonia	100%	0%
NKBV, Netherland	0%	100%
PSS, Serbia	100%	0%
JAMES, Slovakia	0%	100%
FFCAM, France	38%	63%
OeAV, Austria	3%	97%
CAI, Italy	No Data	No Data
PZS, Slovenia	10%	90%
SAC, Switzerland	No Data	No Data
AVS, Südtirol	35%	65%
LAV, Liechtenstein	50%	50%
PSCG, Montenegro	21%	79%

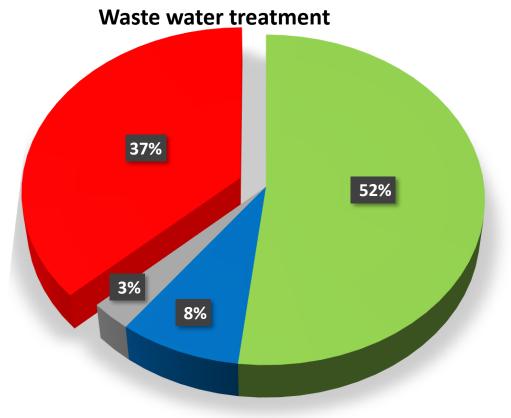
Waste water treatment and sanitary facilities at European mountain huts

Sanitary Infrastructure





192 Mountain huts have sanitary facilities but no Waste water treatment



Mechanical + biological treatment

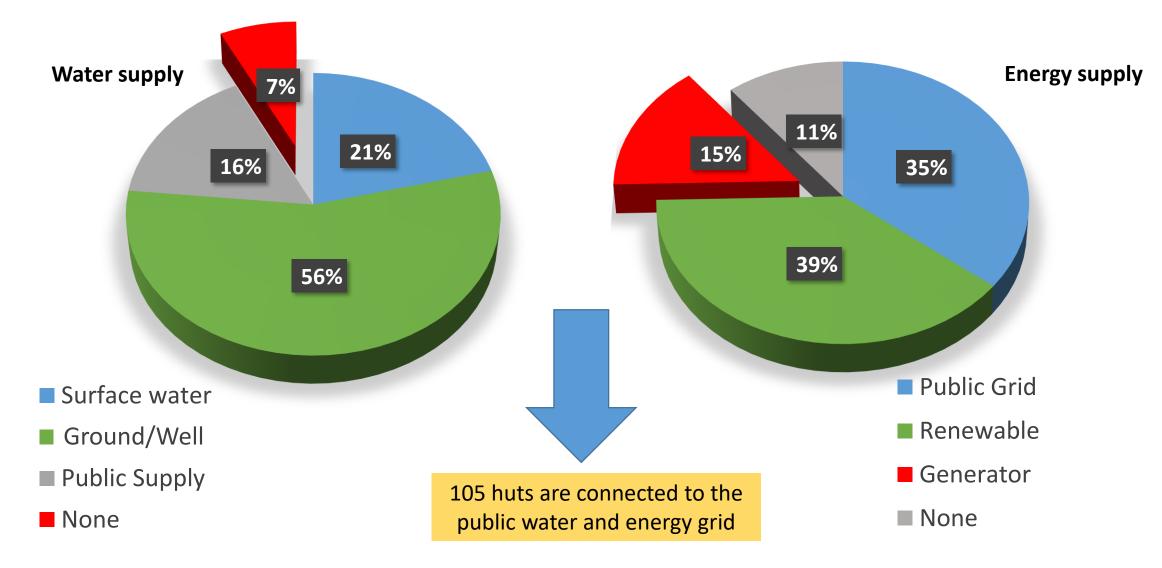
- Public Grid
- Unspecified
- None

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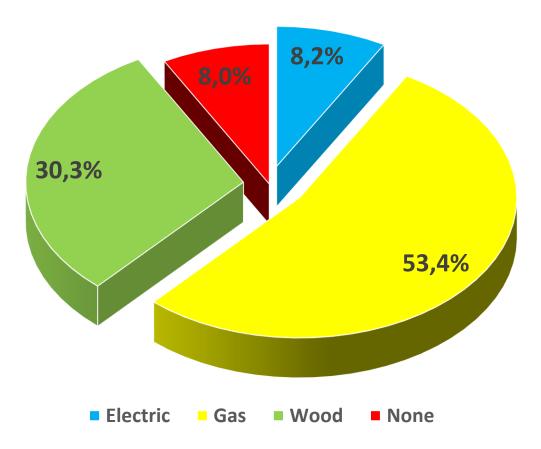


