

## Main RiverFilmFest Shorts 2024

### The Main RiverFilmFest enters its 2nd round with short films



Following the great success of the Main RiverFilmFest 2023, the Living Rivers Foundation, together with the Flussparadies Franken and the Main Network, is hosting the Main RiverFilmFest Shorts 2024.

We are looking forward to the [opening on 14. March 2024](#), the International Day of Action for Rivers, in Bayreuth as part of the [March Water Month of the Bayreuth region](#) and to further cinema dates in [Lichtenfels \(Friday, 15. March 2024, 19:00\)](#), [Würzburg \(Saturday, 16. March 2024, 18:00\)](#), [Bamberg \(Sunday, 17. March 2024, 11:00\)](#), [Zeil am Main \(Sunday, 17. March 2024, 13:00\)](#), [Gemünden am Main \(Wednesday, 20. March 2024, 19:00\)](#), and [Marktheidenfeld \(Sunday, 24. March 2024, afternoon\)](#).

Several cinemas will host moderated discussions, giving regional context to the themes shown in the films, such as dam removal, microplastics, water retention, drought, river restoration, and climate change. For the opening on 14. March 2024 at 16:30 in Bayreuth, we are especially pleased to welcome director Jan Kerckhoff as well as a lecture by Prof. Christian Laforsch and a discussion with Prof. Stefan Peiffer and Dr. Brigit Thies from the University of Bayreuth. Sigrun Lange (WWF) will shed light on dam removal on the Pegnitz River with local actors in Bayreuth and will report on the planned removal of two former water meadow dams on the Stöckigtbach in Bamberg (in Cooperation with the WWA Kronach) in conversation with Michael Bender (Living Rivers Foundation).

In Würzburg, Stefanie Schiche (LPV Rhön-Grabfeld) will talk about the removal of transverse structures at the Streu River (Ostheim v.d. Rhön municipality) and the Bahra River (Sondheim v.d. Rhön municipality), and we will learn more about the project "Fluss.Frei.Raum" ("River.Free.Space"). Florian Riehl (City of Würzburg) will explain the restoration of the Kürnach River in Lengfeld and the ecological enhancement of the Pleichach River. Further water conservationists are requested. The vision for lively rivers continues. A new selection of international and regional short films will be shown, including "Dam Removal - More Space for Austria's Rivers," "Deadwood Lives," and "Bavaria's Streams are Running Dry." The Main RiverFilmFest Shorts 2024 are funded by the European [Open Rivers Program](#) [openrivers.eu](http://openrivers.eu) and are accompanied by numerous MainCleanUps.

### Program for Main RiverFilmFest Shorts (German language):

[https://netzwerkmain.de/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Programm\\_MainFlussFilmFest\\_shorts\\_2024.pdf](https://netzwerkmain.de/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Programm_MainFlussFilmFest_shorts_2024.pdf)

More information in English: <https://www.riverfilmfest.eu/main-flussfilmfest>

## MainCleanUp 2024: Spring CleanUps Look Out for Vegetation, Nesting Seasons, and Nature Conservation



Source: MainCleanUp

In addition to the MainCleanUp main action day on 14. September 2024, various Spring CleanUps will be organized along the Main River. From 25. February to 23. March 2024, groups from Zelligen, Knetzgau, Lohr am Main, Marktheidenfeld, Rattelsdorf, and Oberaurach, among others, will collect litter from the riverbanks. These Spring CleanUps clean up the Main River and its associated lakes and tributaries while also preserving various season-dependent riparian ecosystem functions during the springtime.

