



Growing
ideas
through
networks

COST CA 16208 CONVERGES

WG 4: Dissemination and outreach of results and outcomes

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STRUCTURE:

- BRIEF DESCRIPTION of
- - CONVERGES WG4 **PURPOSES**
- - obtained by the moment **RESULTS**
- - MAIN **FUTURE GOALS**

WG4 PURPOSES:

- MAKE RV ISSUES MORE **VISIBLE**
 - EDUCATE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC
 - PRESENT and BUILD NEW CONNECTIONS WITHIN
 - AND OUTSIDE COST ACTION – stakeholders as NGOs, decision makers, policymakers, etc.
- PUT OUR PROPOSALS ON THE AGENDA OF EU or NATIONAL POLICY MAKERS, provide advice and influence on decision making



TASKS OF THE GROUP:

- Build a dissemination framework
- Look for new partners
- Design, implement, promote and feed a website
- Promote the findings
- Organize the final conference.

IMPLEMENTATION DELIVERABLES:

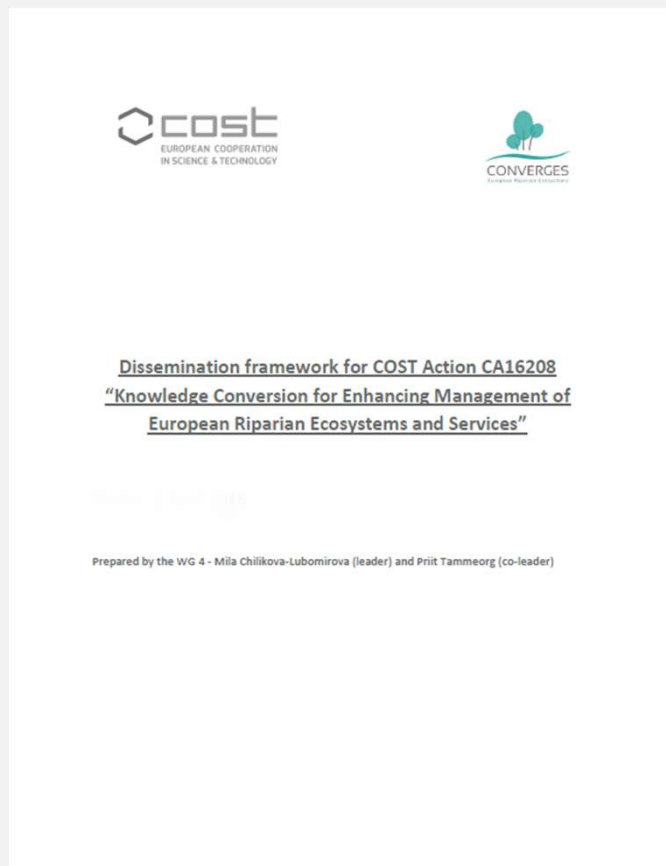
◆Month	Description
6 - 48	Website (access to all reports, documents, etc.)
6 - 48	A series of videos to present the Action and the main findings
14-48	Translated version of core documents in at least 6 languages
20	Skill database of riparian researchers

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THE DISSEMINATION FRAMEWORK



- approved in 2018
- representing main principles of dissemination and communication activities of the COST CA;
- main coordinating role for dissemination and outreach of results and outcomes - WG4.



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CONVERGES EXPANDED

The **beginning**:

- proposal initiators: 34 from 29 Countries and NNC

NOW – 39 COST Countries and outer

- participants from Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Kosovo, United States and Australia



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CONVERGES outer RELATIONS

- With research Institutes and practitioners,
- exchanging information about CONVERGES and outer the group events;
- - COST CA 16209 Natural Flood Retention on Private Land;
- - European Center for River Restoration;
- - The project Riparian Remote Monitoring for river management in Wallonia (RiReMo project) is funded by BELSPO (Belgian Science Policy Office) in the frame of the STEREO III programme (SR/00/347); etc.



