

Business as usual

Working with rivers

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Vision for European rivers

Nature-based Solutions are actions to protect, sustainably manage and restore ecosystems. In European rivers they are ...

- addressing societal challenges effectively and adaptively, **benefiting people**
- enhancing ecosystem functions, **benefiting nature**

Small streams and basins

Multiple obsolete and unused weirs fragment European rivers. Their removal will enhance fish mobility, reduce flooding risk, reduce the emission of greenhouse gases and improve habitat quality. It will also reduce the risks faced by people approaching the channels. It is an essential step on the renaturalisation of rivers and riparian areas.

Benefits for both people and nature

- minimised flood risk
- safeguarding natural water needs
- recreation & enjoyment
- drought resilience & carbon storage
- wetland habitats
- biodiversity

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