

Restoring Europe's Rivers

RESTORE WORKSHOP

SHARING RIVER RESTORATION KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN EUROPE

PRESS RELEASE

The National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management (NIHWM) participates, in the period 2011-2013, as subcontractant of DLG - Government Service for Land and Water Management (The Netherlands), in the framework of the *RESTORE Project (Rivers: Engaging, Supporting and Transferring knOWledge for Restoration in Europe)* application no. LIFE09 INF/UK/000032.

RESTORE Project has as objective the development and dissemination of the best good practices in Europe, regarding the river restoration.

The main objectives of the project are:

- Promotion of an effectiveness knowledge in river restoration field;
- Dissemination of the best good practices on river restoration.

The project leader is The Environment Agency from Great Britain. Syke (Finland), CIRF (Italy), RRC (UK) and DLG (The Netherlands) coordinate the regional activities of the project as follows: Syke – North region, CIRF- South region, RRC – West region and DLG - Central and East Region. NIHWM, as subcontractant of DLG, participates to the afferent activities of the Central and East Region.

In the period 9 -11 May 2012, will take place in Iasi, Romania, the International Workshop „**Sharing River Restoration Knowledge and Experience in Europe**” organized by the National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management with the support of the Service for Land and Water Management - DLG, (The Netherlands).

During the Workshop will be presented papers regarding the best practice on river restoration in Europe from UK, The Netherlands, Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary .

A Round Table – **How can RESTORE help to share experience in different areas of Europe and especially in the Eastern European Region** will take place, occasion for the participants to share and discuss about experience in their countries in river restoration field.

Experts from The Netherlands and Austria will sustain a *Training Session* on river habitat and geomorphology :

- Morphological challenges – *Mr. ir. Hendrik Havinga, Ass. Professor Delft University*

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- Restoration measures at Austrian-Slovakian border section of river Morava: concepts, experience and outlook. – *Mr. Albert Schwingshandl - Consulting engineer for water management and environmental engineering, RIOCOM – Austria*

Through the participation of 26 specialists from 5 countries from Europe and, the presentations of some study – cases of RR projects in UK, Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania and the debates which will take place a very fruitful experience exchange will be realized between the participants.