

Project Newsletter No. 2



Progress update from the Pilot Case Studies:

News from the pilot case studies Dora Baltea, Drôme, Inn-Engadin, Soča and Steyr!

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“A picture speaks a thousand words” - SPARE Project Communicating through Multimedia

With a brand new collection of infographics and photo books the SPARE Project partners aim at visually communicating the current river management processes in each of the project's five Pilot Case Study sites.

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Upcoming SPARE Project Event: International Knowledge Exchange Workshop (IKEW)

Active participation of local populations in decision making processes is very important. The close cooperation between public administration, civil society, and other stakeholders is not only needed, but it is essential.

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Collaboration in the Water Catchment Area: Case Studies on Trade-Offs – Challenges and Solutions

On 27th June 2017, SPARE Partners and Observers from Austria and Switzerland participated in a symposium entitled: "Cooperation in the River Catchment. Trade-Off Case Studies – Challenges and Solutions" from the Water Agenda 21, which took place in Fribourg, CH.

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SPARE Stakeholder Workshop in Aosta, Italy

The SPARE Project partners ARPAVDA and ARPAV organized a workshop in Aosta, Italy, in order to explain the recent National Decrees (February 2017) comprising the official guidelines concerning Ecological Flow and Minimum Instream Flow (MIF) and ex-ante environmental assessment methods concerning hydropower plant installation.

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SPARE third Project Partner Meeting in Aosta, Italy

The three day meeting took place from April 26th to 28th and consisted of sessions dedicated to each work package (WP), in which specific updates and activities related to the past months were discussed, as well as upcoming activities and next steps. In between the sessions we had the opportunity to discover the Dora Baltea Pilot Case Study (PCS) on dedicated field trips in the region.

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IRSTEA and SMRD presented Updates about the Participation Plan to 21 Members of the Drôme Representative Group

Discussions mainly focused on the decision making among the representative group (including absent members) and the way the public could participate or will be informed or consulted at each step of the participatory process.

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IWRS and Soča River Foundation have carried out SMAG Method (Self Modelling for Assessing Governance)

In January 2017 we have successfully tested and carried out the SMAG method, a participatory tool developed by our project partner IRSTEA within the framework of the SPARE Project.

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Interview with Patrizia Dazio from the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), and Hugo Aschwanden as former Head of Rehabilitation and Waters Management Section at the FOEN

IEM (Integrales Einzugsgebietsmanagement / Integrative river basin management) – a fundamental planning tool for the rivers of Switzerland.

1. What are the main objectives of IEM?

Watershed Management is an approach that promotes water management based on the principles of sustainable development considering all activities implemented by humans for the protection of waters, use of water and provision of protection against water hazards from an overall perspective...

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