

THE POWER OF A MOVEMENT

SCALING UP DAM REMOVAL IN EUROPE

World Fish Migration Foundation

NOVEMBER 2022

A record number of dams removed from European rivers in 2021!

More than 239 barriers were taken down last year, helping to restore fish migration routes and boost biodiversity and climate resilience.

CONNECTING FISH, RIVERS & PEOPLE





UNLEASH YOUR LOVE FOR RIVERS
AND MIGRATORY FISH!



1.100 AMAZING SPECIES



**...TRAVELLING THROUGH THE
VEINS AND ARTERIES OF THE WORLD.**



THE PROBLEMS

1.100

**AMAZING FRESHWATER MIGRATORY
FISH SPECIES ARE UNDER PRESSURE
AND NEED OUR SUPPORT
TO BE FREE AGAIN**

1,2 MILLION

**BARRIERS ARE BLOCKING MIGRATORY
FISH IN EUROPE ALONE. EVERY
KILOMETER A FISH IS BOUNCING ITS
HEAD**

THE SOLUTION DAM REMOVAL

STARTING WITH
>150.000 OBSOLETE &
OLD BARRIERS
IN EUROPE





DAM REMOVAL EUROPE

A COALITION OF NGO'S MAINSTREAMING
DAM REMOVAL AS A RIVER RESTORATION
TOOL. SINCE 2015 WE ARE ENABLING A
GROWING MOVEMENT OF RIVER
PRACTITIONERS

FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY THE DUTCH
POSTCODE LOTTERY AND MANY MORE

INIATED AND HOSTED BY WFMF



OUR STRATEGY

BUILDING A MOVEMENT OF PROUD
RIVER PRACTITIONERS & ENABLE
THEM TO REMOVE DAMS

"I really value your amazing events and work, and the fantastic community you have established for knowledge sharing and support".

Tania White, Environment Agency (UK)

