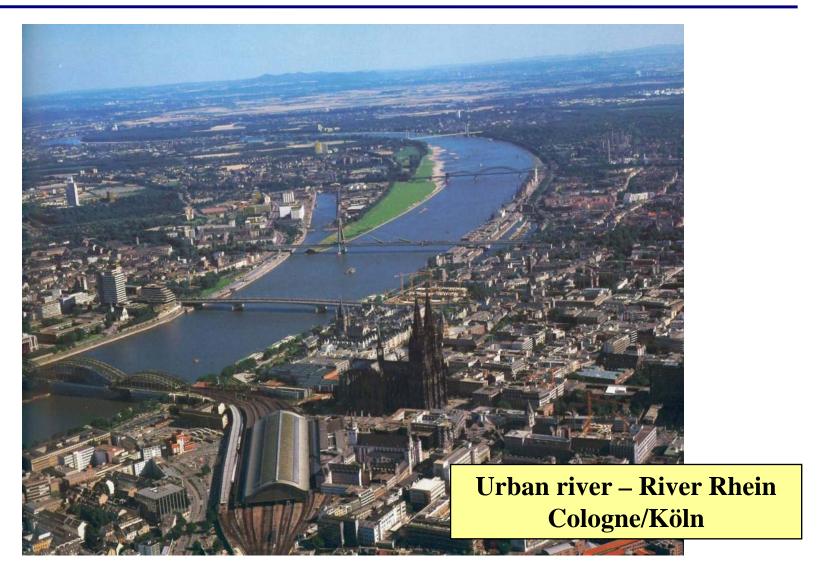
# Review of the Development of Urban Rivers in Germany

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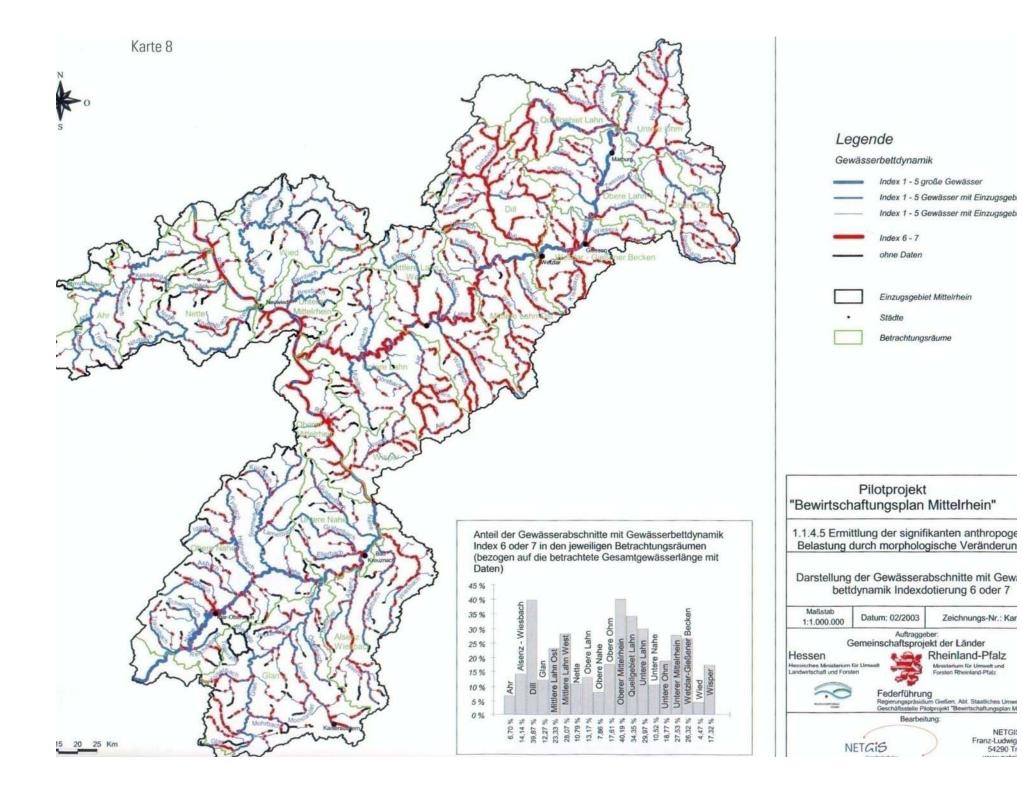
# What are we doing right now in Germany?

