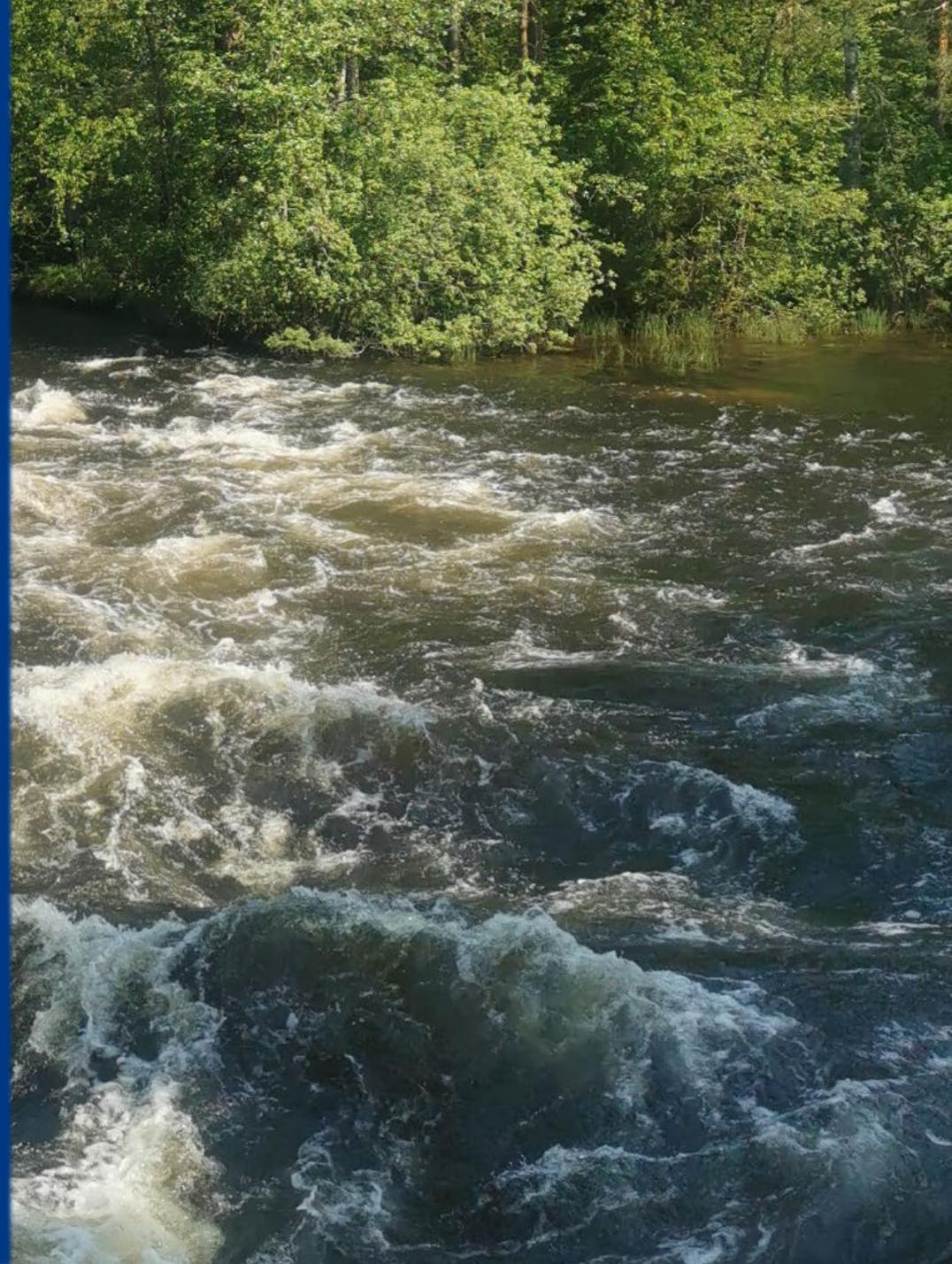


# Reflections from Finland

This was a good summary from different countries:

- Situations vary a lot between different nations, so it is not easy to bring conclusions and observations together
- We agree on observations about what should be done to achieve better ecological status and to improve river continuum.
- Some countries have set numerical targets (Norway, France, Slovakia, Spain), does that help to reach the set goals?





# Reflections from Finland

To sum up for Finland:

- River restorations started in 1980's and it accelerated in 2010's.
- Newest national programme started 2020 with bigger national funding and more focus on barrier removals.
- till a lot to be done but the national road map how to proceed is pretty clear

# Tomorrow and what it brings?

For the next few years:

- We believe that the most important thing is to try to make funding arrangements permanent.
- EU-legislation (biodiversity act, restoration act) is going to be strong influence in future.
- Although we might be careful with suggested common policies, we would warmly welcome stronger international cooperation and collaboration, as we struggle globally with similar issues. We recognize difference watersheds and river continuums (Finland's heavy forestry industry, only very few of boarder rivers), that could create difference in political need for common policies.