Everyone can support the initiative to rid our rivers of pollution and maintain the cleanliness of water bodies. Municipalities, neighborhood initiatives, sports clubs, social institutions, daycares, schools, and businesses, among others, are all invited to initiate a group. Individuals can choose an existing group in their neighborhood or even start their own group. **All registered CleanUps will be provided with a starter kit for support (including trash bags, wooden grabbers, gloves, and children's gloves).**

For further information, visit:

<https://www.maincleanup.org/en>

## WasserZeichenBerlin2024

### Demonstration on 22. March 2024 for World Water Day



#### OUR DEMANDS

1. CONSISTENT WATER RETENTION AND EFFECTIVE PROTECTION OF OUR WATER BODIES.
2. IMPROVED PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF NATURAL HABITATS IN AND AROUND WATER BODIES.
3. BINDING MEASURES AGAINST THE DRYING OUT OF SMALL BODIES OF WATER AND THE LOWERING OF THE GROUNDWATER LEVEL.
4. COMMUNITY-ORIENTED REVITALIZATION OF URBAN WATER BODIES AND SHORELINE AREAS.
5. PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND CAMPAIGNS.
6. INTRODUCTION OF INNOVATIVE RECYCLING METHODS FOR SUSTAINABLE WATER USE.

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The importance of water for our life on Earth is undisputed. It nourishes us, cools us, rejuvenates us. In Berlin, the water supply system is currently in crisis. To draw attention to the urgent problems and to emphasize the need for binding solutions, the initiative "WasserZeichenBerlin" calls for a demonstration on the occasion of World Water Day on 22. March 2024. The route starts from the main train station along the banks of the River Spree to Lustgarten on Museum Island. The march will be accompanied by two boats. A mid-rally is planned at Friedrich-Ebert-Platz, very close to the memorial site "Weiße Kreuze."

The initiative currently consists of 13 action partners: ALLES IM FLUSS; AnthroScenes; a tip:tap; Berliner Wassertisch; Blue Community Berlin; Brot für die Welt Jugend; BUNDjugend; Clean River Project; Climate and Water under Change; Fluss Bad Berlin; GRÜNE LIGA Berlin; NABU Landesverband Berlin; Spree:publik.

**Further information in German language about WasserZeichenBerlin 2024:**

[www.allesimfluss.berlin/wasserzeichenberlin](http://www.allesimfluss.berlin/wasserzeichenberlin)

## RiverSing 2024: A "singing riverbed" brought to life by song leaders and water enthusiasts

From 22. March (World Water Day) to 14. July 2024 (Big Jump), water and river consciousness will be supported through RiverSing at rivers, lakes, and springs. Three non-profit organizations are collaborating to send singing groups to rivers, where they will engage with everything associated with water and flow. Examples of songs from past years include "Die Forelle" (Franz Schubert) and "Uchu no Mugen - Water Blessing Song" (Nalini Blossom). The aim is to achieve a personal and public impact, strengthening awareness for the lifelines of Mother Earth.

Those who wish to support can nominate their favorite spot along a river / lake / spring for a RiverSing event by making a generous donation to one of the participating organizations. The RiverSingers, along with a song leader, will try to arrange a RiverSing event near the desired location on the requested date.



For further information, visit:

<https://singingplanet.org/flusssingen-2024>

## Upcoming Call for Proposals: Funding for Dam Removal

From 21. February to 4. April 2024, the Open Rivers Programme will be accepting grant applications to fund dam removal projects. Eligible project proposals fall into two categories: A) Recognition of barriers and dam removal, and B) Facilitation of removing other dams. Grants will be awarded in August 2024.

For further information, visit:

<https://openrivers.eu/grants/application-process>

## Free Flow

The international Free Flow Conference in Groningen is one of the central events for the protection and restoration of Europe's free-flowing rivers. Numerous workshops on ensuring fish migration on small and large rivers, biodiversity, and river revitalization paint a colorful picture with a broad geographical spectrum and diverse references to EU law: <https://freeflowconference.eu/>

## Learning Opportunity: Dam Removal Course in Groningen on 13.-14. April

In the Dam Removal Course on 13. and 14. April 2024, in Groningen, Netherlands, participants will delve into the planning, design, and construction techniques of dam removal, with a focus on addressing the multifaceted challenges typical of such projects. Led by experienced experts in the field who have collectively removed hundreds of dams worldwide since the mid-1990s, the course is tailored to river restoration practitioners in the early stages of their careers in dam removal. The course will include interactive exercises, including a simulated public meeting and case studies, allowing participants to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios. With a limited capacity of 30 participants, the workshop offers a dynamic, customized learning environment to promote collaboration and exchange among peers.