## **European Water Directive Framework**

(Since October 23rd, 2000)

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Timetable (in few words):
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- In 2003: Adaption of the German Water Law (federal and state laws)
- In 2004: Survey (f.e. Identification of Heavily Modified Water Bodies)
- In 2006: Monitoring + Public participation + Concept of River management plan
- ....
- Until 2008: River management plans
- Until 2009: Implimentation of measurements



**History of river restoration** 

- Single Projects initiated by ethusiatic people
- Growing awareness of the public (pressure on politic)
- Some small but important changes of environmental laws (federal and state laws)
- Promotion by governments
- European water directive framework

## **Changes of environmental laws**

(water + nature protection + environmental compatibility + planning law)

 ,,Reconstruction" of the waters after flood to avoid flood damage ....

Performance index: Mainly water quality ...

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- Sustainable development as a part of the decision process
  Performance index: quality of river morphology; river structure

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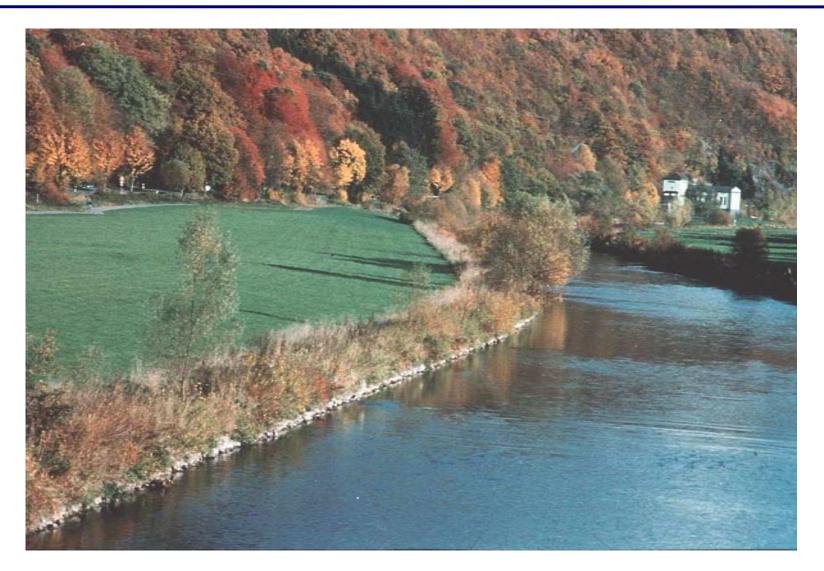
- Biotic parameters (abiotic parameters for assistance)

# Example for the river development due to changes of laws

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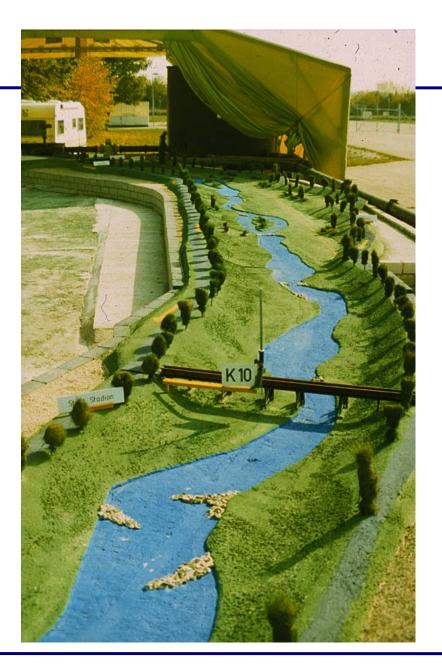


