



What is the DRE helpdesk?

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This is a free service provided for people in the network who need knowledge and know-how on Dam Removal topics. Our objective is to identify 100 obsolete barriers to be removed by 2026.

With this helpdesk, colleagues can:

- Gain knowledge and support on DR topics,
- Request advice for their DR project ideas,
- Access to a mentor programme when in need of help/problem solving,
- Find support and reviewing service of ORP applications.

This service is supported by the European Open Rivers Programme funding, in the [project that aims to build a dam removal movement in South Eastern Europe](#) and identify 100 obsolete or abandoned barriers (pipeline) which could be removed.





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Save the date

Bootcamp for [ORP call](#) in Feb/March 2024:

We support and review your ORP ideas & applications in SEE region

- **22 Feb:** Lessons learnt presentation: Magda Jentagena 11:00– 12:00 ([Zoom link](#))
Magda Jentagena is the Baltic Sea and Freshwater programme manager of Pasaules Dabas Fonds – an associate partner of WWF in Latvia. She has worked on and accelerated dam removal in Latvia for the past 5 years, with taking down the first dam in the country's history last year in 2023.

She is an ORP grantee, with three successful ORP projects and will give valuable insights into her experiences. She will discuss thinking outside of the box when it comes to dam removal and how to negotiate discussions with the involved stakeholders in order to succeed.
- **29 Feb:** Q&A regarding ORP proposals: 13:00 –14:00 ([Zoom link](#))
- **7 March:** Q&A regarding ORP proposals: 11:00 –12:00 ([Zoom link](#))
- **14 March:** Q&A regarding ORP proposals: 11:00 –12:00 ([Zoom link](#))

1. Gain knowledge on DR topics

What: Online information and knowledge.

Why: We want to make knowledge accessible to the network.

When: It will be available on the DRE website 15 April 2024.

Where & how: damremoval.eu and contact Pao Fernández Garrido (WFMF) pao@fishmigration.org

What can helpdesk do for you:

- Find partners in your region and enlarge your network
- Find important communication materials
- Find key reference and guidance documents

2. Request advice for your DR projects and ideas

What: Support for those who need inspiration and advice on your new projects and ideas.

Why: We want to stimulate knowledge exchange and develop know-how in the network.

When: Between each ORP call for proposals, there will be at least one online meeting (Next one: see page 3).

Where & how: Contact Pao Fernández Garrido (WFMF) pao@fishmigration.org

What can helpdesk do for you:

- Brainstorm your ideas
- Place to ask beginners questions
- Find out more about DRE network in your region
- Find out what resources are relevant to you

3. Mentor programme

What: Linking core experts to new dam removal practitioners.

Why: We want to help you connect with the right expert.

When: Reach out during regular Q&A sessions (Next one: see page 3).

Where & how: Contact with Corinne Ronot, (European Rivers Network)
corinne.ronot@rivernet.org

What can helpdesk do for you:

- Gain valuable insights into your specific problem
- Link with international experts on specific dam removal related issues

4. Guide & Review your ORP applications

What: Support and review of your Open Rivers Programme applications.

Why: We want to simulate ORP proposals to make full use of the 42.5m Euro made available from 2021-2027.

When: There is a month-long bootcamp, starting at the beginning of every ORP call (Next one: see page 3).

Where & how: Contact Kerry Brink (WWF NL) kbrink@wwf.nl

What can helpdesk do for you:

- Discuss your project proposal ideas with experts
- Gain valuable insights to help your application
- Improve your chances of approval, with DRE helpdesk reviewing your proposal



Join us!

Help us reach the goal of
removing 100 barriers in South
Eastern Europe

