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through
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**WG2: Visualisation of European Responses to
Riparian Vegetation Degradation**

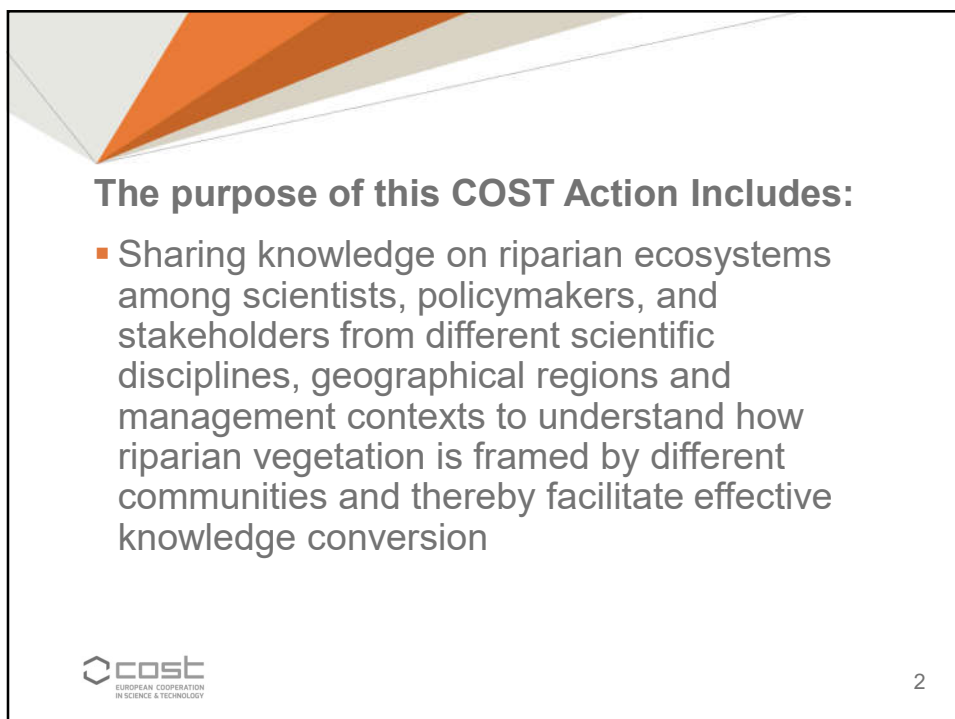
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The purpose of this COST Action Includes:

- Sharing knowledge on riparian ecosystems among scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders from different scientific disciplines, geographical regions and management contexts to understand how riparian vegetation is framed by different communities and thereby facilitate effective knowledge conversion

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- Determining evidence based best practices in riparian management and develop effective tools and indicators to assess ecological status using riparian vegetation.
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 - drawing from different disciplines and conveyed to practitioners in order to fulfil relevant policy targets.



Our challenge:

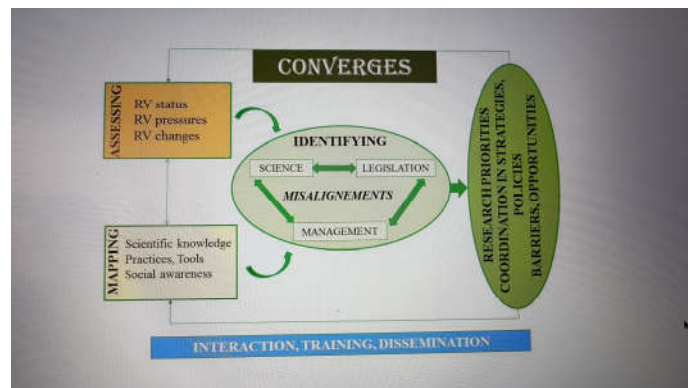
- The wide geographic dispersion and heterogeneity of current knowledge
- Lack of communication and sharing between scientific disciplines and countries
- Lack of knowledge conversion between academics, managers and policymakers
- Lack of EU coordinated effort making RV marginal in EU policies.