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### Difficulties

**Significant impacts on waters in urban areas are ...** 

- Utilizations of areas close to the rivers; riparian areas, but also in river meadows
- Designing of rivers (Straighting, Lining, Paving etc.) to enable the uses (<u>also</u> flood protection)
- Constructions in the river that cut off migration of species as well as sediment transport
- Sealings in the catchment area
- Sewage disposal

## **Flood protection**

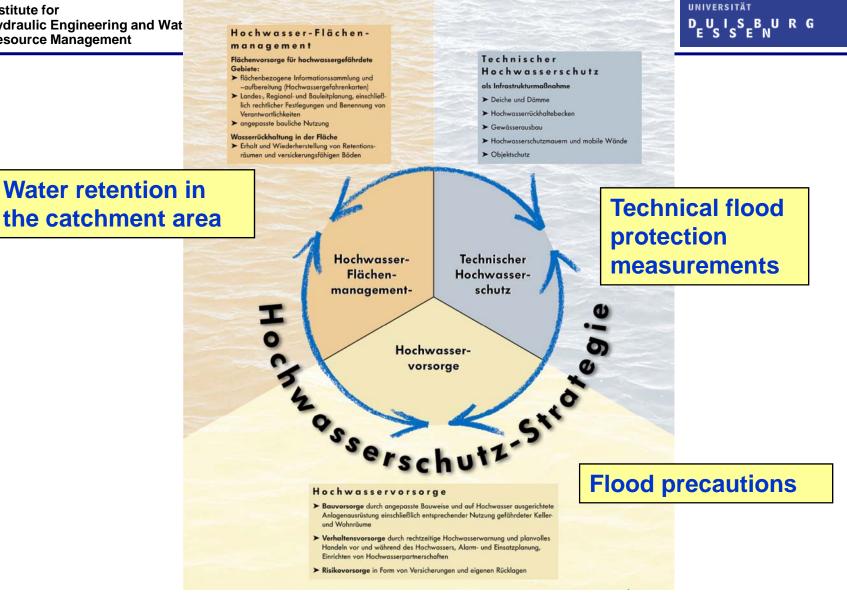
"It rained to much and we are to close to the rivers"

