Why River Continuity (Restoration)

- Water Framework Directive: Good ecological status or potential
- Hydromorphological elements (hydrology, morphology, barriers)
- River continuity; mainly longitudinal, sometimes lateral
- ECRR workshop river continuity restoration at the I.S. Rivers 2017 Conference
- ECRR guiding theme river continuity restoration
- A pan-European survey on policies and strategic planning regarding river continuity restoration in 2021 with 28 countries
A European national river continuity restoration policies review

- Survey policy outline recommendation
  - Barrier data-base
  - Restoration prioritisation
  - Plans and measures
  - Funding and financial instruments
  - Technical knowledge and expertise
  - Technical guidance and support
  - Monitoring and evaluation
  - Public participation
  - Awareness raising
- General Policy Framework?
- General recommendations for improvement
Improving National River Continuity Restoration Policies for European Ecosystem-based River Management

• 8 countries sent us their policies; from the others we do not have and know them

• Improving
  • National governments and water professionals are continuously striving for improvement (all policies are up to date from 2022)
  • Water Framework Directive implementation is a driver
  • EU legislation is developing for freshwater eco-system restoration with free-flowing rivers

• The study results forming the start of discussions and not the end