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1. **Welcome editorial by the REFORM Coordinator**

REFORM Coordinator Tom Buijse briefly introduces the contents of the fourth newsletter of the project.

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2. **Finalised REFORM deliverables available online**

A substantial mid-term output of REFORM was planned and realized by the end of 2014 to be timely available to support drafting of the second round of river basin management plans for the EU Water Framework Directive. These finalized deliverables can be downloaded on the REFORM website. We would especially like to draw attention to the newer deliverables that have been published since June 2013.

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3. **Sharing Global Lessons in River Restoration, An interview with Professor Gary Brierley**

Professor Gary Brierley from the University of Auckland School of the Environment shares some global lessons in river restoration. Professor Brierley is a geographer who specialises in the use of science to guide river management applications, especially rehabilitation and conservation activities.

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4. **The WFD Common Implementation Strategy work programme 2013-2015**

In the Common Implementation Strategy (CIS), EU countries and stakeholders work together towards a consistent implementation of the WFD. Hydromorphology, environmental flows, and measure programmes are topics that are high on the agenda in the latest CIS work programme.

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5. **First national REFORM stakeholder event**

On the 14th of November 2013 in Zutphen, The Netherlands, the first REFORM national stakeholder event was organised. Aims and early results of REFORM were presented and intensively discussed with Dutch water managers and their advisors. The event proved to be a very successful step in disseminating the results of REFORM to local water managers.

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6. **The 5th European River Restoration Conference**

The European Centre for River Restoration ECRR, alongside the RESTORE partners and the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), organised the 5th European River Restoration Conference from 11-13 September, 2013, in Vienna, Austria. Over 300 participants from science, policy, and practice shared experiences and celebrated the awarding of the 1st annual European Riverprize to the International Rhine Commission. REFORM was featured in a side event.

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7. **Restoring the channelized River Vääräjoki (Finland) towards good ecological status**

The River Vääräjoki in western Finland was channelized for flood protection and timber floating in the 19th and 20th centuries. Since late 1990s, the hydromorphological quality of the river has been extensively restored, and thus, Vääräjoki was chosen as a case study for REFORM WP4. The restoration activities are well known among the local inhabitants, who value the river environment and often use it for recreation.

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