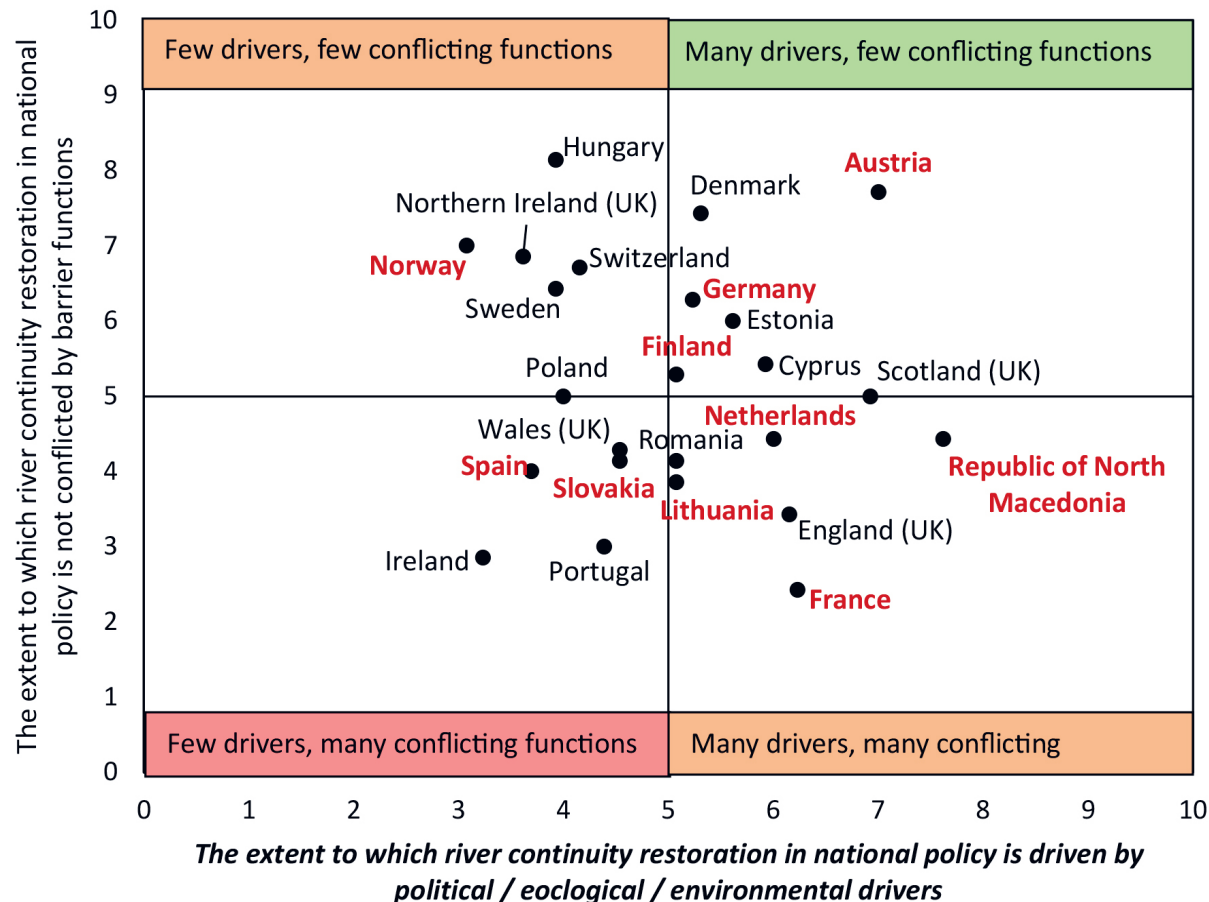


# Why River Continuity (Restoration)

- **Water Framework Directive: Good ecological status or potential**
- **Hydromorphological elements (hydrology, morphology, barriers)**
- **River continuity; mainly longitudinal, sometimes lateral**
- **ECRR workshop river continuity restoration at the I.S. Rivers 2017 Conference**
- **ECRR guiding theme river continuity restoration**
- **A pan-European survey on policies and strategic planning regarding river continuity restoration in 2021 with 28 countries**

# A European national river continuity restoration policies review



- **Survey policy outline recommendation**
  - Barrier data-base
  - Restoration prioritisation
  - Plans and measures
  - Funding and financial instruments
  - Technical knowledge and expertise
  - Technical guidance and support
  - Monitoring and evaluation
  - Public participation
  - Awareness raising
- **General Policy Framework?**
- **General recommendations for improvement**

# Improving National River Continuity Restoration Policies for European Ecosystem-based River Management



- **8 countries sent us their policies; from the others we do not have and know them**
- **Improving**
  - **National governments and water professionals are continuously striving for improvement (all policies are up to date from 2022)**
  - **Water Framework Directive implementation is a driver**
  - **EU legislation is developing for freshwater eco-system restoration with free-flowing rivers**
- **The study results forming the start of discussions and not the end**