For further information, visit:

<https://freeflowconference.eu/dam-removal-course>



Source: Open Rivers Programme

## Factsheet Published: The Hydropower-Hydrogen Nexus - How the Hydrogen Hype Promotes New Dams

Hydrogen through Hydropower? The Factsheet by CounterCurrent and INFOE - Institute for Ecology and Action Ethnology delves into how the trend towards hydrogen is being utilized by the hydropower industry to drive new dam projects. In particular, it highlights how the German hydrogen strategy could promote new dams associated with social and ecological risks. The factsheet provides an overview of hydrogen types and German plans to import hydrogen, along with outlining the main issues surrounding mega-dams for hydrogen production, with a special focus on the Grand Inga project in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Source: Alex Bagirov

The factsheet can be downloaded free of charge in English and German language at: <https://www.gegenstroemung.org/blog/publikationen/wasserkraft-und-wasserstoff>

## Protecting waters from pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources: Chance to contribute until 8. March 2024

The European Commission has launched a public consultation open until 8. March, 2024 to evaluate whether to amend the Nitrates Directive (Council Directive 91/676/EEC).

The Nitrates Directive sets limits on the use of fertilisers and promotes the adoption of good farming and environmental practices. It thus protects groundwaters, rivers, lakes and seas from the harms of nitrate pollution – such as eutrophication, toxic algal blooms and biodiversity loss.



Source: Valeria Strogoteanu

Opening the Directive for amendment is seen by many German and European environmental organisations as unfavourable in the current and expected political climate. Amendments may weaken the Directive and introduce loopholes to enable environmentally harmful farming practices. Many environmentalists will thus encourage the EU Commission to (1) maintain the Nitrates Directive without amendments and (2) focus on strengthening implementation and enforcement of Directive requirements within member states.

As of 7. February, 2024, less than 2% of feedback to the public consultation came from environmental and non-governmental organisations, with more than 23% of feedback coming from companies, trade unions, and business associations.

You can contribute to this consultation by filling in the online questionnaire or sharing your opinion via email.

Link to the online questionnaire:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14051/public-consultation\\_de](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14051/public-consultation_de)

Email: [ENV-NITRATES@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ENV-NITRATES@ec.europa.eu)

## Status Update: Protection of Groundwater and Drinking Water in Lower Saxony and North Rhine-Westphalia Goes to Federal Administrative Court

In the first lawsuit against a program of measures for implementing the Water Framework Directive in Germany, the Higher Administrative Court of Lower Saxony ruled on 22. November 2023, that Lower Saxony and North Rhine-Westphalia must take more effective measures to protect groundwater. The lawsuit filed by Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH) against the states concerns their long-standing failure to achieve good chemical status of groundwater, as regulated by the EU Water Framework Directive.

For years, nitrate levels in the Ems region have been well above the permitted thresholds for groundwater and drinking water. Since nitrate in drinking water is harmful to health, this poses a risk to human health. Despite the regulations of EU law aimed at reducing nitrate pollution in groundwater for over thirty years and the goal under the EU Water Framework Directive to achieve good groundwater status by 2015, reaching this goal is still far off. The decision of the Higher Administrative Court thus sets a precedent, shedding light on fundamental questions of water law planning measures for the first time in court.

The affected states have now filed an appeal against the judgment. Sascha Müller-Kraenner, Federal Managing Director of DUH, warns, "Every additional day without action against the high nitrate pollution in the Ems region jeopardizes our drinking and groundwater."

