

# EUROPEAN RIVER SYMPOSIUM

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Side Event 1

## *ECRR's Overall Strategy Development and Revival of the European River Restoration Community of Practitioners*

Organized by:

**European Centre For River Restoration (ECRR)**







# ECRR

River restoration returns resilient  
river ecosystems that can better  
serve all who are dependent on  
healthy freshwater

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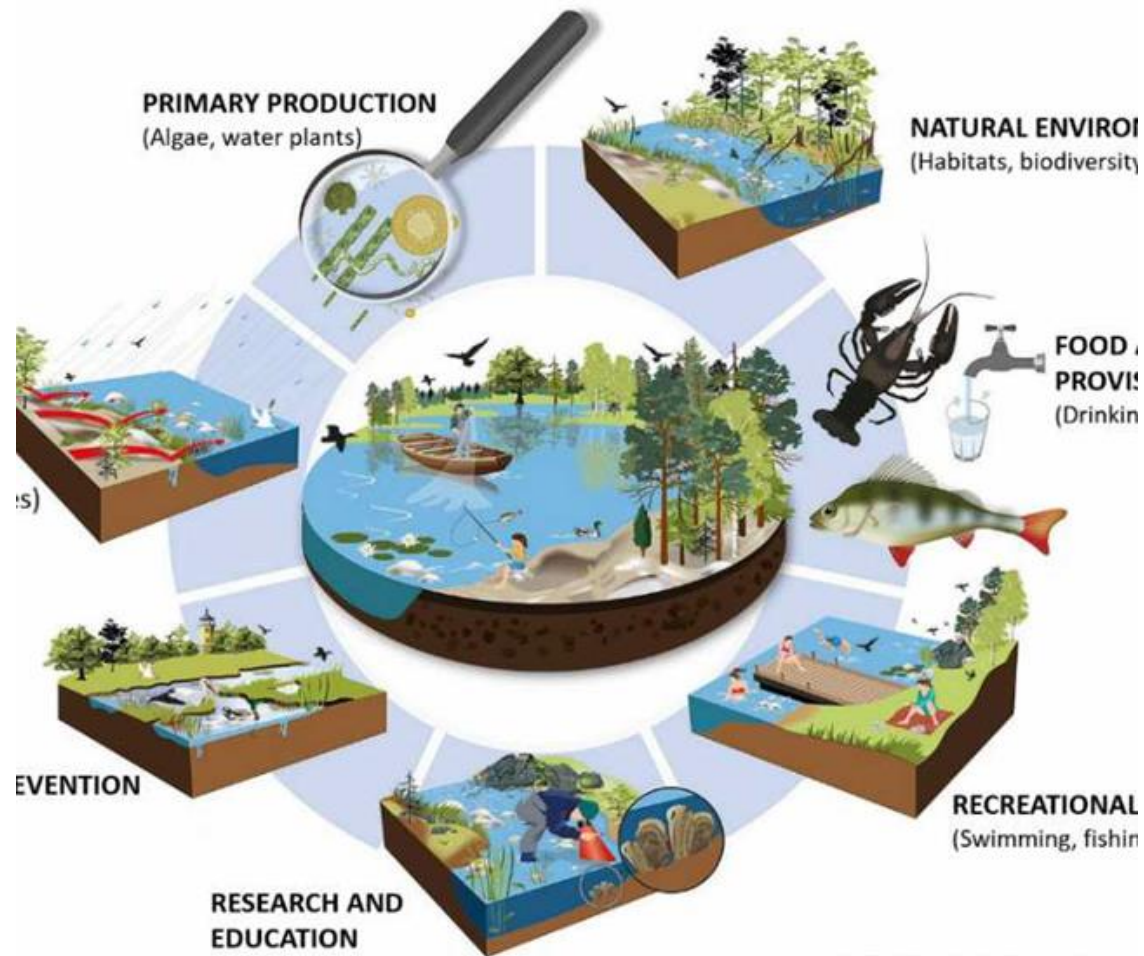


## ECRR - Association with 15 Member Organisations

- To encourage and support ecological river restoration throughout greater Europe
- An independent association, free to voice its opinions, irrespective of the interest of partners and supporters



## 2021 – 2030 THE UN DECADE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION



A word cloud visualization of terms related to river restoration and networks. The most prominent words are "restoration", "European", "knowledge", "network", "rivers", "river", "interesting", "information", "good", "practices", "connecting", "resilience", "original", "reachkey", "motivating", "focused", "essential", "reference", "point", "reliable", "experience", "demonstrative", "conferences", "literature", "credible", "pathfinder", "new", "info", "design", "compilation", "noteworthy", "Rivers", "ecosystems", "long", "potential", "invaluable", "Restoration", "careful", "integrated", "undefined", "People", "ve", "constant", "saving", "Network".

