

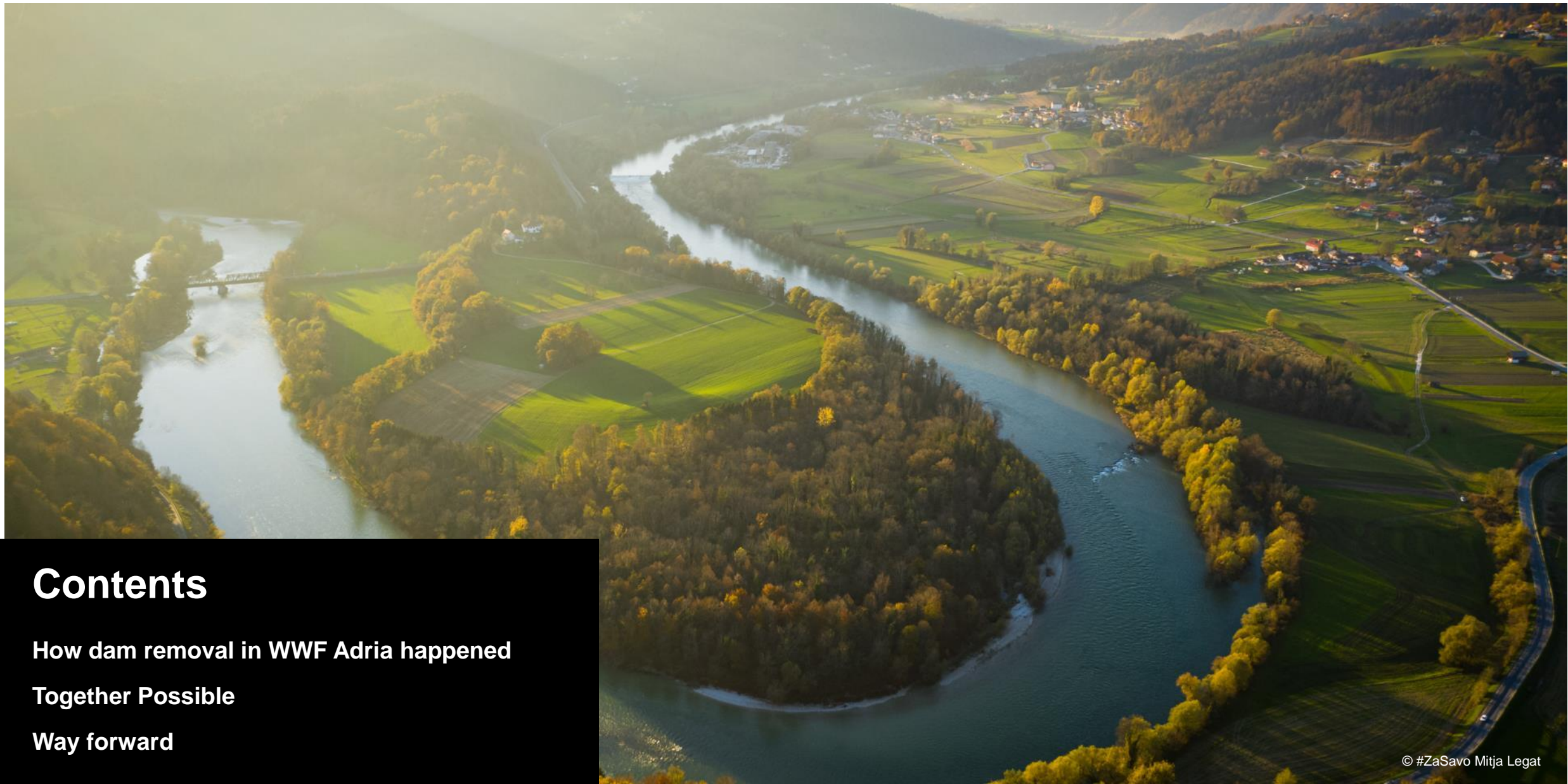


Dam removal WWF Adria

Where we were and where we are going

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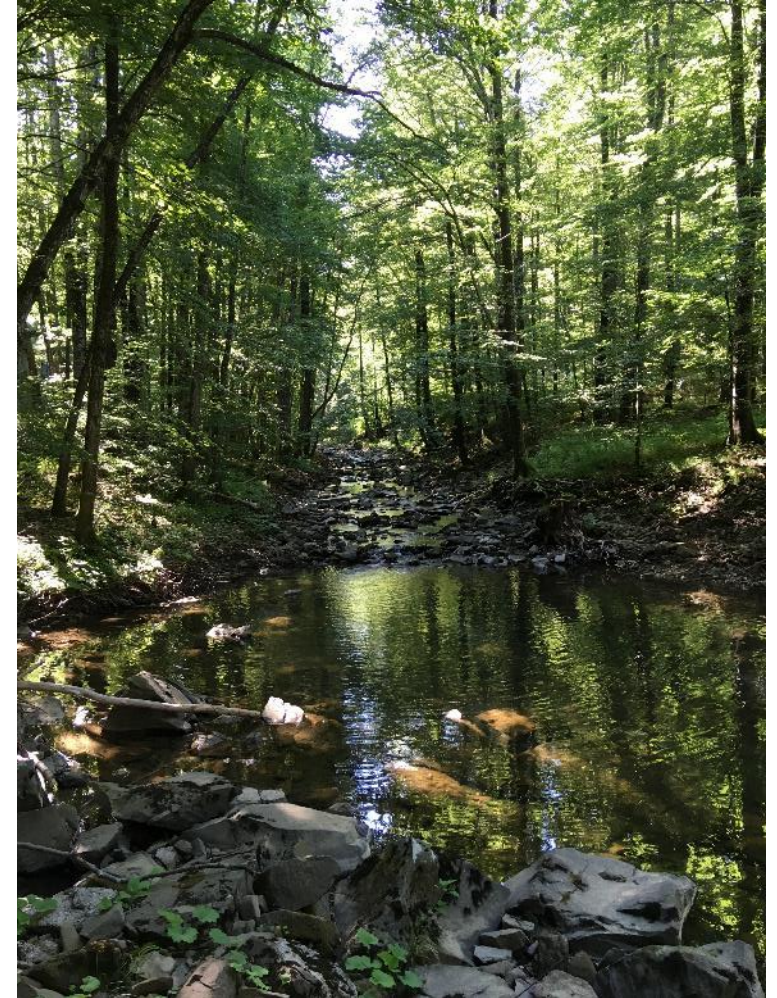
Timeline



Dam removal started as project „Save the Alpine rivers“ spinoff

Financial support of:

- WWF Switzerland
- WWF Finland
- Private donor Wendy Bennet (through TNC)
- WWF Netherland
- WWF Switzerland and WWF Netherland



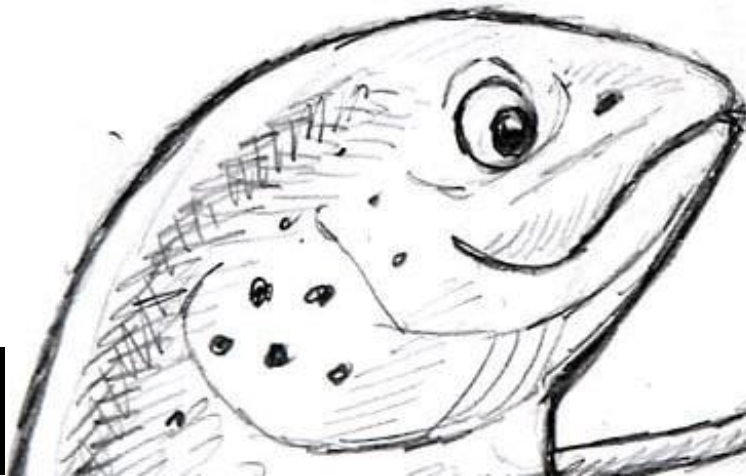
The global movement & global support



Turning points

- Zoran told me about Dam removal initiative
- Meeting with TNC
- Meeting with LER team in Brussels
- Visiting WWF Finland
- Visit to Sélune dam removal site with WFMF
- Conference in Estonia
- Conference in France
- ...

JUST REMOVE THE
DAM AND ADD
FLOWING WATER!



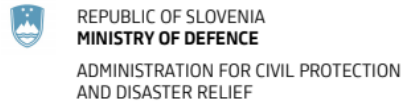
How it is done!

Easy one first!
AKA
Low hanging fruits!



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‘together possible’



We can't do it alone
We must work with others
And build strong partnerships
Together, we are stronger
#togetherpossible



Way forward



Way forward



Preparatory actions

- Identification of potential dams in WB
- Identification and mapping of all relevant stakeholders
- Engaging all stakeholders (Intensification and support of the cooperation among local groups, authorities, environmental organizations and hydropower sector)
- Identify out-of-the-box allies and connect
- Establish a cooperative platform for dam removal
- Enable future upscaling of dam removal
- Designation of a project communication plan and communication materials
- Working with partners to develop and deliver training materials



Way forward



Implementation actions

- Knowledge sharing
- Develop Adria dam removal community to share experiences and practice
- Lobby for inclusion of dam removal in financial mechanisms and national RBMP
- Initiate and organise awareness campaign
- Dam removal project development
- Dam removal implementation
- Promote citizen science approach
- Establish a network of Dam Removal ambassadors
- Maintain active collaboration links with LER, TNC, DRE, WFWF, ...
- Fundraise!





This one is on my bucket list

Leon Kebe

Thank you!



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