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Future RESTORE event: 27th February 2013, Brussels

SEMINAR Rivers

27th February 2013

12:30 - 14:00

Brussels

A free RESTORE lunchtime seminar will be held on **27th February** at the Hotel Silken Berlaymont, Boulevard Charlemagne 11- 19, B-1000 **BRUSSELS** –

<http://www.hoteles-silken.com/hotel-berlaymont-brussels/en>.

There will be an opportunity to network from **12:30** with talks between **13:00** and **14:00**.

Speakers:

- Toni Scarr, Project Manager, **RESTORE**
- Martin Janes, Managing Director, **UK River Restoration Centre**
- Yves Herbert, partner and principal designer at **Joining Nature and Cities**
- Renaud Bocquet – Leefmilieu Brussel - BIM / **Bruxelles Environnement (to be confirmed)**

Rivers provide many services and restoration can significantly increase those provided by a **healthy ecosystem**. These services, which should be recognised by decision makers, include flood management, groundwater recharge, pollution control, recreational opportunities and regeneration due to the increasing demand for more natural surroundings.

This lunchtime talk, sponsored by **EU Life+ RESTORE partnership**, will examine how Europe is working to reconnect our river channels with their natural floodplains, and look at the role that **urban regeneration and development** is playing in helping to deliver river restoration projects.

The seminar follows an event by the European project **REFORM**

For more information please visit our [website](#)

This event is free, but please register, as places are limited: restore@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Update on Italy

CIRF, the Italian Centre for River Restoration, has recently organised 2 successful events in Bolzano, Italy as part of the 2nd Italian Conference on river restoration:

Seminar: river restoration in the European River Basin Management Plans, 5th November 2012



A **RESTORE seminar** on 'River Restoration in European River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs)' was attended by more than 120 experts including representatives from river basin authorities, planning and management, and the European Commission DG Environment attended the event.

The seminar looked at how **river restoration measures**, as part of RBMPs, **can help achieve WFD targets**, with a special focus on Southern European and Alpine countries.

Invited speakers presented positive examples of RBMPs including river restoration measures and tried to identify the main barriers (technical, economic and political) which are stopping their adoption in RBMPs.

Workshop: Estimating and monitoring the effects of restoration measures, 5th November 2012

This workshop looked at the state of current knowledge, available tools and research needs in the areas of i) ecological effects of river restoration and ii) the use of models to product the effects of river restoration measures.

The event was carried out in collaboration with representatives of several recently completed WaterDiss projects. Waterdiss enables the results of EU funded research on water to be shared, in order to speed up its transfer and application by policy makers and water managers.

Speakers at the workshop presented the main results of their projects as well as appraising the most up to date methods of evaluating river restoration benefits such as flood risk mitigation and other ecosystem services.

The workshop was held as part of the [FP7](#) project WaterDiss 2.0 (www.waterdiss.eu). FP7 is a European project aimed at strengthening the scientific and technological basis of European industry.

The presentations of the seminar and workshop are now available on the [CIRF webpage](#)

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