

A National River Restoration Centre in France



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Following a one day seminar in December 2015 in Paris, the need has been recognized by local river restoration practitioners attending the seminar, to create a National Center for River Restoration in France. The River Restoration Centre (RRC), the Italian Centre for River Restoration (CIRF), and the Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE) all shared their support and their experiences of what role their organisations play in key areas of policy, practice and supporting their own national networks of individuals committed to integrated management of our river systems. France already has a wealth of experience and information nationally, regionally and locally, but the ideal is to exchange this better and provide guidance and support to those less experienced, with the support of other approaches in other countries



National Seminar to create a French National River Restoration Centre

The aim of this centre is to promote river restoration benefits, raise awareness, facilitate information sharing between practitioners and to help river restoration uptake.

You can find out more about the one day event held in 2015: <http://www.onema.fr/journee-d-echanges-CNRR>

France will soon announce the creation of its National Centre for River Restoration and apply to join the ECRR network. The centre will be led by Onema (French National Agency for Water and Aquatic Environments) soon called Agence Française pour la Biodiversité (French Agency for Biodiversity) with the 6 water agencies at the Ministry of Ecology.

The next step is to raise the profile of the National Centre for River Restoration and communicate on its role and mission and build up the national network with regional relays and international contacts.

Practical information is already accessible about river restoration in France, in English language, at the Onema web site: English: <http://www.river-restoration.onema.fr/> French: <http://www.onema.fr/rubrique/preserver-et-restaurer-l-hydromorphologie-et-la-continuite-des-cours-d-eau>

In these pages , you can find information about:

- who is involved in France in river management,
- practical information and technical guides on river restoration related subject,
- case studies,
- information about the upcoming French National River Restoration Center.