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## LIFE NEWS

### An illustrative example of a previous UK LIFE+ project successfully completed and reported in 2014

*Rivers: Engaging, Supporting and Transferring knOWledge on River Restoration (RESTORE)* - including a 'Laymans Report' [River restoration in Europe: the art of the possible](#) - is recommended reading as proposals are developed for 2015, in addition to those on the LIFE Programme portal.

RESTORE ran between 2010 and 2013. It launched with six European partners and the objective of making connections between river restoration professionals in Europe and joining existing national efforts on river restoration. Research carried out prior to RESTORE had shown that the main problem faced by river restoration professionals is often not a lack of expertise but a lack of access to shared experiences and knowledge. To address this issue RESTORE worked to share and promote information on the best and most effective means of carrying out river restoration in Europe.

The final report was submitted March 2014, but the freely available 'Laymans Report' provides links to various portals and sources of information including [European Centre for River Restoration](#) and [RiverWiki](#) - an interactive tool for sharing best practices and lessons learnt for policy makers, practitioners and researchers of river restoration schemes from around Europe! The active database holds 867 river restoration case studies from 31 countries'

'RESTORE's case studies, conference findings and feedback show flood risk management can offer multiple benefits and river restoration should be considered as a priority while balancing competing economic, social and environmental interests. Reconnecting floodplains to the river, and managed realignment in estuaries increases flood capacity in a sustainable way. However, this change in approach is dependent on convincing people, industries, agriculture and businesses that moving from controlling floods to managing the risk is necessary. This is a long term approach requiring the engagement, direction, input and consent of these sectors'

## EVENTS

### Recent training workshops in preparation for the anticipated LIFE 2015 call opening in June

As part of progressing the plans for participation in the anticipated LIFE Programme 2015 call opening 1st June, following on from the concept note evaluation exercise in December [noted in the previous bulletin], 2 Log-Frame training events have been held, [Peterborough 4/5th Feb and York 11/12th March] facilitated by **Martin Davies** (Parides). With 18 and 12 participants respectively, along with Defra associates, the events were part of the targeting the limited support resource in order to focus the project management on the core problem and causes behind the project, to promote proposal development. On Friday 27th March, at Europe House London, a 'LIFE application writing workshop' included participation by 37 attendees, including

presenters and Defra. All the presentations will be uploaded to the Beta Europe portal for wider access by those considering their project proposal developments that were unable to be included in the events.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Other informative ‘theme’ and ‘topic’ related publications have been made available recently on the [Life Portal](#) including..**

The **Best LIFE projects** publications highlights the exceptional achievements of **nature** conservation and restoration and **environment** projects that were completed before the end of 2013, includes ‘best of the best’ project examples. It also provides LIFE-supported **climate change mitigation** examples and a **LIFE and invasive alien species** publication which takes a timely look at one of the greatest threats to Europe's biodiversity, ecosystem services, human health and economic activities. The 76-page LIFE and invasive alien species brochure links the work of LIFE projects with the aims of the new EU Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Regulation. This new brochure examines the lessons learned from the LIFE programme's extensive experience of dealing with the impacts of IAS.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Best wishes for Easter!**

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