

CV – Matthias StremLOW

Matthias StremLOW is head of unit at the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment / Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications DETEC. He is responsible of shaping Swiss landscape politics including the strategy for parks of national importance and UNESCO world heritage sites. Since many years, StremLOW is refining the landscape strategy of Switzerland encouraging interdisciplinary and interdepartmental exchange and cooperation. Amongst many other projects, he co-initiated the landscape observation programme LABES that documents and assesses the state and development of the Swiss landscape with a range of indicators (including landscape fragmentation or light emissions). He conducted the research synthesis on "Processes of Landscape Perception" which was part of the National Research Programme "Landscapes and Habitats of the Alps" (NFP 48) launched by the Swiss National Science Foundation in 2002. StremLOW holds a PhD in German Language and Literature Studies and a Master in Literature and Environmental Sciences from the University of Zurich. His doctoral thesis investigated the perception of the Alps. Matthias StremLOW has published extensively on the topics of landscape perception, the vision for a new landscape politics, the question of how to describe landscapes as well as on issues of tourism and sustainable development.