



EU LIFE+ Information & Communication RESTORE Project

Rivers: Engaging, Supporting and Transferring knOwledge for Restoration in Europe

Engagement Event



Workshop Theme:

How can local, regional and national policy help deliver catchment and land use planning, river restoration implementation and support the role of river basin to ensure that EU land and Water Framework Directive targets are met?

Invited audience:

Director-level, government agency and ministry policy makers and river basin managers

Date and location:

29th November 2011, **Holiday Inn Express, Canal de la Villette, Paris, France**

Workshop objectives:

- Explore current **policies** and identify gaps and obstacles that prevent efficient delivery of land and water targets for the different countries. Discussion of policy success, how these have been implemented and evaluate if lessons are transferable.
- Discuss the issues related to **stakeholders' engagement** in catchment and land use planning and how these can be implemented successfully into the next phases of the Water Framework Directive and other EU Directives.
- What are the new **funding mechanisms** for delivering catchment plans for ecological and economic gain?

The RESTORE website, launched in early November, is - <http://www.restoreivers.eu>

RESTORE West Region Project Partners



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Start	End	
29 th November 2011, Holiday Inn Express, Canal de la Villette, Paris, France		
Agenda		
10:30	10:50	Registration and Coffee
10:50	11:10	How RESTORE aims to aid implementation of River Restoration in Western Europe <i>Antonia Scarr – RESTORE Project Manager, England and Wales Environment Agency</i>
11:10	11:20	Workshop aspirations: How does current policy enable delivery of River Restoration? Identification of the gaps/obstacles to achieve implementation - key elements for discussion, outputs and future direction <i>Jenny Mant – RESTORE West Region Lead/ Workshop Facilitator, River Restoration Centre</i>
11:20	11:30	Discussion
SESSION 1 – REVIEW OF WATER & RIVER RESTORATION RELATED POLICY IN EUROPE <i>Background reading: RESTORE - Policy Review Summary (2011) in workshop</i>		
11:30	12:00	Stakeholder engagement and land use planning in the context of European and National policy (20 minute presentation and 10 minute open discussion) <i>Ian Barker, Head of Land and Water, England and Wales Environment Agency</i>
12:00	12:25	Short break
12:25	12:40	European policy – implementing the next phase of WFD (5 minute presentation) <i>Thierry Davy, Representative for the French Water Agencies</i> 10 minute focused discussion: How successful is European policy helping to deliver river restoration? What is working well, what could be improved and what mechanisms could be employed to achieve any necessary amendments?
12:40	12:55	National policy implementation to achieve river restoration (5 minute presentation) <i>Joyce Carr, Head of Water Policy Team, Scottish Government</i> 10 minute focused discussion: What policy approaches at the national level are helping to achieve river restoration for WFD? Which are working well, and what can be improved?
12:55	13:10	Stakeholder engagement to deliver river basin plans (5 minute presentation) <i>Klaas-Jan Douben, Senior Strategic Advisor Water Management, Regional Water Authority Brabantse Delta, Netherlands</i> 10 minute focused discussion: What is being done to improve stakeholder engagement in the delivery of river basin management plans?
13:10	14:10	Lunch
14:10	14:20	Review of Session 1 <i>Conveners: Antonia Scarr (Environment Agency), and Jenny Mant (River Restoration Centre)</i>
14:20	14:35	'Espace de liberte' (Making space for water) and its implementation <i>Stephanie Hudin, Scientific project manager, Fédération des Conservatoires d'espaces</i>



		<i>Naturels (ENF), France</i>
14:35	14:45	Questions
SESSION 2 – FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR DELIVERING CATCHMENT PLANS AT THE LOCAL SCALE		
14:45	15:20	<p>New funding mechanisms for delivering catchment plans at the local scale: paying for ecological benefit (20 minute presentation) <i>Laurence Couldrick, Head of Catchment Management, West County Rivers Trust</i></p> <p>15 minute focused discussion: For different countries - what are the mechanisms for delivering catchment plans that demonstrate ecological and economic gain (e.g. funding strands) and how are these to be administered?</p>
15:20	15:25	Short break
SESSION 3 – LAND USE PLANNING AND POLICY		
15:25	16:00	<p>Outputs of the World Water Forum (6): Land use planning and policy (20 minute presentation) <i>Bart Fokkens, Chairman for the European Centre for River Restoration (ECRR) and Wetlands International, Netherlands</i></p> <p>15 minute focused discussion: What other models exist across Europe to engage stakeholders in catchment and land use planning?</p>
16:00	16:30	Tea and Coffee Break
16:30	16:40	<p>Review of Session 2 and 3 <i>Conveners: Antonia Scarr (Environment Agency), and Jenny Mant (River Restoration Centre)</i></p>
17:20	17:30	Workshop closing discussion and Feedback
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