

WORKSHOP

“Great European Dynamic Rivers and the **Free Space for Rivers** concept”.

The workshop aims to enable French and European participants working on major rivers to share their experience in managing river dynamics and discuss their approach. Through presentations of projects and field trips, participants will be able to discuss the “free space for rivers” concept, its application and its future development.

October 22 – 23, 2009 in Moulins (03000), Allier county.

Programme 22nd of October 2009

Loire basin and others French basins.

At Châtel de Neuvre in the Allier Natural Conservancy office

Morning

9h30: Opening

- Overview of fluvial dynamics and the “Free space for Rivers” concept. (JN Gautier, Loire Bretagne Water Agency)

Loire basin projects

- The “Free space for Rivers” concept in the global management programme “Plan Loire grandeur nature” (Julien Levrat, FCEN)
- Case study on the Allier River and the joint work of researchers and natural area managers (Johannes Steiger et JL Peiry, University of Clermont Ferrand)

Afternoon:

14h00:

- Excursion on the banks of the Allier River and Overview about the Loire Nature programme (Auvergne natural areas Conservancy) and actions implemented in the Allier Natural Reserve (Bird Protection Ligue)

16h30:

Other French Basin projects:

- The application of the “mobility area” easement on the Adour River (Frederic Rey, Adour Institution)
- Definition of the “mobility area” on the Moselle River (Geoffroy Remy, Lorraine natural areas Conservancy)
- Rehabilitation of the old courses of the Rhône (JP Bravard, University of Lyon 2)

Evening: Regional dinner

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2nd day - 22nd of October 2009

European projects

Morning: at Moulins

9h00:

- "The erodible corridor: a key tool for management of large gravel-bed rivers in north-eastern Italy" (Nicola Surian, Padoua University, Italy)
- The Ebre river and majors tributaries, approach of the "Free space for river" concept (Askoa Ibisate, Basque Country University, in association with University of Zaragoza, Spain)
- Consideration of lateral mobility for river management in Italy (Massimo Rinaldi, University of Firenze, Italy)

11h00:

- Discussion, exchange of experience and networking.

Afternoon:

13h30

- Field trip to the Loire River

17h00

- End of the workshop

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