



European
River Restoration
Conference
Featuring the IRF Riverprize

Connecting River Restoration Thinking to Innovative River Management
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Conference Declaration

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6th ERRC Conference & SEE River Project Event

- **Content**

- **Themes:** urban resilience, sustainable land use, hydropower, hydro-morphological continuity, fish migration, and ecological & economical benefits
- **Practical aspects:** effectiveness, capacity, finance, policy and research

- **Demonstrated progress**

Much knowledge & demonstration gained

Many gaps remain

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES/INSTRUMENTS

- Green Infrastructure
- Natural Water Retention Measures
- Contemporary River Corridor Management
- River Basin Restoration Practices

Contribute to holistic approach: natural processes, ecosystem services & multiple benefits, socio-economy

CROSS-CUTTING PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

- **Known & new pressures**

Underestimated & unexpected; food, energy, CC

- **Need for cross-cutting considerations:**

Transboundary (countries & basins)

Sectors & themes

Policy & legislation

Public participation & stakeholder involvement

Address general pressures with local measures

THE PLANNING FRAMEWORK

WFD 2nd River Basin Management Plans

- Through stakeholder participation & awareness raising, public involvement
- Towards practical, tangible, factual & valued results
- Cross-sectoral planning

Vision – Ambition – Tangible results

SOCIETAL CHOICES

“Success” determined by people

- Ownership, language, incentives, transparent, pro-active
- Planning & implementation for impact
- Socio-economic development framework

Leadership – courage - cooperation

Public Participation & Stakeholder Involvement

INNOVATION

Linkage: River Restoration approaches to integrated river basin management

•Principles

- Public
- Cross-sectoral

•Policies: integrated

•Practices: on-the-ground