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CONVERGES outer RELATIONS

- with ISRS: Sessions organized in ISRS, Vienna Sept. 2019;
- with Society of Ecological Restoration Europe - a workshop was contributed in Iceland 2018 and future Workshops have been submitted to SERE2020 in Alicante;
- with EGU - we are co-conveners of a session about COST Actions in Next EGU2020: "COST Actions in Geosciences: breakthrough ideas, research activities and results"



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WEB SITE Available since May 2018 :
<https://converges.eu>

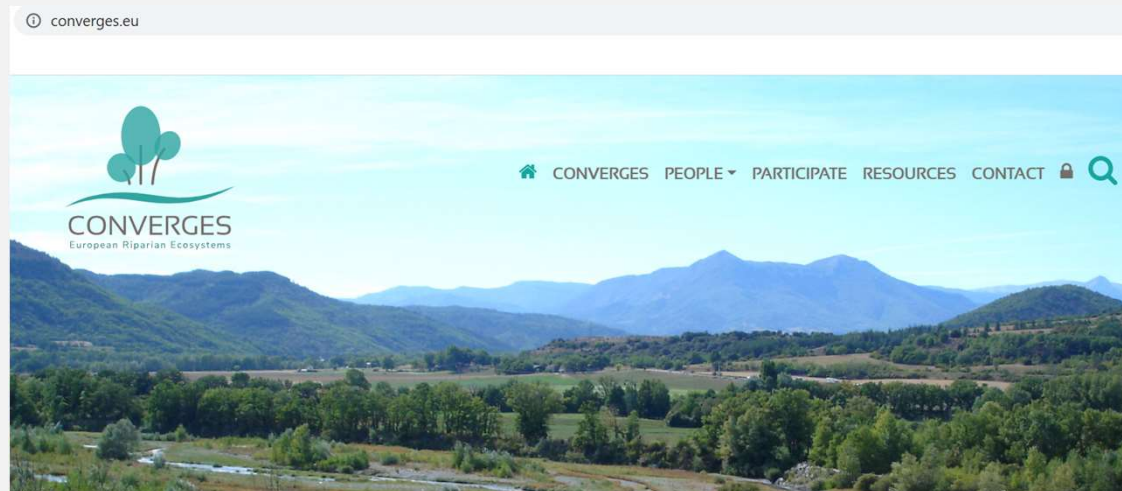
Information: Aims, Challenges, Objectives, Findings

- Represent all the CONVERGES activity to everybody:
- to the CONVERGES members (internal part)
- and Externals

3 071 Sessions

1833 Users

8 788 Page Views



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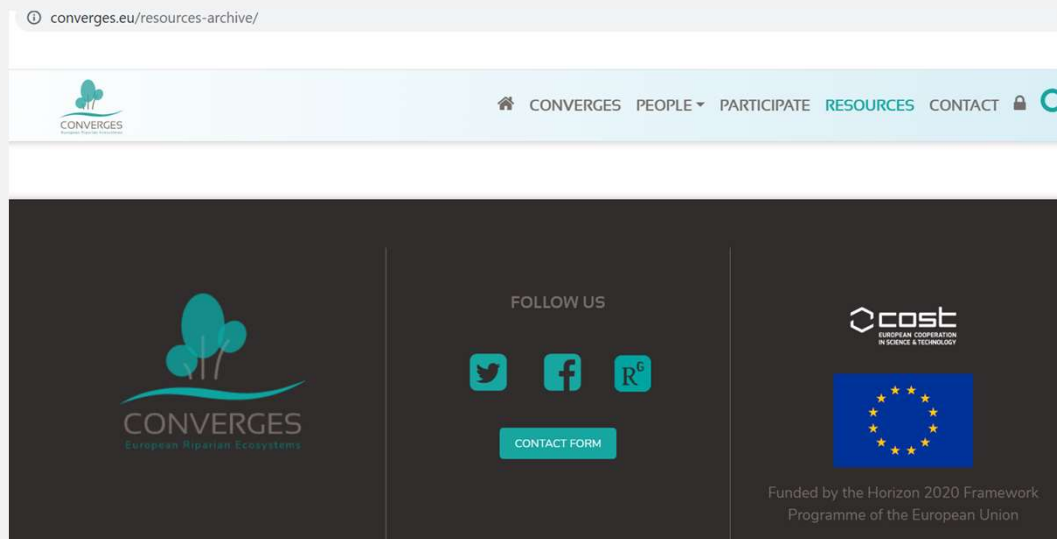
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IMPLEMENTATION WEB SITE

- Do the production to a large panel of participants, practitioners, decision makers, stakeholders



Links to:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Research Gate

Mailing list: 185 members, 45 countries



IMPLEMENTATION SOCIAL

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/converges16208cost/>

Launched in November 2017.



Since then:

33 publications,
3361 persons reached,
205 engagements,
149
reaction/comments.

