



Restoring Europe's Rivers

PRESS RELEASE

On 8 November 2012, the International Workshop „**River Restoration – an important activity in water management field**” will take place in Ruse, Bulgaria, organized by the National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management with the support of the Service for Land and Water Management - DLG (The Netherlands), and the Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water - Ruse, Bulgaria.

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.

The RESTORE project objectives are:

- Objective 1: Support river restoration practices across Europe
- Objective 2: Build up existing river restoration network capacity
- Objective 3: Promote effective river restoration knowledge transfer
- Objective 4: Establish long term RR knowledge sharing - after life+
- Objective 5: Effective project management and monitoring.

The project leader is The Environment Agency from England and Wales. Syke (Finland), CIRF (Italy), River Restoration Center (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 (covering Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary).

One of the 36 events of the RESTORE project is the International Workshop „**River Restoration – an important activity in water management field**”. During the workshop, a Round Table – **Strategies to reach policymakers in East European Region** will take place. In addition, the experience within *The Meander Project* in Croatia presented by Ms. Dagmar Surmanovic and Ms. Marija Sikoronja from Croatia Waters Institute will be shared. Mr. W.P.C. Zeeman and Ms. Caroline Schrandt from DLG – The Netherlands will moderate the Round Table.

The representatives from Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary will deliver presentations concerning the organization of River Restoration within European Center for River Restoration, in their countries.