



TO6 Online Thematic Workshop

Living rivers: a driver for sustainable regional development

27 May 2021, 14.00-17.00 CET

Draft Agenda	
14:00 - 14:45	<p>Short introduction, workshop agenda and moderation by TO6 Thematic Experts on the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform (<i>5 minutes</i>)</p> <p>Keynote discussion on the role of rivers for sustainable regional development</p> <p><u>Keynote speakers</u></p> <p>Supporting ecosystem services provided by rivers: experiences and current policy trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Claire Baffert, Senior EU Policy Officer for Water (WWF Europe) – (10 min.) <p>Successful strategies on sustainable riverside tourism: an overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thomas Guillot, Project Officer, European Regions for Competitive and Sustainable Tourism (NECSTouR, STAR Cities advisory partner) – (10 min.) <p>Q&As: moderated discussion by TO6 Thematic Experts (20 min.)</p>
14:45 – 15:00	<p>Break - with opportunities for participants to get to know each other</p>
15:00 – 15:45	<p>Targeted parallel discussions around good practices</p> <p>Working Group I - Ecosystem services and river restoration</p> <p><u>Selected speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Irene Diti, Project Manager at ART-ER (Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy) on 'Traditional fishing and environmental conservation in the Po Delta' (Delta Lady) – flash presentation (4 min.) ▪ Diego Conte, Environmental Engineer at the Southern Appennine River Basin District Authority' (Land-Sea) – flash presentation (4 min.) – tbc ▪ Iwona Wagner, Professor at the University of Łódź, Department of Applied Ecology (Poland) on 'The role of nature-based solutions in the restoration of the Sokołówka river' (AQUARES) – flash presentation (4 min) <p><u>Discussant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emma Liberati, Project Officer at the European Rivers Network (ERN) – reflection on the flash presentations (8 min.) <p>Discussion with WG participants moderated by TO6 Thematic Experts (25 min.)</p>

	<p>Working Group II – Water-linked heritage and sustainable riverside tourism</p> <p><u>Selected speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hans Thoolen, Heritage Policy Expert, Department of Spatial Planning and Real Estate, Municipality of Breda (The Netherlands) on ‘The new Mark River and heritage valorisation’ (WaVE) – flash presentation (4 min.) ▪ Manuel Heinrich, Project Manager, Mittelhessen Region, Lahntal Tourism Destination (Germany) on ‘The hiking, cycling and kayaking trails of the Lahn River’ (ThreeT) – flash presentation (4 min.) ▪ Zoltan Bara, Project Manager, Pons Danubii EGTC (Hungary), on ‘Cultural festivals in the Pons Danubii area’ (SWARE) – flash presentation (4 min.) <p><u>Discussant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Barbara Anton, Senior Coordinator ‘Sustainable Resources, Climate and Resilience at ICLEI Europe Local Governments for Sustainability - reflection on the flash presentations (8 min.) <p>Discussion with WG participants moderated by TO6 Thematic Experts (25 min.)</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Break - with opportunities for participants to get to know each other
16:00– 16:45	<p>Plenary Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report back from Working Groups I by Emma Liberati (5 min.) ▪ Report back from Working Group II by Barbara Anton (5 min.) <p><u>Closing keynote speaker</u></p> <p>Financial support for rivers as drivers of sustainable regional development under European Structural and Investment Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Máté Tas, Programme Manager, ‘Smart and Sustainable Growth’ Unit, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission (DG REGIO) – (15 min.) <p>Q&A session on EU financial support (10 min.)</p> <p>Wrap up and conclusions by Thematic Experts (5 min.)</p>
16:45-17:00	Break - with opportunities for participants to get to know each other
17:00	End of online event
17:00-17:45	Online Expert Helpdesk – possibility to book in advance an individual meeting (10 minutes slot) with the Thematic Experts (and the PLP core team if needed) to discuss specific needs and policy challenges