

RIVER RESTORATION EXPERIENCE IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE WITHIN RESTORE PROJECT

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INTRODUCTION

RESTORE (Rives: Engaging, Supporting and Transferring knOwledge for Restoration in Europe) is an EU LIFE + funded project (application no. LIFE09 INF/UK/000032) aimed at supporting existing and future river and floodplain restoration activities across Europe and works closely together with the European Center for River Restoration (ECRR), www.restorerivers.eu. RESTORE represents a partnership for sharing knowledge & promoting best practice on river restoration in Europe.

MAIN RESTORE OBJECTIVES

- Support river restoration practices across Europe;
- Build up existing river restoration network capacity;
- Promote effective river restoration knowledge transfer;
- Establish long term RR knowledge sharing – after life+;
- Effective project management and monitoring.

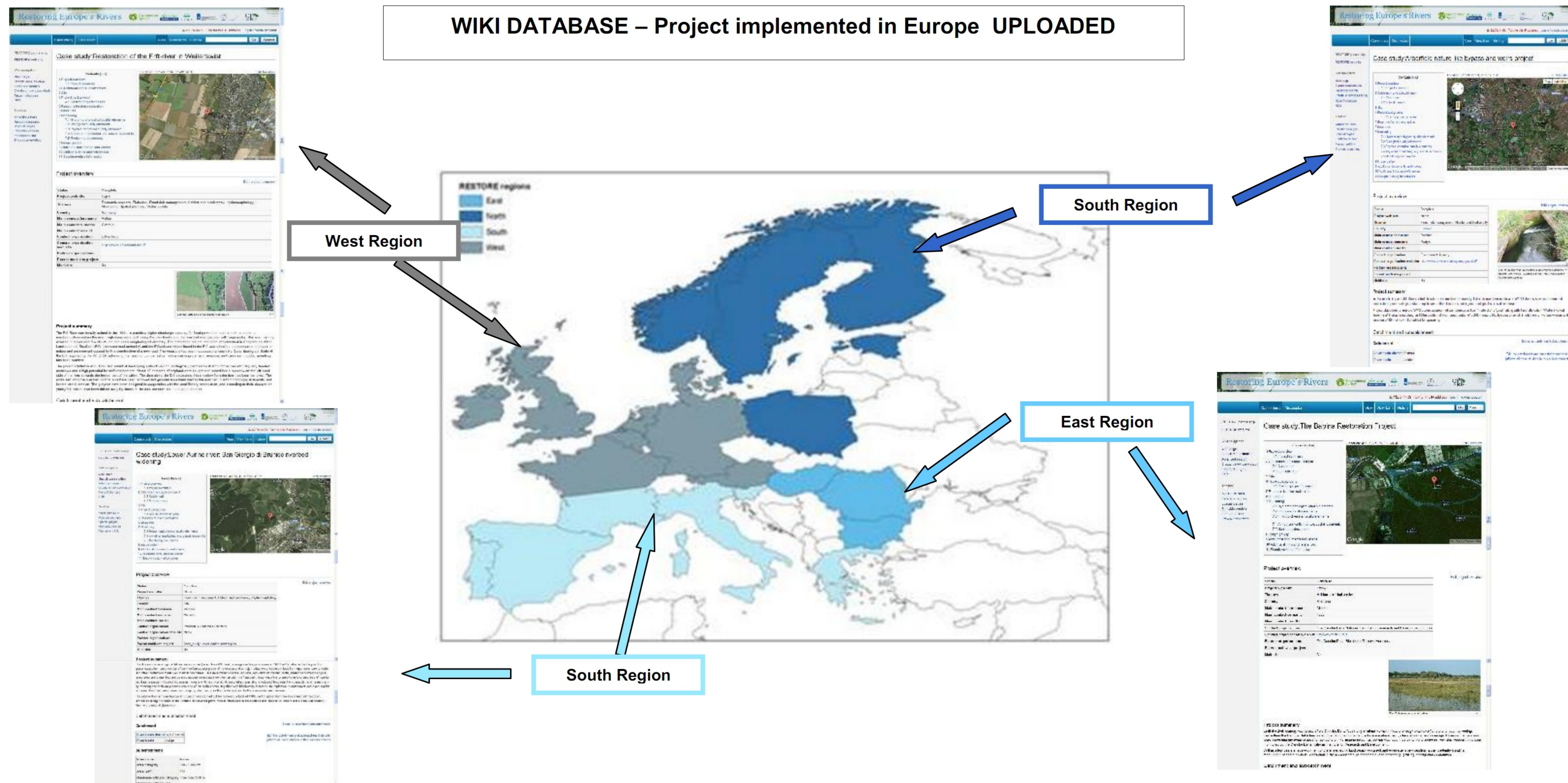
RESTORE PARTNERS

- Environment Agency – England and Wales-**PROJECT LEADER**;
- UK River Restoration Centre (RPC) - coordinator of the activities in the **WEST REGION**;
- Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE) – coordinator of the activities in the **NORTH REGION**;
- Italian River Restoration Centre (CIRF), Coordinator of the activities in the **SOUTH REGION**;
- Dutch Gov't Service for Land and Water Management (DLG) – coordinator of the activities in the **EAST REGION**;
- Wetlands International.

MAIN RESTORE OUTPUTS

- 36 events in over 10 countries;
- 1200 persons engaged through events;
- 500 case studies on the WIKI case studies database;
- International River Restoration Conferences.
- River Restoration Handbook;
- 90.000 web-visits.

WIKI DATABASE – Project implemented in Europe UPLOADED



NIHWM INVOLVEMENT WITHIN THE RESTORE PROJECT

The **National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management** from Romania (**NIHWM**) participated during 2011-2013, as subcontractor of **DLG** - Government Service for Land and Water Management (The Netherlands), in the framework of the RESTORE Project.

NIHWM, as subcontractor of DLG, was involved to the related activities of the Central and Eastern Region (covering Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria).

The main activities, which NIHWM performed are mentioned below:

- Create Regional Communications Plan (covering Romania, Hungary & Bulgaria);
- Review existing EU river restoration project within Central and East Europe;
- Organizing events in Romania and Bulgaria aiming to sharing experience in the river restoration field;
- Populate river restoration – WIKI Database with projects (enter basic and additional information) related to the North, West, South, Central and East European Regions;
- Ensure good quality information of WIKI Database for the East Region;
- Write articles for Restore Monthly Bulletin;
- Disseminate the activities and results of the Restore project within International Conferences and Seminars.

CONCLUSIONS

The RESTORE project is an opportunity:

- To disseminate the best practices in River Restoration field in the European countries;
- To share knowledge and promote best practices through the RESTORE website and River Restoration Wiki Database (500 case studies all over Europe); <http://riverwiki.restorerivers.eu>;
- To find partners to develop future projects.

RESTORE <http://www.restorerivers.eu/>