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Restoring Europe’s Rivers
Better Rivers...WFD GEP & Renewables
Better Rivers... Societal Benefit and Flood Risk Reduction
1. Creation of backwater, wetland and public walkway (downstream off map)
2. Weir structure removed
3. River enhancement works
4. Historic mill
5. Section of channel re-meandered
6. Broad crested weir

- Access to nature
- Aesthetics improvements
- Increase house prices
- Improved habitat and fish
Better Rivers… People, Nature, Floods, Water and Sediment Quality
Key Policy - Related findings from RESTORE
Better Rivers call for...

- **Collation of evidence to demonstrate directives achievement** (wiser, REFORM, Restore)
- **Economic assessment** (tools and research there but not delivering what is needed... why?)
Better Rivers call for…

Greater European level policy integration that takes account of catchment processes (natural/anthropogenic)

e.g. Defra UK water quality division = announcement of next phase catchment approach pilots but what else?

Better alignment of sustainable energy and ‘conservation’ policies. How?

Better links between land and water management

Climate change mitigation/adaptation guidelines that account for rivers

Distribution of EU rural funds (e.g. new CAP). Guidance to member states to ensure best use of the ‘greening’?