



Site Visit

NWRM in action

- Example of working effectively within and around constraints
 - ◆ Hydropower
 - ◆ Treaty of Versailles
 - ◆ Forest ecological requirement and constraints
- Seeing the opportunity to deliver improved ecosystem function through natural water retention



Practical Examples

Three practical example presentations

- Stephanie – floodplain restoration in Germany
- Marie – Renaturalisation in France
- Maarten – SigmaPlan in Belgium

Common themes:

- Working to deliver environmental objectives within practical site constraints
- Taking opportunities to improve ecosystem function
- Delivery of multiple benefits
- Multiple interventions



Round Table Discussion

Considered three questions

- What are the opportunities for NWRM? Why do we miss these opportunities?
- How can we improve catchment management to better deliver NWRM?
- What do we need so that we can implement NWRM more effectively?



Round Table Discussion – Key Themes

Opportunity

- Where are the opportunities to provide improved ecosystem function? Opportunity mapping ...

Ineffective Catchment Management

- We break our catchment vision down into different functions
- We narrow our focus to specific objectives (individual Directives)
- We get drawn into waterbody-scale management

Breaking through the barriers

- Our starting point should be to look for the opportunities to improve ecosystem function
- We have to work from reality – to assess and address the real issues



Role Play Exercise

Challenges

- Communication of benefits
- Understanding solidarity
- Addressing the reality
 - ◆ concerns – practical and irrational!
 - ◆ avoiding conflation of issues
 - ◆ Understanding the context/history (e.g. land use)
- Setting out a clear vision
 - ◆ Looking for the best possible solution for the circumstance
- Moving beyond just water management

