

CONNECTED RIVERS

International seminar on scaling up dam removal as a river restoration tool in Europe.



Thursday May 19th 2022

- 9:00** Registration
- 10:00** **Welcome speech from President of APA**
President of Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente (Portugal)
- 10:10** **Welcome speech from President of LNEC**
President of LNEC (Portugal)
- 10:20** **Welcome speech from ANP|WWF**
Ángela Morgado (ANP|WWF, Portugal)
- 10:30** **Mainstreaming dam removal as a river restoration tool in the USA**
Amy Singler (TNC / American Rivers, USA)
- 10:55** The power of a movement: scaling up Dam Removal in Europe
Herman Wanningen (WFMF, NL)
- 11:10** Field connection and Live interview
Live from La Roche Qui Boit dam removal, France
- 11:25** **COFFEE-BREAK**
- 11:30** European biodiversity strategy and free flowing rivers target
(TBC, European Commission)
- 11:45** The European Green Deal to the rescue? New policies to recover and protect EU rivers
Paul Brotherton (Wetlands International, Netherlands)
- 12:00** Starting up dam removal in Lithuania and future plans
Jonė Leščinskaitė (Ministry of Environment Lithuania)
- 12:15** San Salvatore Dam: 100 years waiting to be removed
Andrea Goltara (CIRF, Italy)
- 12:30** Q&A
- 12:45** Dam Removal Europe Award Ceremony
- 13:00** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 14:30** **Dam removal implementation from scratch: the secrets behind a success story**
Sampsa Vilhunen (WWF FI, Finland)
- 14:55** Spanish Duero dam removal success, how is it possible? (TBC)
- 15:10** Towards 25,000 km of free-flowing rivers: the MERLIN project for mainstreaming river and wetland restoration in Europe - Sebastian Birk
(Duisburg-Essen University, Germany)
- 15:25** Q&A

- 15:40** **COFFEE-BREAK**
- 15:55** Field connection and interview LIVE from Odeleite river. First civic barrier removal in Portugal
LIVE Field connection and interview
- 16:00** **SESSION A.1: Dam Removal in Portugal: challenges, opportunities and status quo**
Lorenzo Quaglietta (ANP|WWF, Portugal)
- SESSION B.1: Project Dammed Fish: Impact of structural and functional river network connectivity losses on fish biodiversity – Optimizing management solutions / Project Dammed Fish: Impact of structural and functional river network connectivity losses on fish biodiversity – Optimizing management solutions**
Paulo Branco (ISA, Portugal)
- SESSION A.2: Road crossings as barriers to small fish in river Vascoão. The first case of removal and rehabilitation of fluvial continuity**
Jorge Bochechas (IMAR, Portugal)
- SESSION B.2: Constraints of removing barriers in climate change scenarios**
Rui Cortes (UTAD, Portugal)
- SESSION A.3: LIFE ÁGUEDA: insights from an ongoing river restoration project**
Pedro Raposo Almeida (MARE/Universidade de Évora, Portugal)
- SESSION B.3: Rios Livres Initiative**
Catarina Miranda (GEOTA, Portugal)
- SESSION A.4: 10 years to remove a 1,5m weir**
Manuel Criado (Guadiana River Basin Authority, Spain)
- SESSION B.4: Tejo River restoration project**
Paulo Costantino (ProTejo, Portugal)
- SESSION B5: EU policies and DR: Opportunities for Portugal**
(TBC) (EuroNatur, Germany)
- 17:30** Round Table
- 18:10** Wrap Up & END of presentations
- 18:20** **BREAK**
- 18:50** Film screening intro by director Francisco Campos-Lopez
- 19:00** Film screening: #DamBusters sneak preview
- 20:00** Panel discussion
- 20:30** **DINNER (TBC)**

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- 9:30** Welcome
- 9:40** What is needed to help MS comply with Article 7?
Carlos García de Leaniz (Swansea University, UK)
- 9:55** Never in use, standing still
(TBC) (Extremadura University, Spain)
- 10:10** Biggest dam removal in Europe: 2 years later
Jean-Marc Roussel (INRAE, France)
- 10:25** TBC
- 10:40** Q&A
- 10:55** **COFFEE-BREAK**
- 11:15** WFMD Event Netherlands: Free Flowing Rivers
LIVE Field connection and interview
- 11:20** **This is how we do it! The Danish way to restore rivers and local economies**
Kim Aarestrup (DTU, Denmark)
- 11:45** Oldest weir removal in UK: 900 years later
Chris Grzesiok & Paul Herickx (Environment Agency, UK)
- 12:00** First weir demolitions in the Balkans
Branka Spanicek (WWF Adria, Montenegro)
- 12:15** The Community Science Eel Project: Everyone is part of Busting Barriers
Chris Bowser (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, USA)
- 12:30** Q&A
- 12:40** **LUNCH LUNCH BREAK + LUNCH MEETING EUROPEAN LIFE PROJECTS**
- 14:10** Planos do governo para a remoção de barreiras fluviais em Portugal
José Carlos Pimenta Machado (APA, Portugal)
- 14:35** European Open Rivers Programme: 42.5 mln Euro to open up rivers.
Gwen Macdonald (EORP, The Netherlands)
- 14:50** 50 mln dollar to remove dams along the West coast of the USA.
Julie Turrini (Resources Legacy Fund, USA)
- 15:05** WFMD LIFE+ Projects: dam removals in several countries (Netherlands, and others)
LIVE Field connection and interview
- 15:20** TBC
- 15:35** **COFFEE-BREAK**
- 15:55** Round Table
- 16:55** Official opening the World Fish Migration Day
- 17:15** End

Saturday May 21st 2022

- 9:30**
**Departure from LNEC:
National Laboratory for Civil Engineering**
Avenida do Brasil 101, 1700-066 Lisbon, Portugal
- 11:00**
Arrival and visit to Perfilho Weir (Santarém)
- 12:30**
**Visit to past river restoration project
"Adoptar o Rio troço a troço"**
- 13:00**
Lunch Break
- 16:30**
Departure from Santarém
- 18:00**
Arrival to Lisbon – LNEC
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