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Climate Adaptation in Deltas II: Wetland Restoration

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Status of wetland habitats in Europe

- **Ecosystem services:** rich biodiversity, storage of carbon, regulation of water supply & quality, mitigation of impact of natural disasters
- Wetland habitats in Europe subject to **continued degradation, land drainage and conversion**
- Remaining habitats are in a very **poor conservation status**
- **Restoration measures needed** to improve water quality and physical structure, hydrological regimes and functions of freshwater ecosystems










Economic value of wetland protection and restoration

"... protecting coastal wetlands could save the insurance industry around €50 billion annually through reducing flood damage losses..."

EU Biodiversity Strategy

Examples of IR-E projects tackling the topic of **Nature restoration and biodiversity**

 <p>BID-REX Interreg Europe</p>	2016-2021	From biodiversity data to decisions
 <p>BIOGOV Interreg Europe</p>	2018-2022	Celebrating biodiversity governance
 <p>RENATUR Interreg Europe</p>	2019-2023	Improving regional policies to better protect natural heritage
 <p>WaVE Interreg Europe</p>	2018-2022	Water-linked heritage valorisation by developing an eco-systemic approach
 <p>Land-Sea Interreg Europe</p>	2017-2021	Improving the policies for sustainable management of the land-sea ecosystems
 <p>Delta Lady Interreg Europe</p>	2018-2023	Foster the capabilities of using ecosystem services in river deltas to strengthen regional economy.
 <p>WLE Interreg Europe</p>	2019-2023	Improve policies for regional economic development rooted in their regional natural assets

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Nature and biodiversity – Green Infrastructure



Climate change – nature-based solutions



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Climate adaptation in deltas

Webinar series

- **Costal restoration**

- Ebro Delta
- Po Delta
- Southern Ireland

- **Wetland restoration**

- Kempen-Maasland
- Weser-Ems
- Danube Delta



Agenda

- **Welcome & Introduction**

- Astrid Severin, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform

- **Keynote presentation**

- **Chris Baker**, Wetlands International (BE) on **'Why wetlands matter'**

- **Interreg Europe policy changes & good practices**

- **Restoring rivers and wetlands for flood prevention (WLE)** – Katrien Schaerlaekens, Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland (BE)
- **Wetlands restoration in the Weser-Ems region** – Dr. Claus Hinz, Lower Saxony State Agency for Water Management, Coastal and Nature Conservation (DE)
- **Danube Delta wetland restoration (Delta Lady)** – Jenica Hanganu, Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development (RO)

- **Panel Discussion**

- **Wrap up & Conclusions**

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