For further information in German language, visit:

<https://www.duh.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/pressemitteilung/deutsche-umwelthilfe-zur-revision-gegen-nitrat-urteil-im-ems-gebiet-bundeslaender-duerfen-gewaessersc>

## Save the Date

Throughout February 2024 <b>Bavaria</b>	<b>Participatory Seagull Action in February 2024</b> Where are "our Bavarian" seagulls? Are there any recent sightings? With the Mitmachmöwen team, we are collectively searching for recent sightings of seagulls along the Main River. Anyone who has seen a seagull, whether ringed or not, is kindly asked to report the "sighting" to Mitmachmöwen: <a href="https://mitmachmoewen.de/de/mitmachen/sichtung_melden">https://mitmachmoewen.de/de/mitmachen/sichtung_melden</a>
25. February – 23. March 2024 <b>Along the Main River, its lakes, and tributaries</b> , such as Zellingen, Breitengüßbach, Kemmern, Knetzgau, Lohr am Main, Marktheidenfeld, Rattelsdorf, Oberaurach	<b>Main CleanUp around World Water Day</b> Around UN World Water Day (22. March), Flussparadies Franken, together with Rhine CleanUp (RCU), calls for collecting litter along the Main River, its lakes, and tributaries. For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.maincleanup.org/de#cleanups">https://www.maincleanup.org/de#cleanups</a>
Tuesday, 27. February 2024, 9:00 <b>Online</b>	<b>Online Project Meeting: Water-friendly Main Cycle Path</b> All are warmly invited to participate in this meeting, especially those who are passionate about preserving the precious resource of drinking water along the Main River and promoting sustainability in tourism. This includes stakeholders from the tourism industry, municipalities, and water supply organizations. For more information, visit: <a href="https://atiptap.org/projekte/lwfreundlicher-mainradweg">https://atiptap.org/projekte/lwfreundlicher-mainradweg</a>
Tuesday, 27. February 2024 18:00 <b>Online</b>	<b>Webinar on the Results of the Neretva Science Week</b> The results of the preliminary report on NSW 2023 and scientific activities in the Balkans in 2024 will be presented. Speakers include Prof. Gabriel Singer and Ulrich Eichelmann from Riverwatch. Registration: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.de/e/neretva-biodiversity-tickets-814074226927?aff=oddtcreator&amp;mc_cid=49c343e4ba&amp;mc_eid=6394c1a364">https://www.eventbrite.de/e/neretva-biodiversity-tickets-814074226927?aff=oddtcreator&amp;mc_cid=49c343e4ba&amp;mc_eid=6394c1a364</a>
Friday, 1. March 2024 18:00 <b>Bayreuth</b> <b>Jean-Paul-Art-Space</b>	<b>Official Opening of the Water Month March in the Bayreuth Region</b> Official opening of the Water Month March and exhibition opening <a href="https://region-bayreuth.de/rahmenveranstaltung/2024-wassermonat-maerz-aktionen-region-bayreuth-7pm4pd">ma.mee.maa.main</a> . <a href="https://region-bayreuth.de/rahmenveranstaltung/2024-wassermonat-maerz-aktionen-region-bayreuth-7pm4pd">https://region-bayreuth.de/rahmenveranstaltung/2024-wassermonat-maerz-aktionen-region-bayreuth-7pm4pd</a>
Wednesday, 6. March 2024 16:00-17:30 <b>Online</b>	<b>Urban Green-Blue Infrastructure - Renaturation and Natural Solutions in Climate Change</b> 10th Online Dialogue "90 Minutes in Conversation with Experts": Functions of urban green spaces and water bodies, development and renaturation, preservation of livable cities in climate change. Participation is free of charge. Registration is required by 4. March 2024. Registration: <a href="http://www.undekade-restoration.de/online-dialogue">www.undekade-restoration.de/online-dialogue</a>

