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**Report on roundtable 5:  
Develop New Approaches of Rivers Restoration and  
Protection of Water Ecosystems**

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# SCALE OF CHALLENGES

- Legacy of human interference in catchments
- Centures of degradation
- Most nations face a huge challenge
- Difficult, expensive, lengthy to resolve
- Leave the lessons from Past

# KEY POINTS(1)

- Integrate land use policies and water planning
- Take a fresh look-traditional engineering has colletreal impact
- “Room for the River” –let the rivers and ecosystem function naturally
- Monitor, understand the challange, have s structured approach to planning

## KEY POINT (2)

- No point in having a plan unless it is implemented!
- A plan needs commitment. So consult, participate, ownership at all scale
- Strong link between environmental degradation and poverty
- River restoration helps to restore ecosystem and societies

# KEY POINTS(3)

- Understand the value of ecosystem
- Target action for maximum benefit for people and the environment- Cost benefit assessment
- Share information, knowledge and best practice