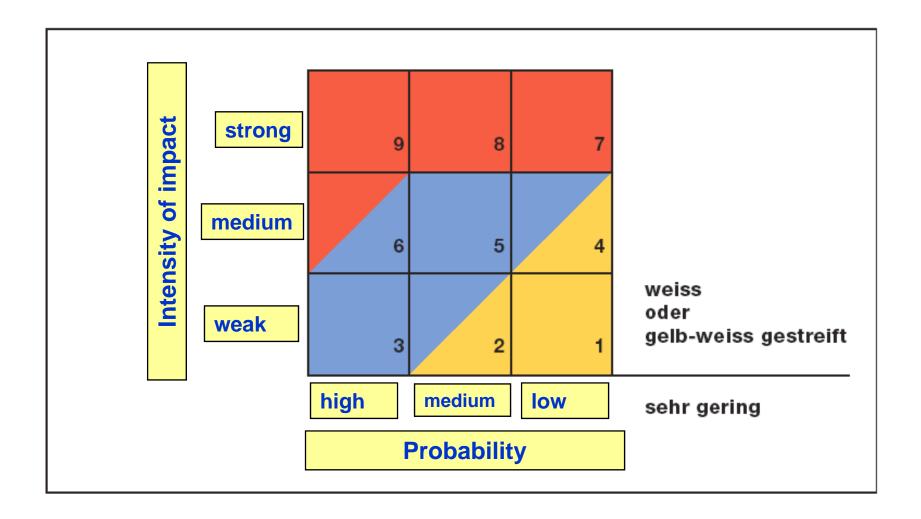




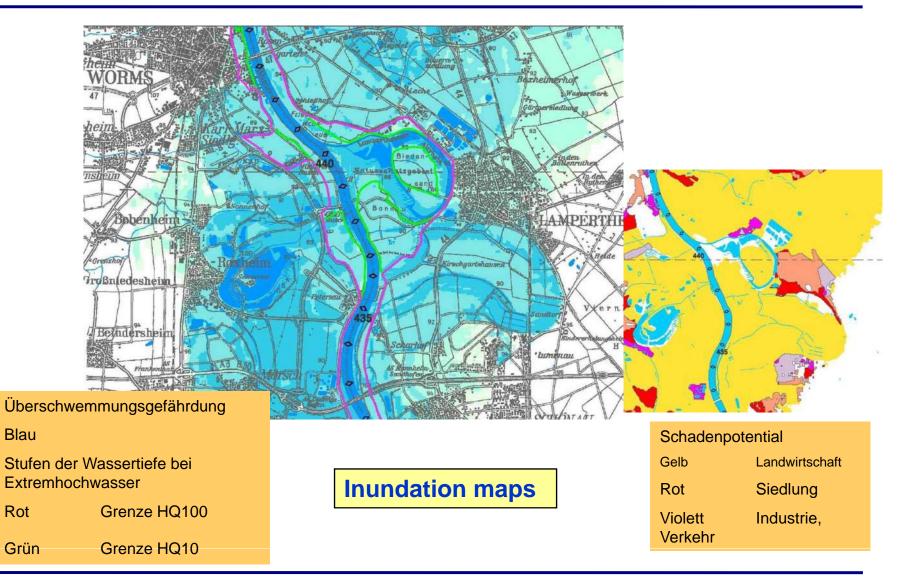




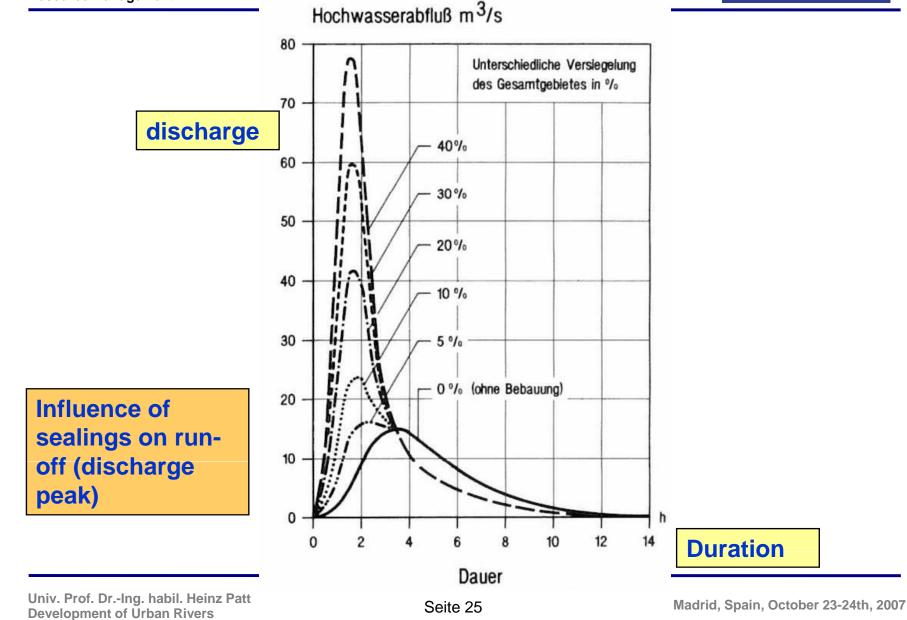








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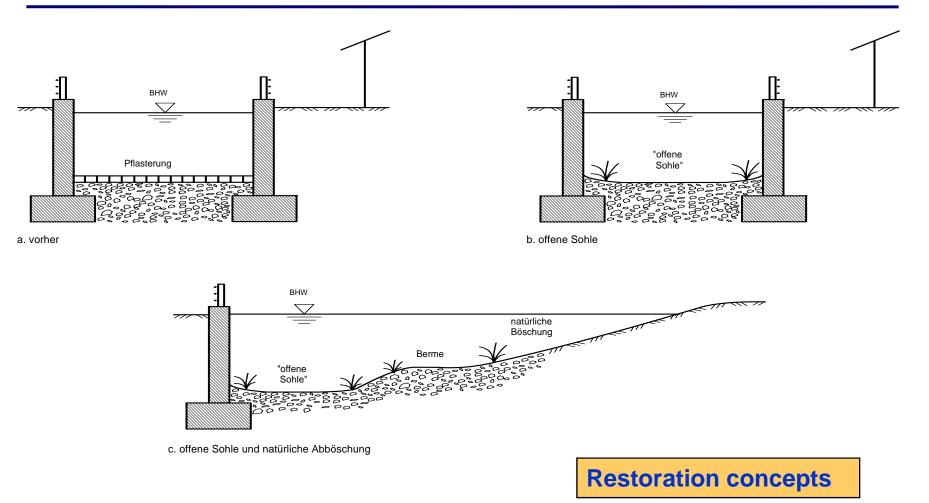
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## **Engineering measurements**