Water and Energy supply at European mountain huts





Energy Supply for the kitchen

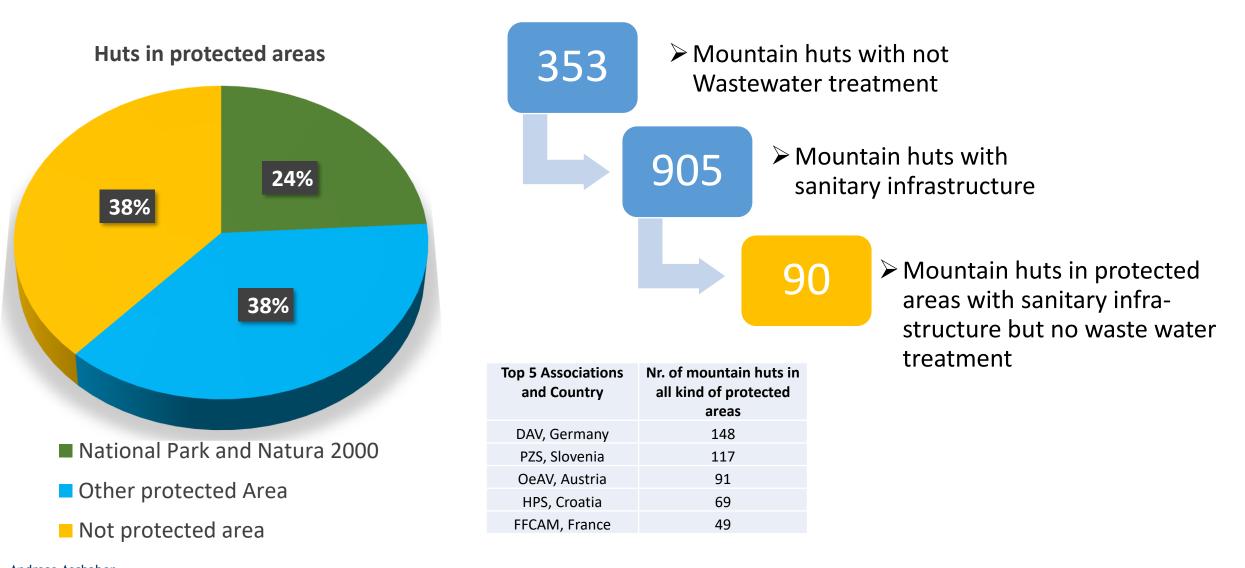




Source: PZS, 2020



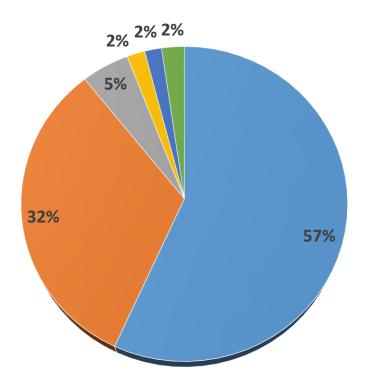
European mountain huts in protected areas





Ownership

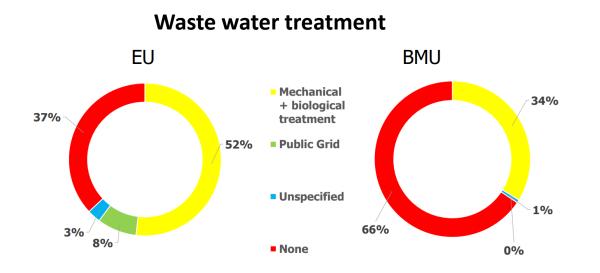
- Mountaineering Association
- Mountain Club / Sektion / EOS, POA, SOX, SEO, XOS, SHO, XOO
- Municipality
- State
- Private property
- Other (Church, NGO, National Park ...)



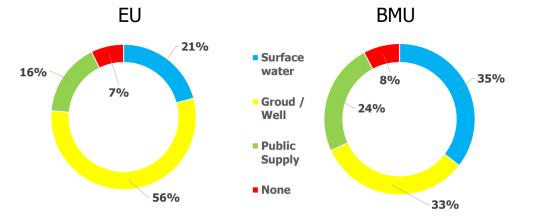
ASSOCIATION	Mountaineering Association	Mountain Club / Sektion / EOS, POA, SOX, SEO, XOS, SHO, XOO
PZS, Slovenia	2	154
FFCAM, France	115	
SAC / CAS, Switzerland	153	
CAI, Italy	306	
HPS, Croatia	104	
OEAV	231	
JAMES, Slovakia	4	
LAV, Liechtenstein	2	
PSS, Serbia		16
NKBV, Netherlands	1	
FPSM, North Macedonia	6	5
EOOA, Greece	7	47
DAV, Germany	5	316
AVS, Suedtirol	17	
PSCG, Montenegro	1	7

