



# EU LIFE+ Information & Communication RESTORE Project

## Rivers: Engaging, Supporting and Transferring knOWledge for Restoration in Europe

### Engagement Event



#### **Workshop theme:**

### Linking wetland, floodplain and river restoration

#### **Venue and date:**

The 7th Annual Meeting of the SWS European Chapter - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in Aarhus, Denmark

#### **Objectives:**

1. Collect information on the perceived limitations and drivers for river and floodplain restoration across Europe.
2. Identify how to make better links between restoring rivers, floodplains and wetlands. Currently, these restoration activities are often delivered independently, which can result in a conflict of interests.

#### **Outputs:**

These will be used to help develop RESTORE tools and guidance to provide information for a range of end users including river basin managers, policy makers and interested groups for future project delivery and research.

#### **Workshop conveners:**

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### **Agenda:**

The three hour workshop will enable participants to suggest how we can work together more effectively and, through RESTORE ensure that synergy between rivers; wetland and floodplain restoration can be made.

The workshop will comprise a mixture of longer guided discussion periods interspersed with the following presentations:

- Introduction to RESTORE as a tool to communicate, educate and disseminate knowledge about river and floodplain restoration.
- Outline of the workshop: Exploring the concepts of river restoration in the context of wetland and floodplain restoration.
- A case study about linking rivers and floodplains: multiply benefits for wildlife, flood risk and recreation. Outputs and lessons learned.



### **Workshop Part One**

**13.20 – 14.50**

Key questions to be developed:

- How can we have better joined up thinking about wetlands and river restoration?
- What are the main obstacles to achieving this?
- What can be done to help to achieve these linkages?
- Do you have good examples of where river and floodplain projects have had successful multiple benefit outcomes?

### **Discussion presentation:**

Does current policy help us to achieve more joined up thinking in terms of river and floodplain restoration?



### **Workshop Part Two**

**15.20-16.20**

Key questions to be developed:

- What are the high level policies in different countries?
- Do they help in our decision making processes and can we influence these?
- How can the RESTORE project help?

### **Final comments and feedback session:**

Explanation about what you can expect as outputs from this session.