



Exploring the synergy between EU Directives to achieve best practice river restoration and management

RESTORE Workshop, Dublin 9th - 10th of April 2013



Theme

There are a number of European Directives such as the Birds and Habitats, Floods, Fish and Water Framework Directives which, together with other guidelines, such as the EU Eel regulations are driving river management. However, whilst many of these guidance documents are instrumental in achieving a focus on environmental benefit of rivers, they do not all work entirely in synergy.

Aim:

To bring together **policy makers** and **river basin managers** to explore how a better synergy between the various directives and legislation can help to drive best practice river restoration and management for the benefit of people, species and the wider environment in the context of catchment planning.

Date and location

9th-10th of April 2013, **Dublin City Council, Wood Quay Venue, Dublin, Ireland**



The RESTORE website is - <http://www.restorerivers.eu>



Restoring Europe's Rivers

Life+ Project Code: LIFE09 INF/UK/000032

Start	End	
9 th -10 th 10 th of April 2013, Dublin City Council, Wood Quay Venue, Dublin, Ireland		
PROGRAMME		
Day 1, 9th of April, 9.00-16.30		
09:00	09:30	Registration and Coffee
09:30	09:40	Introduction <i>Jimmy King – Inland Fisheries Ireland</i>
09:40	09:50	RESTORE – communication of best practice of river restoration for a range of objectives <i>Jenny Mant – RRC</i> View
09:50	09:55	Discussion
09:55	10:05	River Restoration– examples in the context of EU Directives <i>Di Hammond – RRC</i> View
10:05	10:10	Discussion
SESSION 1. DIRECTIVES AS DRIVERS FOR SPECIES, Convenor - Di Hammond		
10:10	10:25	Understanding habitat requirements for designated species: the case of the endangered freshwater pearl mussel (FWPM) <i>Áine O'Connor – freshwater ecologist, National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht</i> View
10:25	10:40	Implementing Directives to achieve FWPM protection in a Cross-Border Environment <i>Tony McNally – Donegal Co.Co. and FWPM cross-border project</i> View
10:40	10:55	Discussion
10:55	11:25	Coffee break
SESSION 2. DIRECTIVES AS DRIVERS FOR RESTORATION, convenor – Jenny Mant		
11:25	11:40	The river corridor - room for all: species afloat, on land and in the air <i>Judith Bankhead – Rivers Agency, Northern Ireland</i> View

11:40	11:55	<p>An Irish strategy for river restoration: how it works on the ground <i>Karen Delanty – Fisheries Research Officer, Inland Fisheries Ireland</i></p> <p>View</p>
11:55	12:10	<p>Overcoming Barriers - River Continuity Classification and the WFD in Northern Ireland <i>Jake Gibson – Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Water Management</i></p> <p>View</p>
12:10	12:30	Discussion
12:30	12:50	<p>The Tolka catchment- fulfilling multiple roles: local government perspectives (Afternoon site visit outline) <i>Maryann Harris . Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Dublin CC and Hans Visser . Biodiversity Officer, Fingal Co.Co., Ireland</i></p> <p>View</p>
12:50	13:00	Questions and H&S for the site visit
13:00	14:00	Lunch
14:00	16:30	<p>Site visit to R. Tolka - floodplains, fisheries, constructed wetlands, fish passage <i>Leaders: Maryann Harris . Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Dublin CC and Hans Visser . Biodiversity Officer, Fingal Co.Co., Ireland</i></p>
Day 2, 10th of April, 8.50-16.45		
08:50	09:10	Teas and Coffees
09:10	09:20	<p>Summary of Day 1 <i>(RRC)</i></p>
09:20	09:40	<p>Multifunctional measures for WFD and FD implementation, and links with other policies <i>Evdokia Achilleos . Policy Officer, European Commission</i></p> <p>View</p>
09:40	09:45	Discussion
SESSION 1 - A CASE FOR NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT, <i>convenor - Di Hammond</i>		

09:45	10:00	<p align="center">Floods Directive and flooding policies - an outer envelope for considering river restoration</p> <p align="center"><i>Mark Adamson – Head of Flood Relief and Risk Management Division, Office of Public Works, Ireland</i></p> <p align="center">View</p>
10:00	10:15	<p align="center">Sustainable flood risk management with added benefit</p> <p align="center"><i>Joe Nicholson – Rivers Agency, Northern Ireland</i></p> <p align="center">View</p>
10:15	10:30	<p align="center">Investigating integrated flood relief schemes</p> <p align="center"><i>Tim Joyce – Office of Public Works, Ireland</i></p> <p align="center">View: 1 - 2</p>
10:30	10:45	Discussion
10:45	11:05	Coffee break
SESSION 2 - AN INTEGRATED APPROACH, convenor - Jenny Mant		
11:05	11:20	<p align="center">Planning for the imminent future whilst taking account of WFD, Floods and Habitats Directive requirements</p> <p align="center"><i>Steve Colclough - Colclough & Coates Aquatic Consultants</i></p> <p align="center">View</p>
11:20	11:35	<p align="center">Local community involvement to achieve best practice river restoration and management in the context of the Water Framework Directive</p> <p align="center"><i>Damian Crilly – Programme Manager, Integrated Catchment Management, Environment Agency</i></p> <p align="center">View</p>
11:35	11:50	<p align="center">Linking the Directives and getting things done</p> <p align="center"><i>Ray Earle ERBD - Dublin City Council, Ireland</i></p> <p align="center">View</p>
11:50	12:05	Discussion
SESSION 3 - WORKSHOP: HOW CAN WE IMPROVE ON THE CO-ORDINATED APPROACH		
12:05	12:50	Workshop
12:50	13:10	Feedback
13:10	14:00	Lunch

14:00	16:30	Site visit to River Dodder <i>Leaders: (TBC)</i>
16:30	16:45	Close