

Call for identification of river barrier removal opportunities that require financing

Dear Colleagues,

We are contacting you today on behalf of the World Fish Migration Foundation (WFMF), Global Water Partnership (GWP), the European Centre for River Restoration (ECRR), and Dam Removal Europe (DRE). We have combined our networks and we will all reach out to our own network for this message. Therefore, please excuse us if you have already received this same email via one (or more) of the above organisations. If that is the case, you can ignore this email.

This is a joint consultation of WFMF, DRE, ECRR and GWP. It was funded with support from Arcadia, a charitable fund of Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin. We are currently searching for barrier removal projects that have the potential for high ecological restoration. Barriers should have a height \leq 2m, width \leq 25m. There is potential for a limited number of demolition projects to be funded in 2022 and we are searching for projects that are close to their final phase i.e., ready to be demolished. Any other costs such as permits, or consultancies can only be considered if there are strong guarantees that the barrier can be removed within a few months.

If you are not in any way responsible for a barrier and its potential removal, but you do know someone or an organisation that is, we would like to ask you to forward this email to them and add us in the CC. We wish to identify as many opportunities as possible.

In order to investigate whether your barriers are eligible for financial support, we would like to invite you to fill out a questionnaire which includes questions on the characteristics and geographical location of the proposed barrier(s) and the reason(s) for its removal. You can fill out the questionnaire via the link at the bottom of this email. Your answers to questions will be saved as you progress to the next page. If the questionnaire is closed and not yet finished, you can continue to complete it if using the same device. The answers will only be submitted to us after completion.

The final deadline for filling out the questionnaire is June 30th.

For any questions that may arise, please answer this email you got from us.

At the end of the consultation, we aim to keep your information among the project partners for the time being. You will receive your own answers to the questionnaire as a PDF file from us to save for your own purposes

Click [HERE](#) to start the questionnaire.

We would like to thank you in advance for your contribution.

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