Friday, 8. March 2024 <b>EU-wide</b>	<b>Public Consultation by the European Commission on the Nitrate Directive: Submission Deadline</b> The European Commission has launched a public consultation running until 8. March 2024 to assess whether the Nitrate Directive (Directive 91/676/EEC of the Council) should be amended. You can contribute to this consultation by completing the online questionnaire or sharing your opinion via email. For further information, please refer to the details provided above as well as next to the online questionnaire: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14051/public-consultation_de">https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14051/public-consultation_de</a> E-Mail: <a href="mailto:ENV-NITRATES@ec.europa.eu">ENV-NITRATES@ec.europa.eu</a>
Thursday, 14. - Saturday, 16. March 2024 <b>Baku Expo Center, Azerbaijan</b>	<b>Baku Water Week: International Exhibition on Water Management</b> The Baku Water Week showcases key sectors such as analytical technologies, artificial intelligence, construction equipment, consulting services, and more in the field of water management. Registration and further information available at: <a href="https://bakuwaterweek.az">https://bakuwaterweek.az</a>
Thursday, 14. March 2024 Worldwide and in: <b>Bayreuth</b>	<b>International Day of Action for Rivers and against Dams</b> <a href="https://worlddday.de/international-day-of-action-against-dams-weltstaudamntag">https://worlddday.de/international-day-of-action-against-dams-weltstaudamntag</a>
Thursday, 14. March 2024 Starting at 16:30 <b>Franz und Gloria, Bayreuth</b>	<b>Main RiverFilmFest – Shorts</b> Opening as part of the Water Month March in the Bayreuth Region: <a href="http://www.mainflussfilmfest.de">www.mainflussfilmfest.de</a> Tickets: <a href="https://franzundgloria.de/">https://franzundgloria.de/</a>
Friday, 15. March 2024 19:00 <b>Neue Filmbühne, Lichtenfels</b>	<b>Main RiverFilmFest – Shorts</b> Film evening with conversations and discussions. <a href="http://www.mainflussfilmfest.de">www.mainflussfilmfest.de</a> Tickets: <a href="https://neue-filmbuehne.de">https://neue-filmbuehne.de</a>
Friday, 15. - Sunday, 17. March 2024 Fri. 18:00 - Sun. 13:00 <b>Jugendherberge Bonn</b> Haager Weg 42	<b>Educational Methods: The Human Right to Water</b> Simulated water march game, access vs. availability, structural differences, political frameworks. Educational methods transfer. FIAN weekend seminar. Participation is free of charge. Barbara Lehmann-Detscher: <a href="mailto:b.lehmann-detscher@fian.de">b.lehmann-detscher@fian.de</a> Marian Henn: <a href="mailto:m.henn@fian.de">m.henn@fian.de</a> Registration: <a href="https://www.fian.de/seminar-bildungsmethoden_wasser">https://www.fian.de/seminar-bildungsmethoden_wasser</a>
Saturday, 16. March 2024 18:00 <b>Kino Central, Würzburg</b>	<b>Main RiverFilmFest – Shorts</b> Film evening with conversations and discussions. <a href="http://www.mainflussfilmfest.de">www.mainflussfilmfest.de</a> Tickets: <a href="https://www.central-bb.de/">https://www.central-bb.de/</a>
Sunday, 17. March 2024 <b>Lichtspielkino Cinema Cafe, Bamberg</b> u. Königstraße 34	<b>Main FlussFilmFest Shorts</b> Matinee showing with talks and discussion. <a href="http://www.mainflussfilmfest.de">www.mainflussfilmfest.de</a>
Sunday, 17. March 2024 13:00 <b>Capitol Theater, Zeil a.Main</b>	<b>Main RiverFilmFest – Shorts</b> Film evening. <a href="http://www.mainflussfilmfest.de">www.mainflussfilmfest.de</a> Tickets: <a href="https://kino-zeil.de/">https://kino-zeil.de/</a>
Tuesday, 19. March 2024 12:00-14:00 <b>Online</b>	<b>What Works to Make Inland Artisanal Fisheries More Sustainable?</b> A webinar hosted by the Global Nature Fund. Registration and further information: <a href="https://livinglakes.org/webinars">https://livinglakes.org/webinars</a>
Wednesday, 20. March 2024 19:00 <b>Film-Photo-Ton, Gemünden a.Main</b>	<b>Main RiverFilmFest – Shorts</b> Film evening <a href="http://www.mainflussfilmfest.de">www.mainflussfilmfest.de</a> Tickets: <a href="https://www.film-photo-ton.de/">https://www.film-photo-ton.de/</a>