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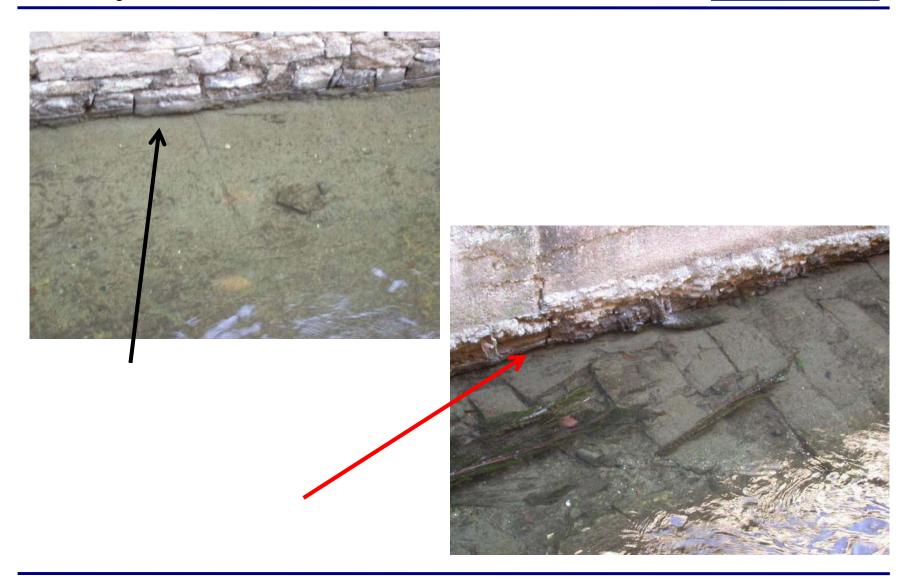
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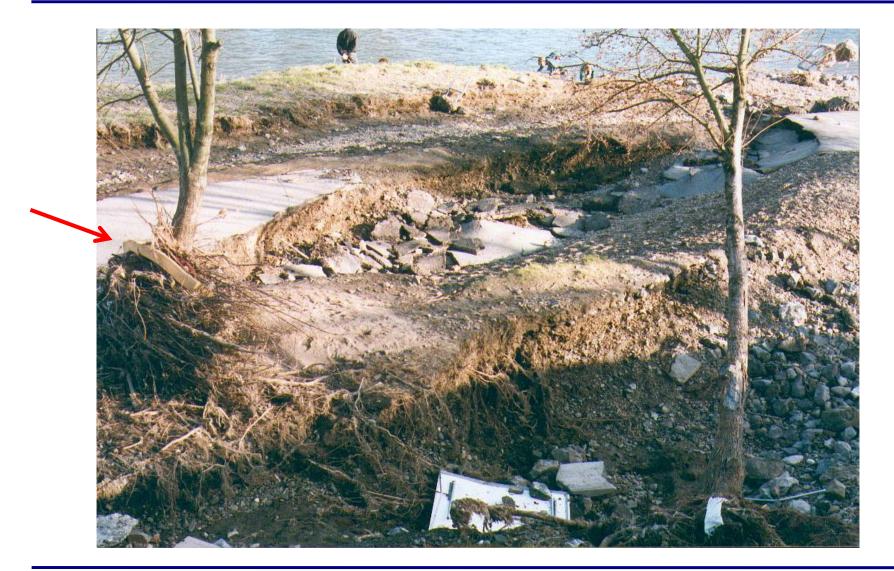
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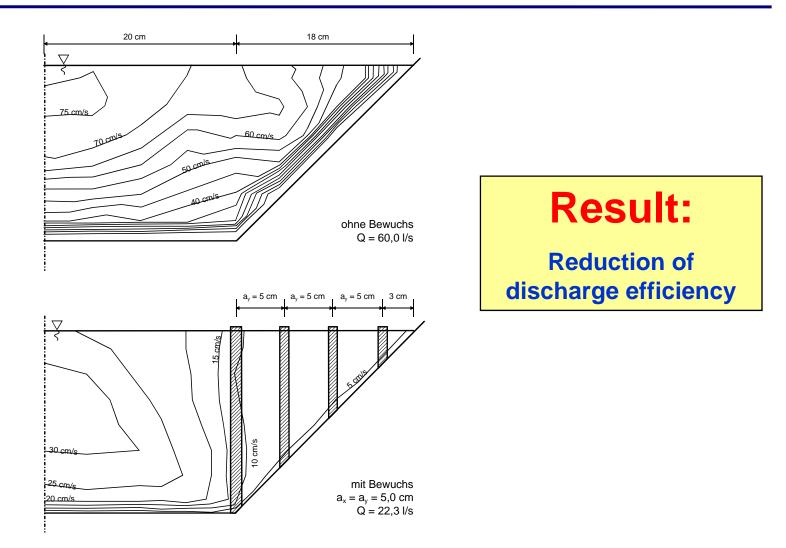