## Restoring natural functioning of rivers & catchments

Integrating land  
and water  
management  
measures

A framework for sustainable multi-functional use

EU Directives are drivers for river restoration progress

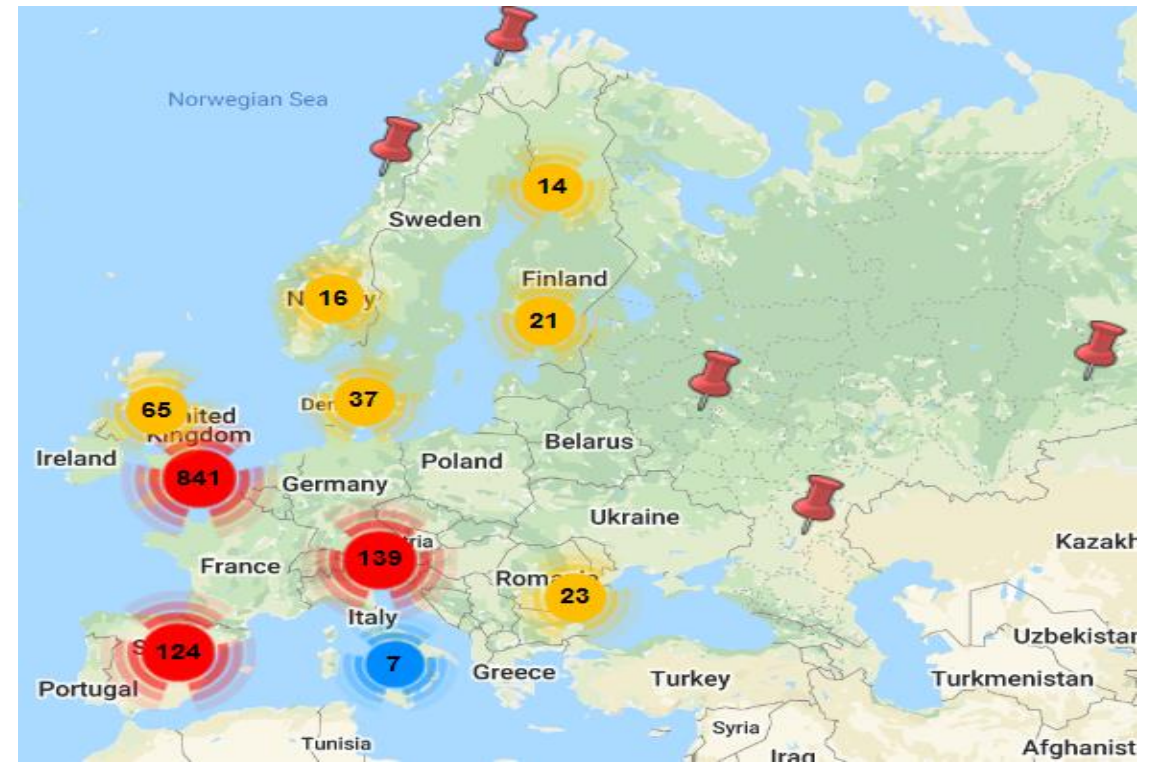
Go further than just implementing Directives



## ECRR Network:

- Promotes restoring river processes and builds capacity across countries
- Connecting and encouraging people and organisations working on river restoration and management
- Supporting the development and sharing of best practice for river restoration and management
- Exchanging information, resources and knowledge on river restoration

*e.g. RiverWiki: EU+ case studies*



## ECRR's submission to the EC's WFD Fitness Check

- Improvements can be made by the national governments
- Integrated programme approach to river continuity restoration

## ECRR Statement on the EC Biodiversity Strategy 2030

- ECRR will support the European Commission and the Member States in achieving the target of 25,000 km of restored free flowing rivers





# AUTUMN 2020 Pan – European River Continuity Policy and Planning Survey

## QUESTIONNAIRE

- Recognition & importance of river continuity in current national policies
- What potential for river continuity river restoration in each country?
- Using Amber Barrier Atlas country-specific information
- Biodiversity Strategy 2030 ambition?
- Opinions on the importance of, and support for, river continuity restoration



**Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)**




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A pan-European survey  
to strengthen and improve policies and strategic  
planning regarding river continuity restoration







25-5-2021

## River Restoration *Community of Practice (CoP)*

- ECRR is an Association with 15 organization members
- ECRR is a Network with c. 1,500 contacts (individuals & organisations)
- Community of Practice links the river restoration practitioners within the network

ECRR Strategy and Networking Event.





Thank you for your attention and support!



**ECRR has chosen river continuity restoration as a guiding theme for its current plans and supporting activities**