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RESTAURARÍOS

2026



Organised by the Iberian Centre for River Restoration (ICRR/CIREF) in coordination with the Duero River Basin Authority and with the support of Wetlands International–European Association and the Directorate–General for Water of the Spanish Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, **RESTAURARÍOS 2026** will follow on from the congresses previously held in León (2011), Pamplona (2015), Murcia (2019) and Toledo (2023). The purpose of these congresses is to provide a forum for meeting, dissemination, discussion and inspiration among the different bodies and organisations dedicated or interested in river restoration, so as to share and exchange experiences.

Recently, important legislative advances have taken place in the field of river restoration which will frame this new Congress. Thus, the Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2024 on nature restoration sets out progressive and ambitious objectives which are, to a large extent, aligned with those advocated by CIREF.

In accordance with this regulatory framework, Member States will establish the restoration measures necessary to improve river, lake, floodplain and riparian habitats that are not in good condition. They will also draw up a national restoration plan detailing how these objectives will be achieved. Progress will be monitored and reported through biodiversity indicators applicable across the EU, taking into account the most recent scientific data. In the case of rivers, this regulation aims to restore the connectivity of 25,000 km of rivers by 2030, a goal that will have to be reflected in Spain's National Restoration Plan and in Portugal's National Nature Restoration Plan.

It is therefore necessary to reflect on how these objectives are to be achieved over the coming years in the context of the adaptation to global change that we are currently experiencing. To this end, we must look back and apply the lessons learnt to future challenges, focusing on how to restore the arteries of the territory in order to increase resilience to global change.

The venue for the 5th **RESTAURARÍOS Congress** will be the Teatro Palacio de la Audiencia in Soria, Spain. Further updates on the organisation will be communicated in forthcoming circulars and through updates at:

<https://cirefluvial.com/congreso/>



Theme of the Congress

Restoring **territorial
arteries** to increase
**resilience to global
change**



Thematic Areas



TA
01 Restoration of river
space, flow regime,
and sediment
transport



TA
02 Restoration of the
structure and function of
river ecosystems



TA
03 Experiences of river
restoration through
nature-based solutions



TA
04 Challenges of river
restoration in urban
environments



TA
05 Governance
strategies for
river restoration



TA
06 Environmental education,
participation and
communication strategies
for river restoration

Key Dates

2025

**31 July
to 30 November**

Deadline for **submission of communications** (abstracts and extended abstracts).

2026

15 January

Final date for the **scientific committee to evaluate and accept communications**. The period for authors to edit their communications and for submission of extended abstracts by those wishing to present their work orally opens.

**15 January
to 1 March**

Deadline for authors to **submit the revised communication for publication** in the abstract book (**option a**) or in the conference proceedings (**option b**).

10 to 12 June

V RestauraRíos Congress



Registrations

Early registration

BETWEEN [15 October 2025
15 February 2026

€ 210

CIREF, AEIP, AIL, SIBIC,
FNCA, SERE members,
students and unemployed
persons (proof required).

€ 260

Standard rate.

Afterwards registration

FROM [15 February 2026

€ 250

CIREF, AEIP, AIL, SIBIC,
FNCA, SERE members,
students and unemployed
persons (proof required).

€ 300

Standard rate.



Registration will be open from 15 October using the **registration** form available on the **RESTAURARIOS 2026** website. Registration includes both the conference sessions and workshops and the field trip, as well as lunch and coffee breaks during the three days. It does not include the gala dinner, which will be charged separately to those who wish to attend.

Types of Contributions

As in previous conferences, this event aims to bring all different works linked to river restoration and improvement of fluvial ecosystems undertaken during the last years, covering different aspects: science, technical, administration, education, social, finance, training, etc. There are four types of contributions in three different formats.

Scientific

Contribution with classical structure: Introduction; Objectives; Materials and Methods; Results; Discussion; Conclusions.

Technical

Following this structure: Introduction; Objectives; Description of the methodology, protocol, technic...; Results; Discussion; Conclusions. Contributions from legal, educational, social, administration, NGO's, etc. entities will be welcome.

Case study

Following this structure: Introduction; Problem and objectives; Alternatives; Implementation; Results; Lessons learned; Conclusions. These contributions must not only highlight the outcome but also all other aspects and issues in relation with the participation process, project design, etc. and the strategies to resolve them and mitigate them.

Reflection

Texts that present a relevant reflection about specific themes, identifying issues, constraints, needs, opportunities, etc., and that provide ideas or proposals to resolve or improve the existing state of the question.

Communication Formats

- a. **Abstracts.** Short version for publication in the conference **abstract book** (Max. 500 words). These communications may be presented orally in a short oral presentation (River pitch format).
- b. **Extended abstracts.** Long version for publication in the **conference proceedings** (Max. 4 pages). These communications may be presented orally or as a short oral presentation (River pitch format), as evaluated by the scientific committee. A selection of the received abstracts will be proposed by the scientific committee for a special issue of the journal **RESTAURARÍOS**, with peer review.

The number of communications per first author is limited to one.

More information and submission of communications
at <https://cirefluvial.com/congreso/envio-de-comunicaciones/>

Options for Presenting Communications

Oral

The communication will be presented orally in the assigned session, with a **12-minute** presentation followed by **3 minutes for questions** or comments from the audience.

River pitch

This format consists of a quick presentation of communications, lasting a maximum of **2 minutes, with no questions**. The aim is for the presentations to capture the audience's attention, be impactful, and focus on the most relevant ideas. A maximum of 2 slides may accompany the presentation to illustrate the key points. The river pitch session will take place in a relaxed format to encourage engagement and interest from attendees.

Optionally, works presented as a river pitch may also be presented as a **Poster**. Posters will be displayed during both days of the Congress in a space dedicated to coffee breaks between sessions. During these breaks, authors may explain the poster content to interested attendees.

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