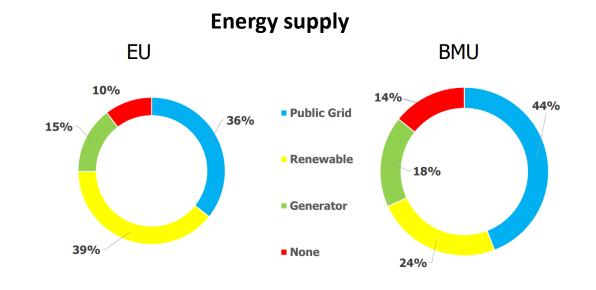


Comparison Balkan states (BMU) and Central European states (EU) 1

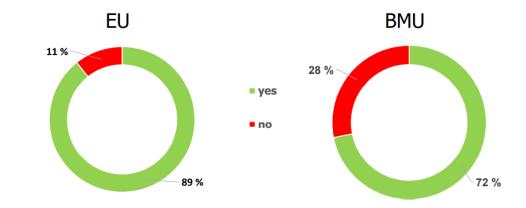


Water supply



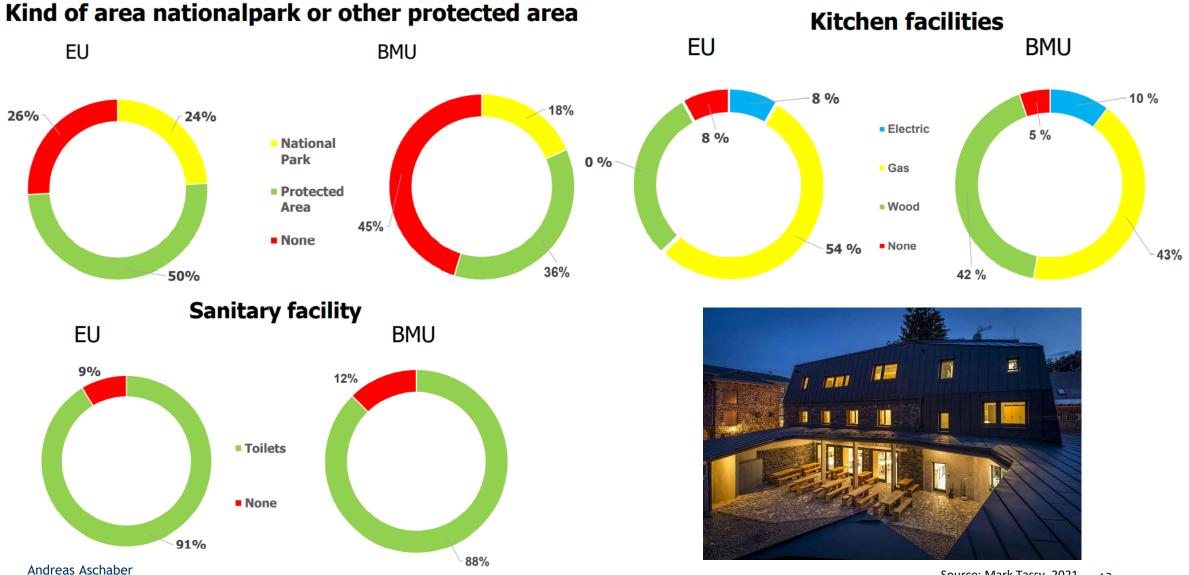


Waste Management System



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Comparison Balkan states (BMU) and Central European states (EU) 2



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Conclusion of comparison

Parameter	BMU huts	EU huts
Waste water treatment	+ No WW treatment	+ Public grid connection+ WW treatment
Water supply	+ Surface water + Public grid connection	+ Ground/Well
Energy supply	+ Public grid connection+ Without energy supply	+ Renewables
Waste management		+ WM plans
Protected areas and National parks	+ Non protected	+ National parks+ Protected areas
Energy for the kitchen	(+) Electrical power	+ Gas (+) No energy supply
Toilets		(+) Toilets



Source: Andreas Aschaber, 2020



Who needs mountain huts?

Functions of mountain huts

- Point of influence for **visitor guidance** and **nature protection**
- Point of information for **route** and **weather conditions**
- Point of accident report and first aid
- Foster European cohesion
- Provision of shelter and alimentation
- Contribute to the national GDP
- Facilitate social sustainability
- Create **jobs**

Conclusion

- Make mountain huts climate fit
- Ease legislative pressure on mountain huts
- Make the share on the national GDP of mountain huts visible
- Awareness rising concerning mountain huts in Europe
- Create Europewide environmental recommendations for mountain huts
- Mountain huts are need to be managed by NGOs

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Sources

Sleep and eat well on our European mountain huts!