

# Restoring Europe's Rivers

## RESTORE 2011-2013

**Partnership for sharing knowledge & promoting best practice on river restoration in Europe**

The RESTORE project is made possible with the contribution of the LIFE+ financial instrument of the European Community



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# RESTORE Partners



*RESTORE: 7 partners:*

- ➔ *Environment Agency - England and Wales,*
- ➔ *UK River Restoration Centre (RRC),*
- ➔ *Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE),*
- ➔ *Italian River Restoration Centre (CIRF),*
- ➔ *Dutch Gov't Service for Land and Water Management*
- ➔ *Wetlands International*
- ➔ *NIHWM - Romania*

*The project works closely with European Centre for River Restoration.*



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# RESTORE 21 countries

## *Regional Leads*

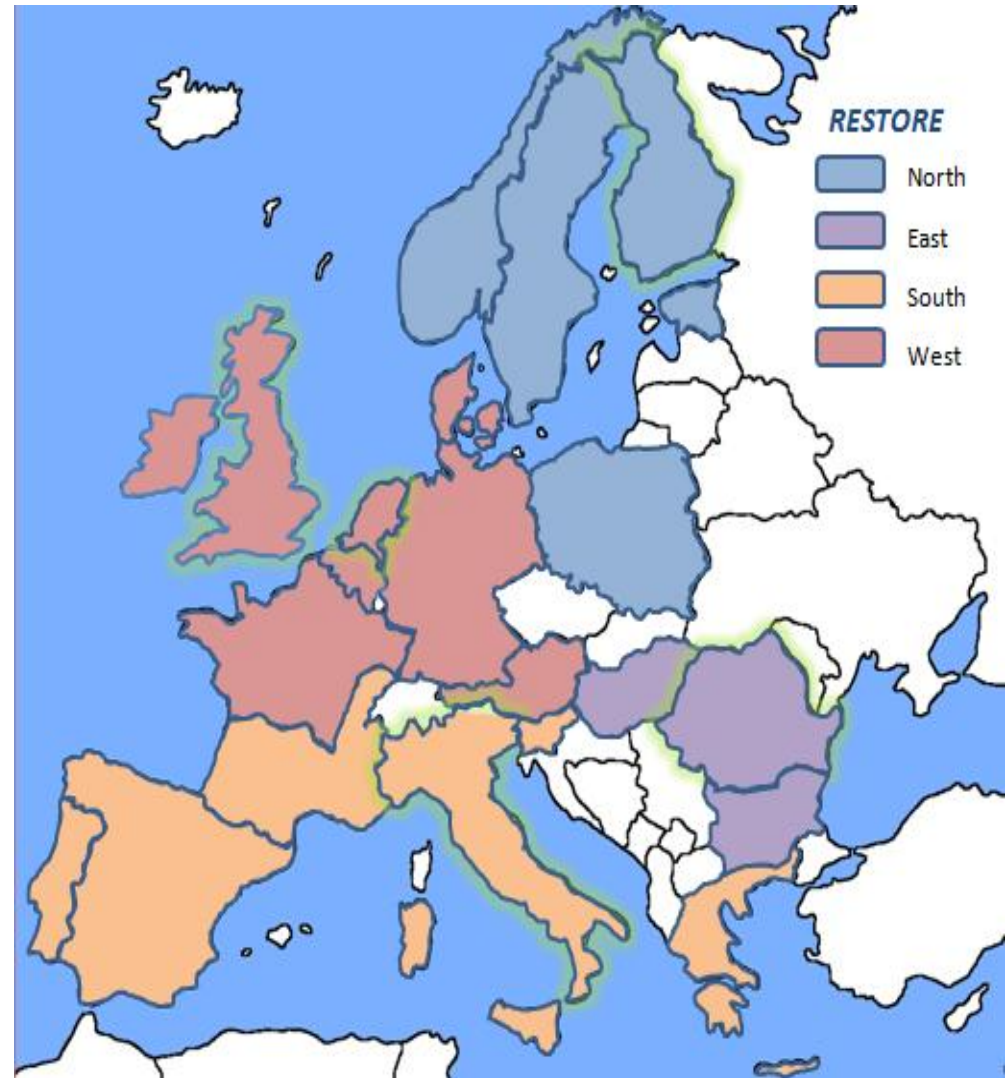
N – Finland (SYKE),

E – Netherlands/ Romania  
(DLG),

S – Italy (CIRF),

W – UK (RRC).

Remaining countries via wider  
media & communication



# RESTORE – restoring Europe's rivers

- ➔ *Towards a more natural physical state.*
- ➔ *To help deliver benefits for flood risk reduction, water quality improvements, social and economic benefits and ecological improvements.*
- ➔ *Within a catchment management and ecosystem context.*





# The Aspiration



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**Natural  
structure**

**Full of native wildlife**

**Sufficient water flow**

**Water low in pollution**



# Chinbrook Meadows, Lewisham, London









# Stage1: Information collection

- ➔ Drivers
- ➔ Barriers
- ➔ Policies (EU, Basin, National, Regional)
- ➔ Existing networks
- ➔ Main audience
- ➔ Projects and best practice
- ➔ What is needed in different countries



# ***RESTORE* common themes**

➔ **Costs and benefits**

➔ **What do we mean by River Restoration?**

➔ **Drivers through Directives**

➔ **People and communities**

## **Regional issues and concerns**

### **East**

➔ Access to funds/ information, few networks, promote understanding.

### **South**

➔ Little progress outside France, issues of ephemeral rivers, water quality, bioengineering vs RR.

### **West**

➔ Needs more evidence, guidance, political and planning buy-in.

### **North**

➔ Fisheries and hydropower drivers, mixed levels of networks in operation.



# Stage 2. Engagement

- Building networks: Policy makers, river basin managers and practitioners .
- Identify what is needed.
- How can RESTORE help?



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- Through events and a range of media coverage options.



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# Stage 3.

## Knowledge Transfer

- **RESTORE** WIKI tool for projects
- A handbook
- Greater confidence in implementation
- Hub for restoration information



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# This Workshop

- ➔ What is your understanding of river restoration?
- ➔ Do you think that River Restoration can support your river management work?
- ➔ If yes, how?
- ➔ If no, is this because you need more information on the linkages between river restoration benefits for your core area of business?