22. March 2024 <b>Worldwide</b>	<b>World Water Day: Leveraging Water for Peace</b> This year, the theme of the day is "Leveraging Water for Peace," emphasizing the importance of water for peaceful coexistence. <a href="https://www.unwater.org/our-work/world-water-day">https://www.unwater.org/our-work/world-water-day</a>
Friday, 22. March 2024 10:00 – 14:00 <b>in the Stepenitz (Elbe) region</b>	<b>Proclamation Event "River Landscape of the Years 2024/25"</b> The Stepenitz in Brandenburg has been designated as the "River Landscape of the Years 2024/25," as decided by the joint advisory board for aquatic ecology of the German Anglers' Association (DAFV) and the Nature Friends Germany (NFD). Interested individuals are invited to celebrate in the region of the Stepenitz (Elbe). Further information regarding the invitation can be requested from the DAFV: <a href="https://www.dafv.de/kontakt">https://www.dafv.de/kontakt</a>
Friday, 22. March 2024 15:00-18:00 <b>Berlin Central Station - Lustgarten,</b> Start: Berlin Central Station (Washingtonplatz)	<b>WasserZeichenBerlin Demonstration for World Water Day</b> On the occasion of World Water Day, a collective demonstration will be held to advocate for water purification, water conservation, and water justice. The march will proceed along the banks of the River Spree to the Lustgarten on Museum Island, accompanied by two boats. An intermediate rally is planned at the Friedrich-Ebert-Platz waterfront. Interested individuals are invited to support the cause, preferably dressed in blue and with creative banners and signs. For further information:: <a href="https://allesimfluss.berlin/wasserzeichenberlin">https://allesimfluss.berlin/wasserzeichenberlin</a>
Sunday, 24. March 2024 In the afternoon. <b>Movie im Luitpoldhaus, Marktheidenfeld</b>	<b>Main RiverFilmFest – Shorts</b> Film showing. <a href="http://www.mainflussfilmfest.de">www.mainflussfilmfest.de</a> Tickets: <a href="https://movie-kino.de/">https://movie-kino.de/</a>
Sunday, 31. March 2024	<b>BENE 2 Funding: Deadline for Project Outlines</b> The Berlin Program for Sustainable Development (BENE 2) supports public and non-profit actors in expanding the city as a sponge city with a funding budget of 20 million euros. Private companies and corporate collaborations are specifically supported with a total of 5 million euros if they wish to make an effective contribution to climate change adaptation through their own projects on rainwater management, sealing removal, and greening of commercially used sites. Project outlines can be submitted until the end of 2027 or by private companies until 31. March 2024. For further information: <a href="https://regenwasseragentur.berlin/weiterbildung-schwammstadt-foerderung-durch-bene-2">https://regenwasseragentur.berlin/weiterbildung-schwammstadt-foerderung-durch-bene-2</a>
Monday, 15. - Wednesday, 17. April 2024 <b>Oosterpoort, Groningen, Netherlands</b>	<b>Free Flow 2024</b> International Conference on protecting and restoring free-flowing rivers in Europe. Organised by World Fish Migration Foundation and Institute for Fisheries Management. <a href="https://freeflowconference.eu/">https://freeflowconference.eu/</a>
Tuesday, 16. April 2024 12:00-14:00 <b>Online</b>	<b>Sustainable Agriculture as a Key Factor in Lake Basin Management</b> A webinar hosted by the Global Nature Fund. Registration and further information: <a href="https://livinglakes.org/webinars">https://livinglakes.org/webinars</a>
Thursday, 18. April 2024 <b>Bundesamt für Naturschutz, Bonn</b>	<b>Conference "Future Task of Nature-based Landscape Water Management"</b> The conference is aimed at stakeholders from water management, agriculture and forestry, nature conservation, climate protection and adaptation, research and restoration practice, landscape planning, spatial planning, and water and riparian ecology, among others. For further information: <a href="https://www.bmbf-wax.de/fachtagung-zukunftsaufgabe-naturnaher-landschaftswasserhaushalt/">https://www.bmbf-wax.de/fachtagung-zukunftsaufgabe-naturnaher-landschaftswasserhaushalt/</a>