OUR VALUES

PASSION

COMMITTED

POSITIVE

INCLUSIVE

CONNECTING

FUN



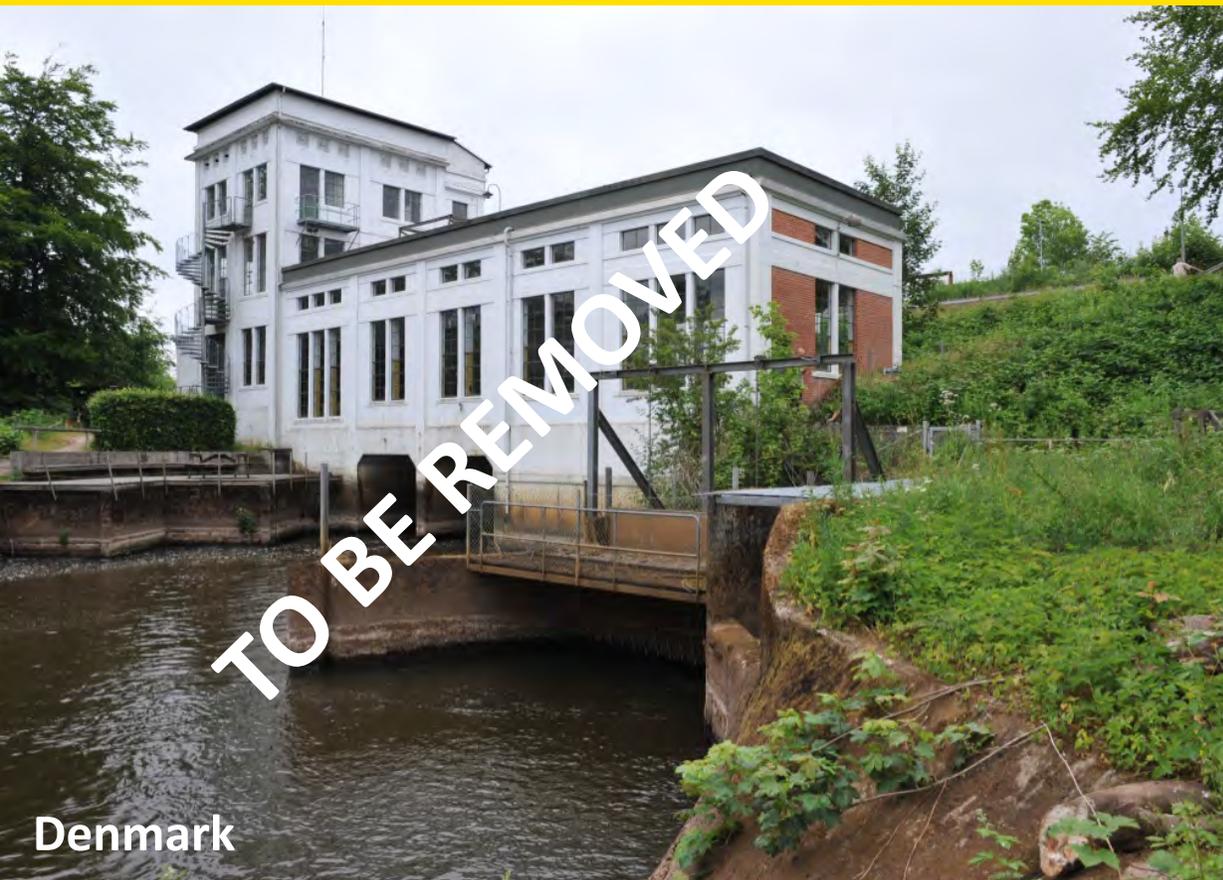
SHARE RESOURCES & TEMPLATE PROCEDURES

**PROVIDE HELPDESK
(INTER)NATIONAL SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS
ENGAGING WEBINARS / LIVE REMOVALS
DAM REMOVAL CAFES
TAILOR MADE COURSES (2022)
FREE-FLOW CONFERENCE (2023)**





CREATING OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE



30.000 HYDROPOWER SITES

>150.000 OLD & OBSOLETE BARRIERS



EUROPEAN SHOWCASES



ESTONIA: OLD AND OBSOLETE DAM



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FRANCE: TOO EXPENSIVE DAM

PARNU RIVER, ESTONIA

3000 km opened up



SELUNE RIVER, FRANCE

80 km opened up – the biggest dam removal in Europe!

SWEDEN

LEADING COUNTRY

NEW HYDROPOWER STRATEGY

1 BILLION FUND TO RESTRUCTURE

HUNDRED OF REMOVALS (SMALL DAMS)





SPAIN

NATIONAL LAW TO TAKE OLD DAMS OUT



BEAUTIFUL MACHINERY (SLOVAKIA)