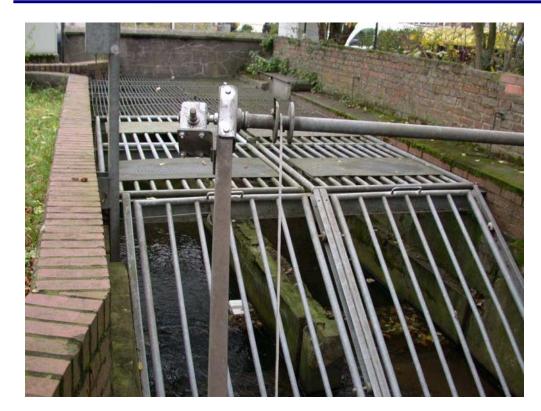
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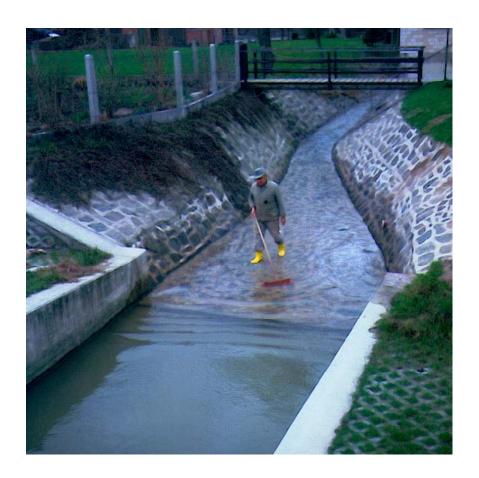
## **River Maintenance**

### "Unterhaltungsparadies"

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### "Natural" River maintenance

- natural materials
- gentle; hand made
- natural riparian areas



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## **Leisure and Recreation on Rivers**

