



Restoring Europe's Rivers

RESTORE Bulletin

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Brussels seminar video now available

The video presentations from last month's RESTORE lunchtime seminar in Brussels are now available on our website.

A lunchtime talk on 27 February examined how Europe is working to reconnect river channels with their natural floodplains. Project manager Toni Scarr kicked off the event with an overview of RESTORE and introduced two case studies from Belgium and Northern France.

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Joining Nature & Cities, Lille, picture copyright Jnc INTERNATIONAL

Yves Hubert, principal designer at Joining Nature and Cities, profiled a site near Lille that was formerly a de-watering ditch. Thanks to 'The Tortoise' project that re-profiled the river, a host of benefits has been realised.

Katia Nagels of the Agency for Nature and Forests discussed cross-border collaboration on the Meuse, aiming to restore natural river

processes in Belgium and the Netherlands. [Watch the presentations.](#)

REFORM stakeholder workshop

[REFORM](#) (REstoring rivers FOR effective catchment Management) is an integrated research project that aims to improve existing river restoration tools and develop new ones to increase the success and cost-effectiveness of restoration measures. REFORM recently hosted a stakeholder workshop in Brussels.

The first results of REFORM were presented, along with feedback and consultation between scientists and technical experts.

Peter Kristensen from the European Environment Agency told us that countries generally have a good understanding of the pressures impacting their rivers and estuaries. However we need more work to improve our rivers as more than half of them are in less than 'good status' as defined by the Water Framework Directive. He highlighted that physical changes have lead to altered habitats and degraded ecosystems.

Presentations featured information on the different types of rivers and pressures across Europe. [View the presentations here](#)

Key Conference dates approaching

5th European River Restoration Conference



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Submissions for the [5th European River Restoration Conference](#), being organised by RESTORE and the European River Restoration Centre, are being accepted until 15th April.

There are still a few weeks left to submit your submissions for conference presentations and posters. We are receiving strong interest, but also want to encourage more. If you are considering a submission, here are a few tips and tricks:

- We encourage submissions (such as case studies and presentations that cover topics from policy to monitoring) that link to our [eleven conference themes](#), and inspire 'how to do'.
- Don't view strict adherence to the themes as a barrier to making a submission.
- Be imaginative - instead of PowerPoint why not a [short film](#) or maybe try a Vox Pop (short interviews) to incorporate views from outside the conference.
- Sessions will have different formats, so propose submissions that include discussion or interaction with the audience.
- We are also happy to receive more traditional presentations.
- In your submission please include a title and short description of the topic and format of the presentation (250 words approximately).
- When drafting a submission, consider the key challenges; your main messages; the aspects of your submission you would like to discuss.
- If selected you will need to provide a draft version of the presentation prior to the event. You might also be invited to be the keynote speaker of your session.
- We also welcome poster submission summaries. Posters selected for the conference will need to be printed (maximum 95 x 205 cm). There is a prize for the best posters at the conference!

you have a case study, session or poster proposal that you would like to share with a European audience ?

International River Foundation: European River Prize



The IRF European River prize will

The International River Foundation will award a European river prize for the first time at a gala dinner in Vienna. The deadline for the prize applications is 29th March. [Read more](#)

The prize will be awarded during the 5th European River Restoration Conference. For more information please [click here](#).



[Click here for Application Guidelines](#)

RESTORE events: Dublin and Germany

[The River Restoration Centre](#) is pleased to announce two upcoming RESTORE events now open for booking.

Attendance at both events is free (including lunch and travel between sites) however you will be expected to pay for your accommodation.

Dublin, Republic of Ireland: workshop 9th to 10th April

There will be a workshop in Dublin in April to explore the relationships between EU directives concerned with river restoration. For more information and to book please contact the RRC [click here](#)

Munich, Germany: field visit 22nd to 23rd May

A second event will be a field visit to Germany covering river corridor, habitat connectivity and fish passage sites close to Munich. Amongst the guides will be river restoration experts Walter Binder & Rolf-Jürgen Gebler. For more information and to book please contact the RRC [click here](#)

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