Saturday, 20. April 2024 11:00-19:00 <b>Landsberg am Lech</b>	<b>Life in the River - Vital Waters, Transparent Financial Flows, Common Good</b> 2nd Water Symposium: Organized by Jochen Siebel, Petra Krafsig, Doro Heckelsmüller (Common Good Economy Regional Coordination Landsberg am Lech).
22. - 23. April 2024 <b>Zinzendorfhaus, Neudietendorf (Erfurt)</b>	<b>Second BZL Consultant Conference: Water Protection and Water Management</b> Contribution of Agriculture and Climate-Friendly Practices in Dealing with Water Resources. Discussions and Exchange. Registration Deadline: 29. February 2024 Program: <a href="https://www.praxis-agrar.de/veranstaltungen/zweite-bzl-beratertagung-wasserschutz-und-wassermanagement">https://www.praxis-agrar.de/veranstaltungen/zweite-bzl-beratertagung-wasserschutz-und-wassermanagement</a>
Sunday, 28. April 2024 11:00 - 19:00 <b>Berlin: Brandenburger Tor and Straße des 17. June</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Environmental Festival of the GRÜNE LIGA Berlin</b> Stage program in front of the Brandenburg Gate, diverse and inspiring participatory activities, experiences for young and old as well as delicious organically grown street food. Main topic: forest. <a href="https://www.umweltfestival.de/">https://www.umweltfestival.de/</a>
1. - 5. May 2024 <b>Montenegro</b>	<b>Komarnica Protest Camp</b> Protest camp against the construction of a hydropower plant and for the intelligent development of the Komarnica Gorge. The camp reveals the extraordinary values of the gorge and offers a rich program of activities. For more information: <a href="https://balkanrivers.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=74ab5089f71045e69f66feae0&amp;id=2bd95d10e2&amp;e=6394c1a364">https://balkanrivers.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=74ab5089f71045e69f66feae0&amp;id=2bd95d10e2&amp;e=6394c1a364</a>
Saturday, 11. May 2024 14:00-16:00 <b>Würzburg-Lengfeld</b> Eingang Kürnachtalhalle Werner-von-Siemens-Straße 93 97076 Würzburg-Lengfeld	<b>Excursion: Life in the Stream</b> Nature experience for children focusing on exploring the landscape and stream inhabitants such as crayfish and insect larvae. Led by Thomas Biechele-Kusch. This event is aimed at families with children aged 6 and above. Sustainability Future Week Mainfranken: Fee: 7 Euro/adult, 5 Euro/child Registration required by 7 May. <a href="https://zukunftswoche-mainfranken.de/programm/#/sessions/234">https://zukunftswoche-mainfranken.de/programm/#/sessions/234</a>
Monday, 13. May 2024 8:00-15:30, <b>Kitzingen</b> Landratsamt Kitzingen / Foyer Kaiserstr. 4	<b>"Virtual Water"</b> "Water Footprint" of products, numbers, data, and facts interactive "Virtual Water Shop" for groceries. Sustainability Future Week Mainfranken. Registration: <a href="https://www.umweltstation-landkreis-kitzingen.de/projekte/veranstaltungskalender/mai-2024">https://www.umweltstation-landkreis-kitzingen.de/projekte/veranstaltungskalender/mai-2024</a>
Thursday, 16. May 2024 9:30-15:30, <b>Oschatz</b> Stadthalle Thomas-Müntzer-Haus, Altmarkt 17	<b>Water Bodies Forum 2024: Interim Assessment of Implementation Measures in Key Stress Areas of Surface Water and Groundwater</b> Target audience: Science & Research, Associations & Clubs, Administration & Authorities, Municipalities, Planning Offices, Volunteer Conservationists, Anglers. Online registration from 01. March 2024 to 09. May 2024. <a href="https://buergerbeteiligung.sachsen.de/portal/fulg/beteiligung/themen/1036446">https://buergerbeteiligung.sachsen.de/portal/fulg/beteiligung/themen/1036446</a>
18. - 24. May 2024 <b>Bali, Indonesia</b>	<b>Water for Shared Prosperity 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum</b> <a href="https://worldwaterforum.org/">https://worldwaterforum.org/</a>
Tuesday, 21. May 2024 12:00-14:00 <b>Online</b>	<b>Wetland Restoration from Patch to Landscape – Involving Communities in Small and Large Scale Restoration Activities</b> A webinar hosted by the Global Nature Fund. Registration and further information: <a href="https://livinglakes.org/webinars">https://livinglakes.org/webinars</a>