Objective of WG2

- To identify the responses to riparian vegetation degradation.
 - Production of knowledge
 - Management practices and tools
 - Social response
 - Policy/legislative awareness at the different scales of responsibility on water and nature management (EU, national and regional).

Methodology

- Knowledge map will be built to present
 - which response resides where (e.g. country, institution, people)
 - Identify the patterns of knowledge flows (source, medium, target)
 - Each map will be based on literature synthesis and consultation, seminar with local/national managers involved in the Action and regional/national legislation review



WG 2 Tasks

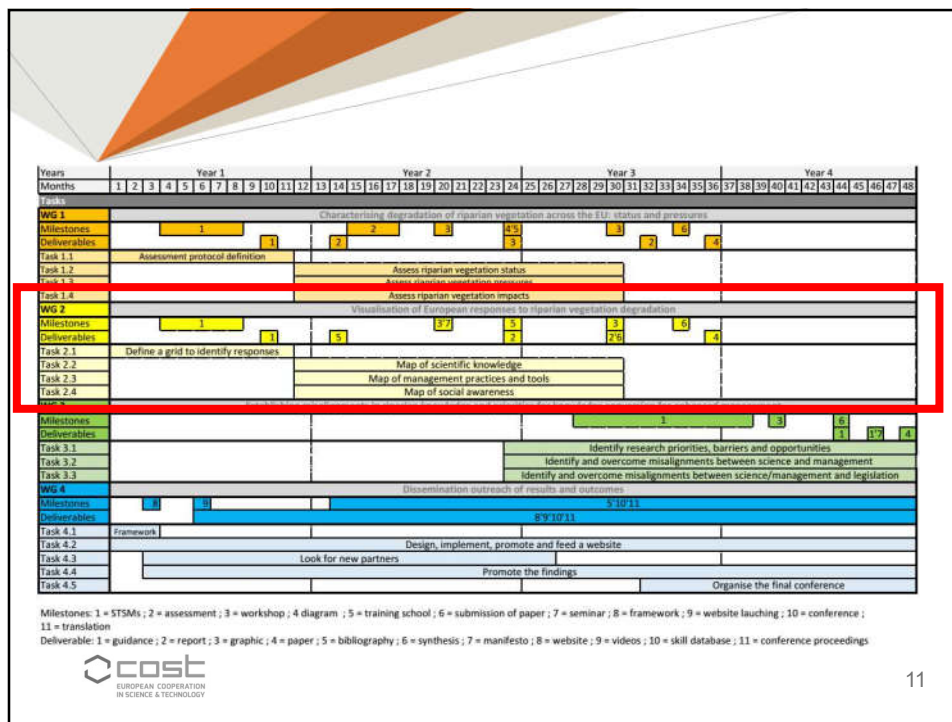
	Month	Description
T2.1	1-11	Define a grid to identify responses
T2.2	12-30	Map of scientific knowledge
T2.3	12-30	Map of management practices and tools
T2.4	12-30	Map of social awareness

WG 2 Milestones

	Month	Description
M2.1	4-8	STSMs to define the grid of responses framework
M2.2	20	Seminar with managers in each country/region
M2.3	20	Workshop for discussion about responses
M2.4	24	Training school for ECIs and end users about existing tools and management practices
M2.5	30	Workshop for final results presentation
M2.6	34	Submission of review paper(s)

WG 2 Deliverables

	Month	Description
D2.1	10	Guidance to implement the protocol for the responses assessment
D2.2	14	Annotated bibliography of publications
D2.3	24	Report of existing management practices by country/region
D2.4	30	Synthesis of gaps in scientific knowledge
D2.5	30	Synthesis of best illustrative practices
D2.6	30	Synthesis of existing tools (indicators, models, etc)
D2.7	30	Report about integration of riparian vegetation in current legislation
D2.8	36	Review paper(s)



For the first 24 months:

- STSM (short term scientific missions) – *how many can we have?*
- Workshop
- 2 * training schools
- Seminar
- Assessment

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How where and who attends?

- WG2 meetings and coordinated meetings with other WGs

Moving forward

- Who we are and what can each of us contribute to WG2
- How can we coordinate our efforts most effectively