

Forging Targets and Solutions for Rivers and Water Ecosystem Restoration

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

Reminder version!



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.

Register and book a hotel before the 15th of October in order to make use of a hotel room discount!

Register at www.izvrs.si/ftsrwr/.

You can also find the latest news, and information about hotel discounts here.

Free admission is made possible by the World Water Forum, ONEMA, RESTORE, EU Life+, ECRR, INBO 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.
 - *The International Network of Basin Organisations*. For more info visit www.inbo-news.org/
 - *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.restoreivers.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 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.

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 stakeholders like hydro-power, land owner, farmer, navigation organisation and anybody else who wants to pull in the subject.

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.

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WWF6 Draft targets

- 1.... projects use knowledge from good practices of local land-use planning, land consolidation, 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 database of case studies;
- a website presenting a comprehensive river restoration library;
- 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 practice, please bring examples of your work.

Day 1 - Wednesday November 16

12:00-13:00	Registration	
12:00-20:00	Information fair	
13:00-13:30	Plenary opening session	
13:30-14:00	Key note speeches	Road map of the WWF6 process Stakeholder perspectives
14:00-16:30	Workshops*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Promote integration of aquatic ecosystems conservation in land (use) planning and other territorial policies 2 Experiences on reaching 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
16:30-17:15	RESTORE	Sharing best practices across Europe
16:30-19:30	Information fair	Networking; good practice exchange, poster presentations, demonstration Wiki database by RESTORE, promotion opportunities
18:00-19:30	Network event	Hosted by RESTORE

Day 2 - Thursday November 17

9:00-9:30	Plenary meeting	Organisational matters
9:30-11:30	Parallel workshops target and solutions	Continuation of day 1, preparing draft reports on targets and solutions based on case studies
12:00-18:30	Field trip to Cerknica Lake and Škocjanski Regional Park.	These sites offers a diverse set of examples of good practise watercourse restoration related to sustainable tourism, public education, and integrated land-use planning in the context of IRBM planning.
19:30-22:00	Official joint dinner	

Day 3 - Friday November 18

9.00-9.30	Key note speech	'Integrated River Basin Management Planning'
9:30-12.30	Plenary session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop reports of target and solutions - Report on RESTORE findings. - Plenary discussion. - Implementation of solutions in IRBM plans - Milestones towards WWF6 and beyond.
12:30-13:00	Official closing	End of seminar

* Please indicate which workshop you intend to participate in when registering. Participants of each workshop will receive a short question list on the topics of the workshop, to be filled in prior to the event.

