



Invitation to final seminar



Welcome to the final seminar for Rivers of LIFE

Rivers of LIFE is a Swedish LIFE-project focusing on restorations with the purpose of increasing the biodiversity, strengthening the natural flora and fauna in and near boreal streams, as well as educating the general public of the importance of waterway restorations. The project areas are Ljusnan and Voxnan in the county of Gävleborg and Gimån and Härjedalsljusnan in the county of Jämtland.

The seminar will consist of two half-days indoor with speakers, networking and posters sessions. The second day will be a field day where we will visit some of our project areas.

The seminar is free of charge. Meals, coffebreaks and non-alcoholic beverages are included. Deadline for registration is the 21st of August 2026.

Program (preliminary)

Tuesday 15 September

Time	Agenda item	Speaker
11.30	Welcome! Registration and lunch. Posters and exhibition material.	
13.00	Introduction and information	<i>Moderator and Project Manager Peter Mathisen</i>
13.15	The project Rivers of LIFE – A river restoration project in large boreal rivers in northern Europe	<i>Peter Mathisen, Pierre Samuelsson and Elin Götzmann (project managers)</i>
14.00	Let it flow: The LIFE Living Rivers Project in Slovakia	<i>Miroslav Očadlík, WWF Slovakia</i>
14.25	Coffee break, networking and poster session	
14.55	Nature based solutions in river restoration (official title to come)	<i>Hamish Moir, CBEC Eco-Engineering, UK</i>
15.35	Evaluating the effects of restoration on multiple river functions: how hard is it?	<i>Brendan McKie, Division of Ecology and Biodiversity, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences</i>
16.00-16.30	Information about the field sites and close-up for the day. Poster session.	<i>Project Managers</i>
18.30	Dinner at Järvsöbaden	

Wednesday 16 September

Time	Agenda item	Speaker
08.00	Gathering at the buses	
08.15	Departure to field destinations	
	Lunch and coffee will be served at the field sites	
17.00	Return to Järvsö	
18.30	Dinner and entertainment	

Thursday 17 September

Time	Agenda item	Speaker
08.30	Start-up and reflection on the field day	Project Managers
09.00	Rivers of LIFE – Lessons learned	Project Managers
09.20	From Source to Sea: Lessons and Legacy of the LIFE Dee River Project	Joel Rees-Jones, Natural Resources Wales
09.45	Implementation of water protection measures along small boreal streams in Sweden	Lenka Kuglerova, Department of Forest Ecology and Management, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
10.10	Coffee break, networking and poster session	
10.30	Ecological Responses to River Restoration: Evidence from Microbial and Macroinvertebrate Communities Using Environmental DNA	Maria Jose Monge Salazar, Department of Environmental Science, Stockholm University
10.55	Spreading the word – a practical approach; Information made easy	Ricky Hermans, Swedish Anglers Association
11.20	Beyond restoration: Interdisciplinary exploration of restoration for present and future generations	Judith Lundberg Felten Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Interdisciplinary Academy (IDA) focus group
11.45	Wrap-up and closing remarks	Project Managers
12.00– 13.00	Closing lunch for those who can stay	

Location

The final seminar will take place in the flourishing village of **Järvsö**, located in the heart of Hälsingland, Sweden. Surrounded by rivers, forests, and mountains, Järvsö is a place where nature, culture, and sustainability meet. Known for its warm hospitality and deep connection to its natural environment, Järvsö offers a truly unique experience — authentic, vibrant, and inspiring.

Accommodations



Travel to the venue and accommodation is paid for by the participants.

Please note that accommodation needs to be booked before July 17, 2026. After this date, the hotels will release our preliminary booking to other potential guests. If rooms are available after this date, bookings can be made without any change in price. When booking accommodation, please use the booking code “Rivers of LIFE”.

- [Järvsöbaden - boende, konferens och spa i Järvsö, Hälsingland](#)
- [JBP Hotell | Bekvämt prisvärt boende på hotellrum i Järvsö](#)
- [Hotell, restaurang och konferens i Järvsö | Bergshotellet](#)

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