VARDE A RIVER

DENMARK

REMEANDERING: YES

DAM REMOVAL: YES

FISHWAYS: NO

COMMUNICATION: NOT MUCH

HIITOLANJOKI RIVER FINLAND

3 OLD HYDROPOWER DAMS
2021-2023



Weir today, gone tomorrow:
work starts to free
Cumbrian river



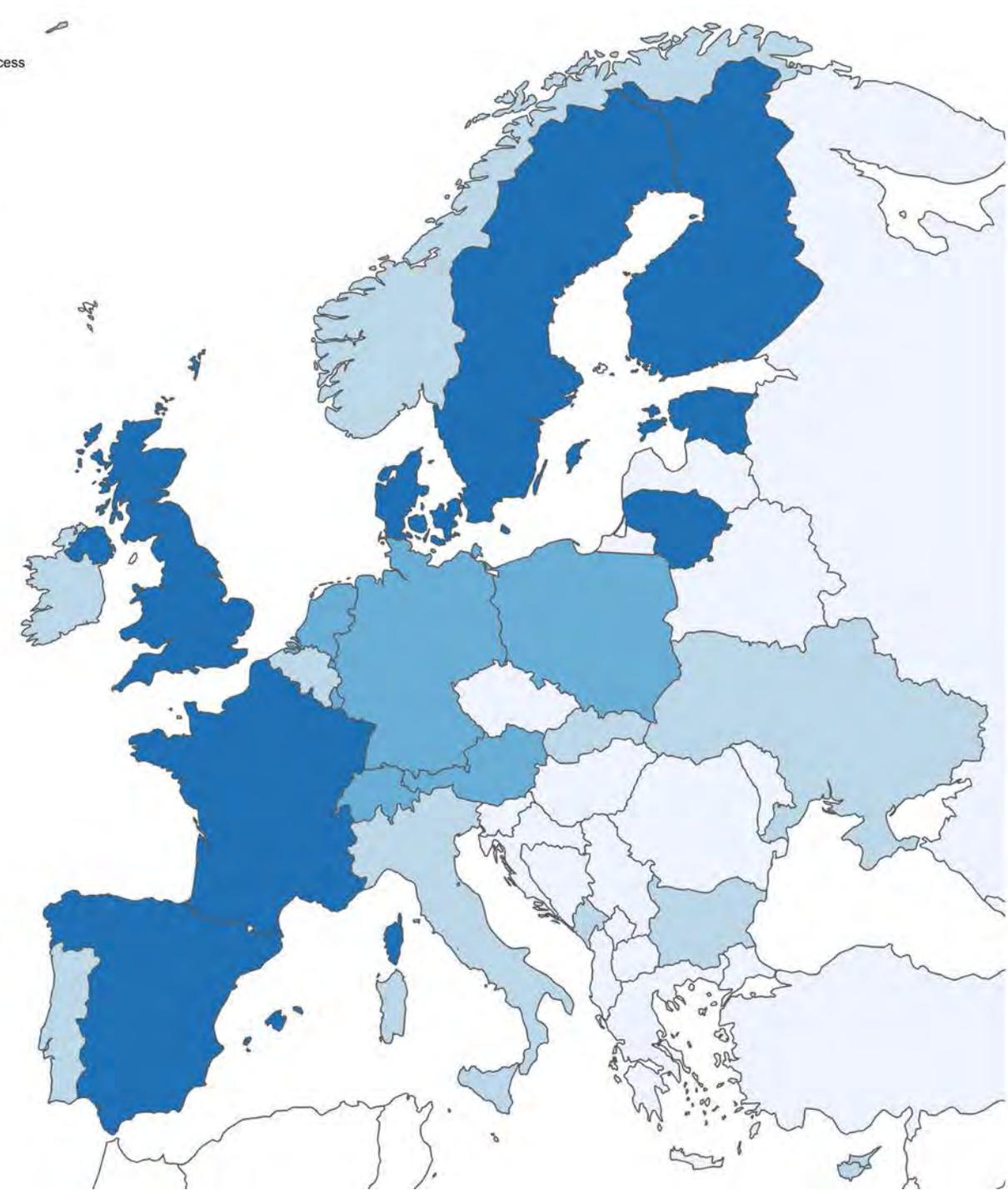


STATUS IMPLEMENTATION DAM REMOVAL

7 COUNTRIES

IMPLEMENTED DAM REMOVAL
AS A RIVER RESTORATION TOOL

Controversial topic!





OUR TARGETS FOR 2025

**INITIATED 5.000 KM OF RESTORED RIVERS BY OVER
50 DAM REMOVALS IN OVER 10 EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES**

**CATALYSE NEW DAM REMOVAL POLICIES IN AT
LEAST 12 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND SPARKING
TEN-THOUSANDS OF DAM REMOVALS**

**10.000 RIVER PRACTITIONERS ARE PART OF THE
EUROPEAN DAM REMOVAL MOVEMENT**

**WORLD FISH MIGRATION DAY CELEBRATED IN OVER
100 COUNTRIES**





TIME TO SCALE UP!

THE MORE SUPPORT THE FASTER IT GOES!



MEET THE RIVER HEROES

#DAMBUSTERS ON TOUR
OCTOBER 2022- DECEMBER 2023

NATIONAL PREMIERES
TV SCREENINGS - FILM FESTIVALS





