

Restoring Europe's Rivers

Programme

14.00 Coach from Brussels- Midi station to the boat at Temse on the Scheldt River

15.00 Board boat - 2 hour programme of talks, debate and light buffet and refreshments

Project introduction and welcome

Lawrence Talks, Environment Agency and Martin Janes, River Restoration Centre

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1. Delivering policy - short introduction and debate

Discussion facilitated by River Restoration Centre

- *Can river restoration help meet the goals of the Water, Floods and Habitats directives, the Common Agricultural Policy, the EU Water Blueprint and the Green Infrastructure strategy?*
- *Case studies of river restoration initiatives that contribute to those goals.*

Presentation on the Scheldt International River Basin, ScaldWIN project

Ilke Dieltjes, Flemish Environment Agency

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2. Challenges of scale - short introduction and debate

Presentation from International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

Wolfgang Stalzer

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Further discussion facilitated by River Restoration Centre:

- *What has RESTORE learned from river restoration professionals regarding directives?*
- *Is raising awareness sufficient?*
- *How easy is it to implement directives?*
- *What are the challenges to implementation?*
- *What are the tools and capacities needed?*

Better Rivers presentation

Jenny Mant

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3. Taking river restoration forward - short introduction and debate

Discussion facilitated by Wetlands International

- *What comes next?*
- *Are Green Infrastructure and the Blueprint (natural water retention) the right hooks to better integrate river restoration into directives?*

- *What barriers need breaking down?*
- *How do we best do this?*

Response to the way forward

Evdokia Achilleos, European Commission

17.00

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