

Forging Targets and Solutions for Rivers and Water Ecosystem Restoration

Collaborate with us to set the agenda at the 6th World Water Forum!



Sign up now for the opportunity to influence the targets of the 6th World Water Forum of March 2012, for the greater European region.

Help to develop new knowledge and know-how on rivers hydro-morphology, restoration and protection of water ecosystems.

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Free admission is made possible by the World Water Forum, ONEMA, RESTORE, EU Life+, ECRR, and the Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia.

Organising committee:

- *European Centre for River Restoration (ECRR)* (Lead partner). For more info visit www.ecrr.org.
 - *European Water Association (EWA)*. For more info visit www.ewaonline.de.
 - *Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia (IzVRS)*. For more info visit www.izvrs.si/index_eng.html.
 - *The French National Agency for Water and Aquatic Environments (ONEMA)*. For more info visit www.onema.fr.
 - *RESTORE*, Partnership for sharing knowledge and good practice on River Restoration in Europe (Environment Agency, Wetlands International, SYKE, DLG, RRC, CIRF). For more info visit www.restorerivers.eu or email restore@environment-agency.gov.uk
- The RESTORE project is made possible with the contribution of the LIFE+ financial instrument of the European Community.



Why you cannot afford to miss this:

- **Inspiring solutions** - by examining river restoration practices and also how this might be delivered or supported through land use planning, tourism and education.
- **Invaluable networking** - the ideal platform to meet and share ideas with like-minded professionals.
- **Leading intelligence** - share your view on river restoration with the leading experts from around Europe and beyond.
- **Find out about RESTORE:** the new LIFE+ project for sharing knowledge and promoting good practice on river restoration in Europe.

This seminar is a preparatory meeting for the 6th World Water Forum, for the greater European region¹. The goal is to build capacity by working on new knowledge for the protection and restoration of rivers and other water ecosystems. This goal will be achieved by formulating targets and a concrete plan of action focused

¹ This European region comprises: the European Union, the Candidate countries to the European Union, Norway and Switzerland, the Balkans, Eastern Europe, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, the Caucasus, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia.

on 4 main topics:

1. Promote integration of aquatic ecosystems conservation in **land (use) planning** and other territorial policies,
2. Reach consensus on **river restoration good practices** as a means to support delivery of European policy goals.
3. Reinforce **public education** on water ecosystems and resources preservation and restoration,
4. Improve the link between **tourism development** and quality of water ecosystems.

This is for you if you are a: policy maker, planner, engineer, land and catchment planner, river restoration organisation and network, river manager, representative from stake holders like hydro-power, land owner/farmer, navigation organisation and anybody else who wants to pull in the subject.

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Restoring Europe's Rivers



WWF6 Draft targets

- 1.... projects use knowledge from good practices of local land – use planning and land-bank instruments for ecosystem conservation / river restoration.
2. Delivery of European policy objectives at local to basin scale is underpinned by shared knowledge and understanding of good practice approaches to river restoration, based on stakeholder owned problem analysis and action plans, in ... cases.
3. Lessons learned from social perception studies and questionnaires/polls testing the knowledge of the public will be communicated in ... river basins.
- 4.... examples of integrated land and water management planning projects that take into account tourism development will be reported on the Forum solutions website.

RESTORE will address the lack of opportunities for sharing river restoration good practice and knowledge by creating:

- an online knowledge management database of case studies;
- a website supporting information such as European good practise;
- 36 events in over 10 countries;
- field visits
- a major international conference.

If you or your organisation is involved in river restoration or you are looking to know more about river restoration we hope to meet you. If you would like to showcase your work within our database and perhaps be identified as European good practise, please bring examples of your work.

Tentative program

Day 1:

November 16

12:00
13:00 - 13:30
13.30 - 16.30

Registration, information fair
Plenary opening session
Workshops

To identify main problems and solutions regarding the 4 main topics.

It is vital that information on good practice is developed and shared to support the implementation of the EC Water Framework Directive and other key European Directives to help address the decline in river habitat. Sharing will be done in such a way that policy makers, practitioners and stakeholders can relate this to their policy drivers and the related measures that they require, can access information that is contextually relevant to them, can understand the challenges and opportunities that river restoration presents and can as necessary engage with those that have practical experience to share.

16:30 - 18.00

Info fair

Organisations present their activities, achievements and results with respect to the 4 main topics at stands, with posters, films, brochures, etc.

Whether you are interested in national, basin wide or EU policies... We intend to look at a wide range of themes associated with river restoration and catchment management. Please contact us at info@ecrr.org if you have information you would like to share.

18:00

Network event hosted by RESTORE

Exchange experiences and interact informally with your peers at the RESTORE network event. (see textbox).

Day 2

November 17

9:00 - 11:30

Key-note address

To summarize main problems and solutions regarding the 4 main topics.

The summaries from the working groups from the previous day will be presented and integrated to further specify the draft targets.

12:00

Field trip

A unique opportunity to visit a state of the art restoration project in Slovenia (TBD).

19:30

Official joint dinner

Day 3

November 18

9:00

Plenary closing session

Recap and summary of the main targets and solutions per topic. Outline remaining preparations towards WWF6.

13:00

End of seminar

