



## European River Symposium 2016; March 2 - 3/4, Vienna.

### Rivers in Europe; Best Practices of River Basin Management.

### Date Change!

To fix the European River Symposium for the long term in the annual European calendar of river events and coordinate better with IRF's International River Symposium and International Riverprize gala event, which are held in September, the **European River Symposium, including the European Riverprize gala event at the Vienna City Hall, has been rescheduled to 2 – 3/4 March 2016.**

#### Partnerships for Rivers

The European River Symposium 2016, organised in partnership by a core group of organisations supporting best practices in river basin management, is an unique opportunity to celebrate rivers, to meet with river stakeholders from many countries and sectors, and to learn about challenges and opportunities on rivers across Europe. The 2016 River Symposium will include the European RiverPrize gala at the Vienna City Hall, at which the 2016 IRF European Riverprize winner will be announced.

Building on successful programs in previous editions, the 2016 River Symposium will include keynote presentations, lecture sessions, panel discussions, videos and optional field excursions. New to this year's symposium is a focus on key sector partners using rivers including navigation, hydropower and tourism. Economics and business of water in combination with supply chain, in company and marketing water issues will be discussed for developing processes and principles for best practices of river basin management.

Designed to attract a diverse audience, the River Symposium addresses issues that are relevant to people working in government, river authorities, NGO's, research institutions and the private sector, offering an unusual opportunity for cross-sectoral discussion and engagement.

#### 2016 European River Symposium theme and program

##### *Rivers in Europe: Best Practices in River Basin Management*

#### Monday 2 March

**Focus:** Rivers in Europe

**Afternoon:** *Best Practices in River Basin Management; Partnerships for rivers Outcomes, trends, opportunities, introduction of RiverPrize finalists*

**Evening:** *Sector meetings, Danube River Cruise, RiverPrize Alumni Event*

#### Tuesday 3 March

**Focus:** Basin Planning; Partnerships for Rivers.

**Day:** *Growing Demand, Competing Uses, Functional Rivers; Navigation, Tourism, Hydropower, Utilities, Restoration, Floodprotection*

**Evening:** *RiverPrize Gala dinner  
Optional tour of Vienna's historic City Hall, Cocktails, Dinner  
European RiverPrize awarding, demonstrations of the Viennese Waltz*

#### Wednesday 4 March

**Day:** *Optional Field Excursion(s)*

#### Partners



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