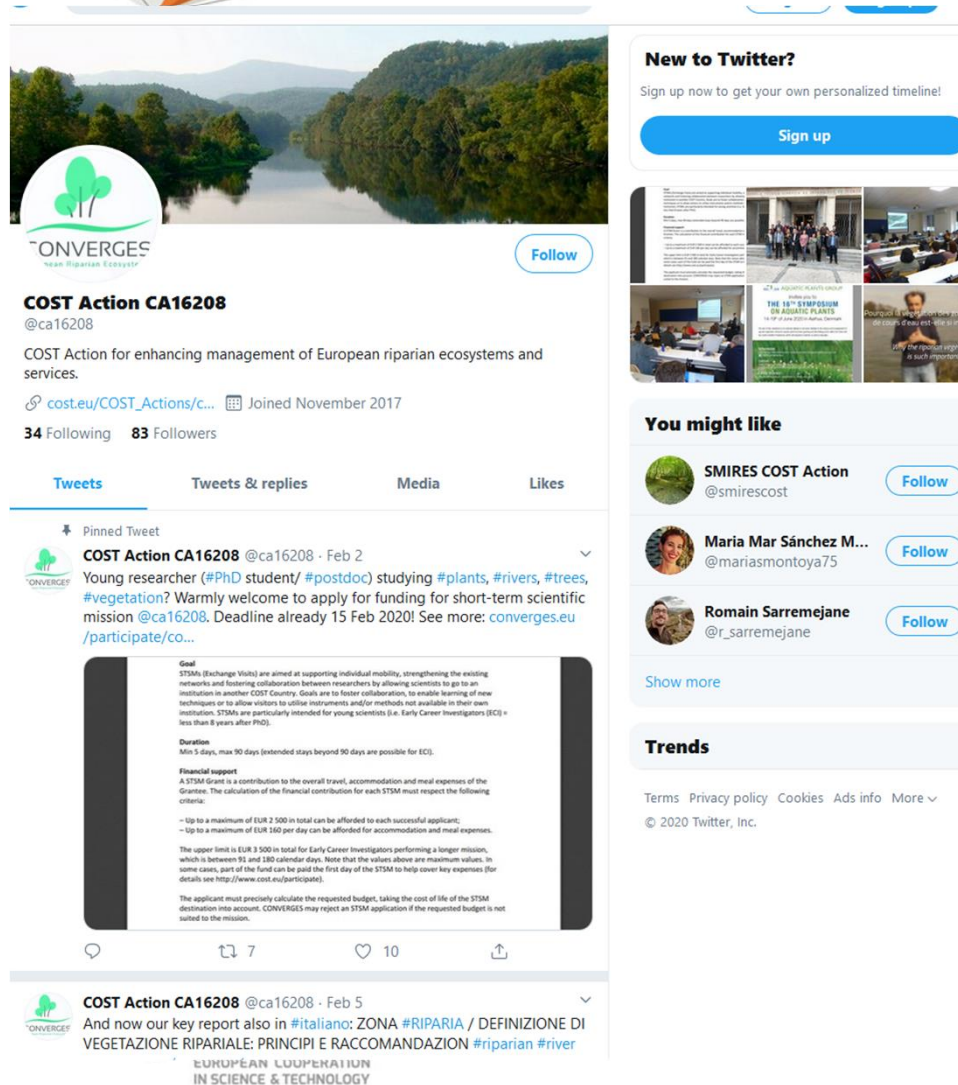
Twitter account

twitter.com/ca16208 since Nov 2017

Since then:
83 followers,
192 tweets,
30+ shared photos

October 2019- Feb
2020:
500 – 1900 impressions
monthly

Also Spanish Twitter
@ConvergesCost



Research Gate

<https://www.researchgate.net/project/COST-Action-CA16208-for-enhancing-management-of-European-riparian-ecosystems-and-services>

Project

COST Action CA16208 for enhancing management of European riparian ecosystems and services


Priit Tammeorg · Simon Dufour · Patricia María Rodríguez-González · [Show all 74 collaborators](#)

Goal: This action aims to establish a baseline in the state of knowledge regarding riparian vegetation, coordinate research efforts, contribute to knowledge conversion from science to practitioners and to COST Inclusiveness Target Countries and to promote practitioners research...

Updates 1 new 32
 Recommendations 1 new 30
 Followers 4 new 140
 Reads 84 new 2010

Project log References (8) Questions (1) [Follow](#)

Project log




Priit Tammeorg added an update 5d ago

Italian translation of key terms on riparian vegetation online now!

Italian translation of the report "Riparian zone / Riparian vegetation definition: principles and recommendations" ZONA RIPARIA / DEFINIZIONE DI VEGETAZIONE RIPARIALE: PRINCIPI E RACCOMANDAZIONI available now: https://converges.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Report_definitions_Riparian_V1_ITA.pdf

Thanks Pier Mario Chiarabaglio, [Andrea Andreoli](#)

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Priit Tammeorg added an update Feb 2

Last call for short term scientific mission grants on riparian vegetation, deadline 15 Feb!

