Dissemination & Communication Activities in REFORM

Picture: 2nd All Partners Meeting – Sept 2012

Brandon Goeller, Ecologic Institute
Meeting Across the River

...from Science to Impact!

Natural processes

WP 1 Meta-analysis

WP 2 Hydromorphological and ecological processes and interactions

WP 3 Effects of hydromorphological changes on rivers and floodplain ecosystems

WP 4 Effects of river restoration

WP 5 Restoration potential and strategy

WP 6 Applications and tools

WP 7 Knowledge dissemination and stakeholders participation

WP 8 Consortium coordination and management

Enlarge appreciation for the benefits of restoration
Partners in Work Package 7

- Deltares
- eco logic
- European Commission
- ISPRA
- CEDEX
- University of Hull
- Government Service for Land and Water Management
Increasing Restoration Visibility & Awareness

- Disseminate & support the uptake of project outputs to selected target audience

- Engage with practitioners & relevant stakeholders in the development & application of tools delivered by the project

- Provide policy-relevant documentation & advise policy makers & practitioners on cost-effective & sustainable restoration measures
A “living document” allows for flexibility & adaptation

- Defines overarching communication & dissemination objectives
- Outlines the objectives & tools for dissemination
- Development of REFORM key messages
Interacting with End-users

Target groups
- Policy makers, practitioners, experts, scientists

Standard methods
- Website, Newsletters (2/yr), Policy Briefs (3), Policy Discussion Papers (3)

Advanced methods
- WIKI linking theory to practice
- Close cooperation with WG ECOSTAT (WFD Implementation)

Events
- Stakeholder workshop (Feb 2013)
- Local workshops in CS catchments (tbd)
- Summer school (2015)
- Final conference (2015)
REFORM in a nutshell

Rutor River - Italy

A proglacial confined reach of the Rutor river (Valle D'Aosta, Italy) exhibiting a pronounced braided pattern. Such aquatic environments are naturally extremely dynamic and characterized by low biodiversity.

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Deltaries
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# Website Visitors June 2012-2013

- Website launch
- Newsletter No.1
- Stakeholder Workshop - registration opens
- Newsletter No.2 + Leaflets
- Stakeholder Workshop
New knowledge and tools to support river restoration

Restoring river ecosystems across Europe. REFORM will address the challenges in reaching the ecological objectives for rivers set forth in the EU Water Framework Directive. It is a four-year integrated research project (2011-2015).

Many European rivers have been regulated to support flood protection, navigation, freshwater supply, and hydropower production. Insufficient knowledge is available about the ecological impacts of these hydromorphological modifications including about whether they can be effectively reversed or mitigated.

Understanding the causes and consequences of degradation and improving restoration
1. REFORM will improve existing tools and develop new ones to make restoration and mitigation measures more successful and cost-effective.
2. It will improve and develop procedures to monitor the biological responses to hydromorphological changes with greater precision and sensitivity.
3. It will provide information through a restoration WIKI.
4. First results will be available early 2013 to support the formulation of the Programmes of Measures for the second round of RBMPs.

http://www.reformrivers.eu/results/deliverables
Bi-annual Newsletters

REFORM newsletter No 3 - June 2013

1. Welcome editorial by the REFORM Coordinator
   REFORM Coordinator Tom Buijs briefly introduces the contents of
   the third newsletter of the project. 
   Read more

2. REFORM Stakeholder Workshop on River Restoration, Brussels
   On 26–27 February 2013, the REFORM project organised a
   technical and interactive Stakeholder Workshop on River
   Restoration in Brussels. The REFORM stakeholder workshop
   provided a very good model of early two-way communication
   between an EU research project and water managers.
   Read more

3. Multi-purpose river restoration, An interview with Huib J. de
   Vriend
   Prof. Huib de Vriend, director of the EcoShape Foundation, shares
   his views on multi-purpose river restoration, the re-establishment
   of the natural dynamics of river systems and the need of a
   large-scale perspective to river restoration.
   Read more

4. Eco-hydmoromorphological restoration in the first River Basin
   Management Plans
   This article details the results of a comparative analysis of the
   Member States’ River Basin Management Plans, the Programmes
   of Measures and already implemented restoration projects. The
   analysis provides new insights on the types of planned
   hydromorphological measures bearing in mind existing relevant
   knowledge, knowledge gaps, and potential ecological effects.
   Read more

http://www.reformrivers.eu/newsletters
Published in July 2013

Summarises key lessons learned in the first phase of REFORM

Features:

- A review of hydromorphological assessment methods
- The development of a spatially hierarchical framework to assess hydromorphology in rivers
- The establishment of thresholds for limiting factors (e.g., current velocity) to guide river rehabilitation work
REFORM Stakeholder Workshop

26-27 February 2013, Brussels

Aim: Consultation and exchange between REFORM scientists, European technical experts on RR and members of WG ECOSTAT

110 participants: ECOSTAT (MS), Flood WG, NGOs, RR networks, user stakeholders, EC, REFORM partners

13 speakers: REFORM partners, ECOSTAT, EEA, DG ENV, CIS SPI activity, Life+ RESTORE project, WISER
Promoting stakeholder interaction and fostering continuity through the facilitation of online channels
Meeting Across the River

...see you on the other side!
Thank you for your attention

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LARGE SCALE INTEGRATING PROJECT

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