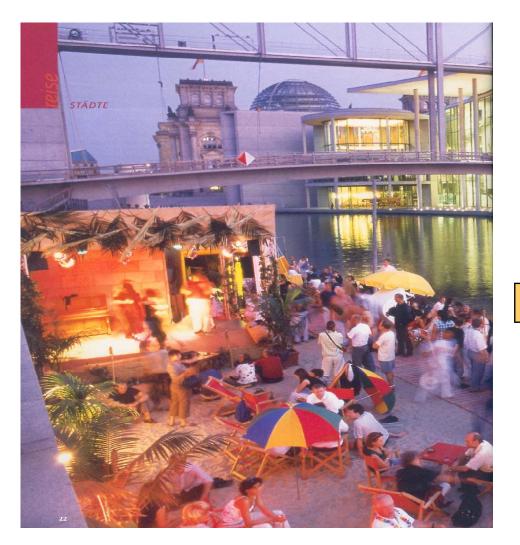




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Accept "New Issues"

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# Special guests

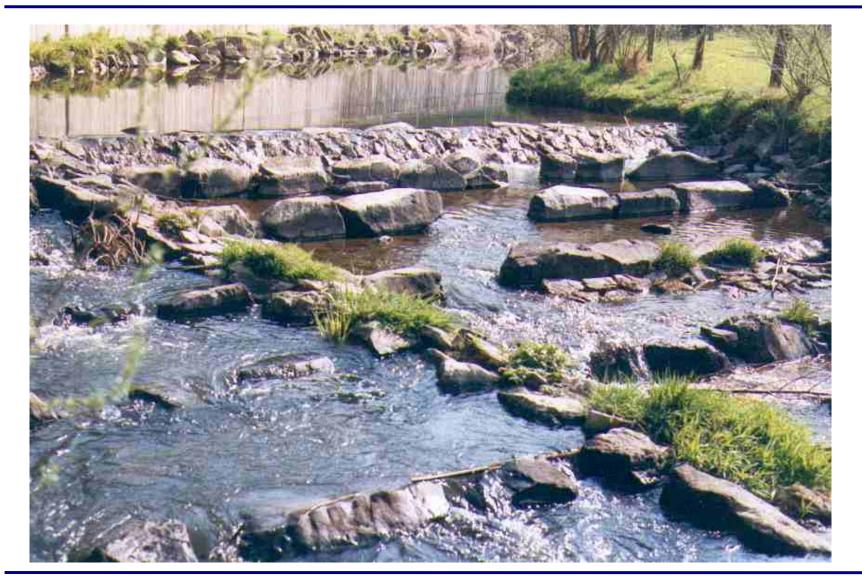




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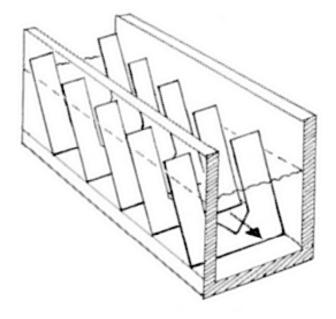
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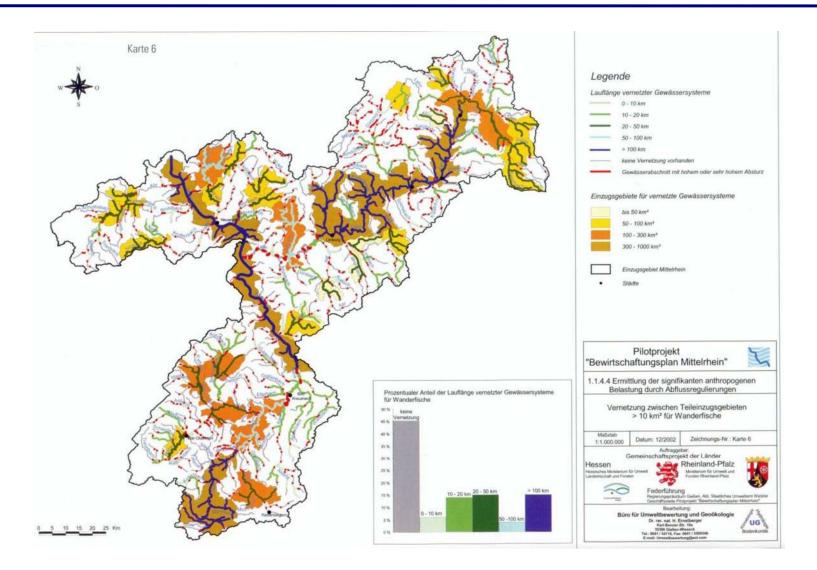