Young researcher (#PhD student/ #postdoc) studying #plants, #rivers, #trees, #vegetation? Warmly welcome to apply for funding for short-term scientific mission of our COST Action! Deadline already 15 Feb 2020! <https://converges.eu/participate/converges-stam-grant-period-3-open-call/> contact [Robert A Francis](#)!

[STSM-third-period-final-open-call.pdf](#) · 200.57 KB

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- Since Nov 2017
 - Now 74 collaborators
 - 32 updates
 - 140 followers
 - 2000+ reads



IMPLEMENTATION NEWSLETTERS

Published in 3 months period.

Disseminated: to all CONVERGES MC;

- on the CONVERGES web;

- By the social media.



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018 / Issue 1



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 20

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CONVERGES activity pass
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under elaboration:
WG1: Assess Riparian Veg
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WG2: Map of scientific kno
practices and tools, Map of
WG3: Identify research pri
Identify and overcome mis
management and legislatio
misalignments between sc
legislation
WG4: Look for new partner



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019 / Issue 3

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Training school, Workshops	
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Publications - calls	4
CONVERGES STSM Review	5

Good news: The COST Action Conver
2020 have been approved. The work
the period May 2019 to April 2020 ha
There are intended activities for train
scientific missions, conference grants
Accounting the importance of our ide
first video is already available. It brief
CONVERGES essence, ideas and pi
All the information is presented on ou
channels.

World Environment Day

Raising the global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect
on 5 June is celebrated the World Environment Day. The United Nations, awk
and improved environment is affects the w
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Source: <https://www.unenvironment.org/en/our-work/world-environment-day-2019>



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019 / Issue 4

BRIEFS

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CONVERGES Publications	3
EXTERNAL ISSUES	4
Publications - calls	4
Open positions	5

The network is still growing
In the proposal (December 2016), the COST Ac
CONVERGES partners were 28 countries and 36 pro
Today (September 2019), we are 32 countries, 100 p
in the Management Committee and 171 registered pe
mailing list.
In June, a new country joined the network. Cyp
represented by Ioannis Vogiatzakis in the Manage
Committee, welcome!



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DECEMBER 2019 / Issue 5

BRIEFS

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Training school	2
COMING EVENTS	2
CONVERGES Publications	2
CONVERGES Initiatives	4
EXTERNAL ISSUES	4
Publications	4
Initiatives	5

CONVERGES is going ahead gathering together COST
members, accepted the MoU from 33 countries and outer
participants from 5 more countries worldwide such as Algeria,
Tunisia, Morocco, Kosovo, United States and Australia. During
the first two years the Action achieved significant progress. The
Network convey and share riparian knowledge among scientists,
policy makers 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. Since the
beginning there are organized and completed 11 meetings, 1
training school, 21 STSMs, 7 ITC conference grants and 3
dissemination meetings. In help and for better visibility on the COST
CONVERGES Action web site: <https://converges.eu> regularly are
presented recent activities and outputs. The COST CA members
and the wide auditory are also assisted by the CONVERGES Social
medias: Twitter, FB, Research Gate, etc. in help of communication
and recent achievements dissemination representing briefly the
recent activities and deliverables of the group.



Wishing you happy, healthy and successful 2020!



Along with the CONVERGES work following events with respect
WORLD WETLANDS DAY - 2 Feb. 2019. This year it was dedicated
CHANGE - We are not powerless against climate change. Main mes
wise use and conservation.
WORLD WATER DAY - 22 March 2019, with theme: Leaving r
connected to the Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) - to
management of water for all, promised of the 2030 Agenda: as
everyone must benefit.



We are not powerless against c
Wetlands help us prepare for, cope with and bounce back from th

12 Feb 2019

Thessaloniki, Greece



The first Monday of October of every year is adopted as World H
to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic ri
adequate shelter.
"Solutions begin with small steps individuals can take to alter
our cities function. We must reduce the amount of waste we pro
at the same time, start seeing it as a valuable resource that can i
and recycled, including for energy." - UN Secretary-General Ant
Guterres
River systems and riparian ecosystems play an active role in many habitats. Usually i
cases across many humanized landscapes, or secure port for maintenance and pro
biodiversity. Do we recognize connected benefits and services?



