



## GOOD PRACTICE

### Title of the practice

Recommendation for the flood risk management plans with respect to agreements with agriculture



### Detailed description of the practice

Riparian pastures/wetlands can serve as retention areas. Together with the river itself they behave like near-natural linear corridors in the landscape and do connect habitats. In order to regain these pastures/wetlands at the Rur a near-natural development concept ("Gewässerauenkonzept Rur") was planned. Most of the riparian land is in agricultural use today. In the planning process it was discussed and agreed with the agricultural sector which areas are possible to use and which areas are impossible to use as retention areas due to their agricultural importance. In addition an agreement on cooperation was concluded between the professional agricultural associations and the water board in order to avoid a disadvantageous rise of the ground water level when the concept is carried out. The agreement sets rules for the perpetuation of evidence, the compensation of disadvantages and the protection of tenants. Donor region is North-Rhein-Westphalia/Eifel-Rur (via P6). Benefiting region: detailed information will be given during an exchange meeting in March to the visiting partners (Saxony, Brandenburg, Wallonie).

### Evidence of success

The "Gewässerauenkonzept Rur" is always respected by the water board Eifel-Rur in actual plans and was very important as confidence-building measure and for the discussion process with the agricultural sector.

### Location of the practice

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