Saturday, 25. May 2024 <b>Global</b>	<b>World Fish Migration Day</b> Organized by the World Fish Migration Foundation, World Fish Migration Day aims to connect fish, rivers, and people. The event aims to educate the public about the importance of migratory fish and advocate for measures to protect them and their habitats. Everyone has the opportunity to support World Fish Migration Day by either registering their own event or joining an already planned event. Registration and further information: <a href="https://worldfishmigrationday.com">https://worldfishmigrationday.com</a>
Monday, 10. - Wednesday, 12. June 2024 <b>Hotel Park Plaza, Trier</b> Nikolaus-Koch-Platz 1 <a href="http://www.parkplaza-trier.de">www.parkplaza-trier.de</a>	<b>Water Management Law</b> Public services: Economic framework, water supply and waste water law. Water resources law: Basic and special areas. €850 including lunch, wine tasting and snacks. Registration by 10. April 2024 at: <a href="http://www.wasserrecht.uni-trier.de">www.wasserrecht.uni-trier.de</a>
Sunday, 16. June 2024	<b>UN Decade Project Competition "Seas and Coasts" Submission Deadline</b> The fifth round of the UN Decade Project Competition in the ecosystem area " <b>Seas and Coasts</b> " is now open. Project sponsors are invited to apply online until 16. June 2024. Projects should represent ongoing, nationally representative projects in Germany aimed at restoring, preserving, or maintaining ecosystems in the seas and coastal areas. Application: <a href="http://www.undekade-restoration.de/projektwettbewerb">www.undekade-restoration.de/projektwettbewerb</a>
Monday, 17. June 2024 <b>Bonn</b>	<b>World Day Against Desertification and Drought</b> The day is a global call to do more to combat land degradation, desertification and drought. <a href="https://www.unccd.int/de/news-stories/press-releases/germany-host-2024-desertification-and-drought-day-bonn">https://www.unccd.int/de/news-stories/press-releases/germany-host-2024-desertification-and-drought-day-bonn</a>
Monday, 7. - Tuesday, 8. October 2024 <b>Friedrichshafen</b>	<b>Our Waters – Fit for the Future?</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Vital Waters Conference in Baden-Württemberg. <a href="http://www.vitale-gewaesser-bw.de">www.vitale-gewaesser-bw.de</a>

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