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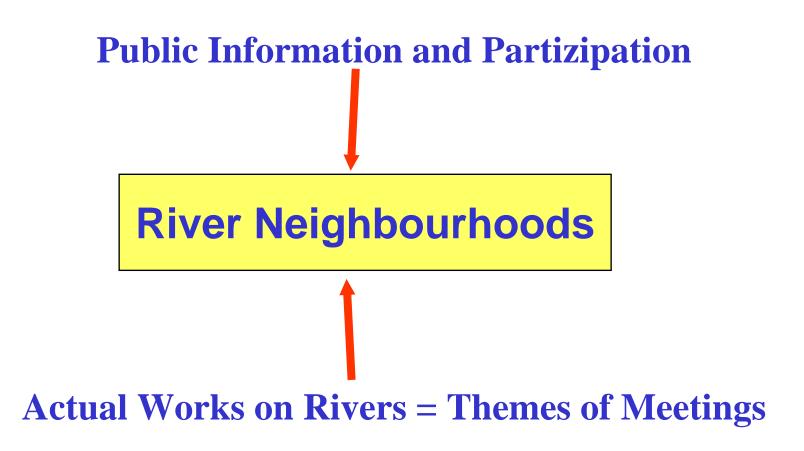




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# **Public Participation**





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## Quo vadis?

- The Water Framework directive will not solve all problems; especially small rivers and the river meadows are not visible in the framework.
- Natural river development or river protection still needs the enthusiasm of some people and the public awareness, that we need nature for human beeing.

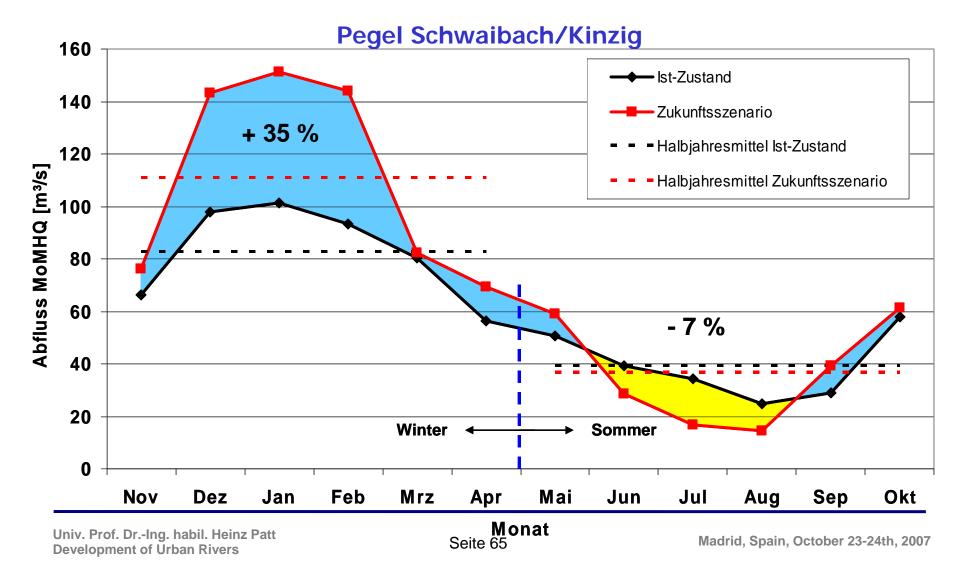




# **Taking into account**

## climate changes

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