AForGeN Meeting 2025 – Tenna (CH)

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The 10th AForGeN meeting 2025 will be held in Tenna, Safiental (canton of Grisons, Switzerland), an authentic small village in the eastern Swiss Alps. The Safiental is a long, remote and quiet alpine valley that was colonized over high mountain passes by the Walser people. Access is still spectacular by train and bus through the famous Rheinschlucht (Grand Canyon of Switzerland) or by car along a narrow road from Bonaduz with lots of curves and tunnels.

The organizing team at WSL Birmensdorf is looking forward seeing many of you in Tenna, and we hope for a diverse and motivated group to meet in a stimulating environment.

Below, you will find the relevant information about the event, the location, and how to get there after you have registered. Should there be any question, do not hesitate to contact one of the organizers (contact details below).

Date June 18-20, 2025

Place Tenna, Safiental (Switzerland)

Timeline Start of meeting on June 18, 2025, at 09.30 a.m.

We strongly suggest arriving in the evening of June 17 to allow for a timely start on Wednesday and opt for switching the excursion day depending on weather conditions.

For those who choose to arrive on Wednesday only: the public bus arrives at 09.10 (dept. Zürich main station at 06.38), but be aware that you might miss the start of the excursion if weather forces us to shift it to Wednesday.

End of meeting on June 20, 2025, at 1.00 p.m.

It is possible to expand your stay, just get in contact with the hotel to make respective arrangements.

Venue

Berghotel Alpenblick, Tenna (1650 m a.s.l.)
Mitte 28
CH–7106 Tenna (GR)

Accommodation

Single room: CHF 60.00/night (limited availability)
Double room: CHF 60.00/night
4-bed rooms: CHF 50.00/night
Additional CHF 2.20/day for tourist tax

Full board (incl. breakfast, lunch, dinner, and coffee breaks) costs ca. CHF 80/day. This will be booked with your room reservation (unless otherwise communicated; see below). If the desired room category is no longer available, please check directly with the hotel for a possible solution.

Cancellations are possible until one week before arrival.

Note that only few rooms have private toilets and showers, for the others there are shared facilities.

For shared rooms, please arrange yourselves or indicate your preferences when booking.

Registration

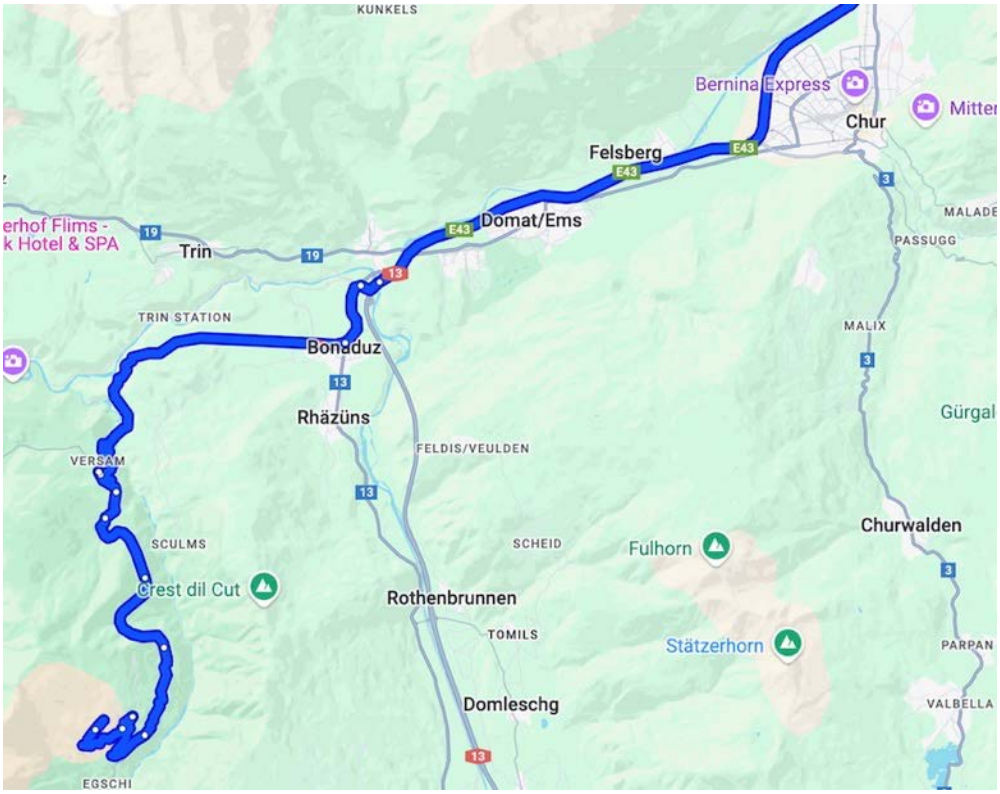
Meeting: Please register **here** for your participation and possible presentation **until June 1, 2025**. Also indicate time of arrival/departure.

Room: Reserve your room directly via the hotel's website, choosing "Zimmer inkl. Frühstück" to also book your meals. In the "Bemerkungen" field, refer to "AforGeN" that will provide you with full board.
The hotel's website and booking page is at **https://www.alpenblick.ch**

Access

Tenna can be reached **by public transport**, but the postal bus does not run frequently, so carefully check out the timetable at sbb.ch (destination: Tenna, Mitte)
From Zürich via Chur/Versam-Safien
From Feldkirch/Buchs via Buchs/Sargans/Chur/Versam-Safien
The Bus stop Tenna, Mitte is a two-minute walk from the hotel.

By car, Tenna is less than 2 hours from Zürich, 8 hours from Vienna. Google Maps will tell you how and where to go (the map below shows the route from Chur onwards). As mentioned above, drive via Bonaduz to get a spectacular experience.



By bike, timing largely depends on your personal fitness and the luggage 😉.

Program

As usual, the program is rather tentative and flexible, depending on the number of participants and contributions, but also on the weather because of the excursion.

Tuesday, June 17	Evening	Arrival
Wednesday, June 18	9.30 a.m.	Opening of meeting
		Individual presentations
Thursday, June 19	8.30 a.m.	Full-day excursion
Friday, June 20	9 a.m.	Individual presentations
		Business meeting

We encourage every participant to present a short talk on their recent, current or planned research. The meeting is meant as a discussion platform rather than a formal meeting, so do not hesitate presenting work in progress, proposals, ideas, etc.

Excursion

The program is not yet fixed, as it depends on weather conditions, timing of snowmelt, and availability of local experts for an input (forest management, history, tourism). Options are Tenner Chrüz/Schlüechtli, Thalkirch–Safien Platz, or Rheinschlucht in case of a rainy day. The hotel will provide a lunch package for everyone.

Equipment

Please ensure that you have appropriate equipment for a whole-day mountain hike (sturdy hiking boots, sun/rain protection, warm clothes, backpack for lunch/drinks). We will adjust the route according to the

weather conditions and opt for a short alternative, i.e., if weather or fitness should be restrictive.

At the hotel, internet is available in the meeting room, but weak or absent in the rooms.

Miscellaneous There is a small grocery store (opening hours 8:30 – 11:30), otherwise no particular infrastructure is available at the small village, except for the solar-powered ski lift …

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