



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.

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.



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 April/May 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.

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 (to be announced).

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 (to be announced).

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