Photo: Margit Island, Budapest, Hu

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MILESTONES:

◆Month	Description	Deadlines
14-48	Translation of synthesis and guidance document in at least 6 languages	
45	Final conference	21.07.2021
45	Training school	21.07.2021

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MILESTONES

Translation of synthesis and guidance document in at least 6 languages

Already done for the report dedicated to RV definition in 9 languages:

- English
- French
- Greek
- Turkish
- Hungarian
- Albanian
- Finnish
- Italian
- Slovakian

Soon:

Spanish and Portuguese versions



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Another communication approach - FIRST VIDEO

converges.eu/resources/cost-action-converges-presentation/



CONVERGES PEOPLE ▾

COST ACTION CONVERGES PRESENTATION

Why a COST Action about riparian vegetation ? What are the goals of the COST Action CONVERGES ? How it works ? Click [here](#) !



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IMPLEMENTATION **MORE INITIATED TOOLS:**

DISSEMINATION:

- Outcomes of CONGRESSES, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS: **deliverables of the other 3 groups**
 - scientific publications;
 - posters;
 - brochures;
 - interviews and press releases;
 - popular science articles.

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MORE INITIATED TOOLS:

- ID CARDS: initiative to make the CONVERGES competences and potential more visible
- ALREADY received 12 ID Cards

IMAGINE: Integrative Management of Green Infrastructures Multifunctionality, Ecosystem integrity and Ecosystem Services: From assessment to regulation in socio-ecological systems (a BIODIVERSA project 2017-2020)
Project website: imagine.irstea.fr





Main objectives of the project

- Using a multidisciplinary approach across six case study territories spanning a European north-south gradient from the boreal zone to the Mediterranean, the proposed project IMAGINE aims at quantifying the multiple functions, ecosystem services and benefits provided by Green Infrastructures (GI) in different contexts from rural to urban.
- We aim to demonstrate an integrative assessment of GI multifunctionality and biocapacity to deliver IS and to propose options to manage and design GI from patch to landscape.

Key research topics of IMAGINE

- Ecosystem integrity as a prerequisite to maintain self-organization and resilience capabilities of biodiversity and the capacity of GI to supply multiple ES.
- Management options to restore and design multifunctional GI networks at landscape scale.
- Stakeholder dependent demands and uses of ES.

Causes, course and effects of twentieth-century changes in the occurrence of riparian forest and vegetated islands in the valleys of Polish Carpathian rivers
Funder: National Science Center
Project website: [www.iop.krakow.pl/projekty/projekty_naukowe_\(finansowanie_krajowe\)_166.html](http://www.iop.krakow.pl/projekty/projekty_naukowe_(finansowanie_krajowe)_166.html)



Main objectives of the project

- Analysis of riparian forest development in valleys of Polish Carpathian rivers based on historical maps and orthophotos, and possible causes of the phenomenon to understand the ecological mechanisms underlying the restoration processes
- Determining the long-term dynamics of vegetated islands in Polish Carpathian rivers and changes of river channels and forest cover in the catchments as potential causes of island elimination/development in mountain rivers

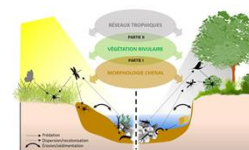
Key research topics

- Hydromorphological condition
- Forest changes and river islands development



Ecosystem restoration following dam removal: interactions between aquatic and riparian areas: (a National project 2019-2022, France)
Project website: programme-selune.com/en/


- Main objectives of the project**
- to analyse of neo-habitats resulting from the restoration of the Sélune by focusing on terrestrial/aquatic interactions at the bank interface
 - to understand the ecological mechanisms underlying the restoration processes
- Key research topics/results**
- biogeomorphology
 - Trophic chain



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European Riparian Ecosystems


Dismantling artificial levees for river protection: what response of riparian plant communities? (an ongoing National project started in 2017, France; funded by the LaBex DRDHM and the the Agence de l'eau Rhône Méditerranée Corse)
Project website: NA



Main objectives of the project

- Characterize and understand the drivers that shape

RIVEAL - Riparian forest Values and Ecosystem services in uncertain freshwater futures and Altered Landscapes [2018-2021, PTDC/CTA-AMM/29790/2017, Project IC&DT -02/SAICT/2017]
Project website: www.riveal.pt



of the project

- Key objectives: Services: E&S of forests and predict the balance of climatic, land use and water
- Portuguese regulated rivers face with different operation dam (hydropower) and a reservoir

ics of RIVEAL


- and in 2 "ecosystem values" of ES
- evaluation of Carbon stocks and

RIVEAL ACTIVITIES WORKFLOW

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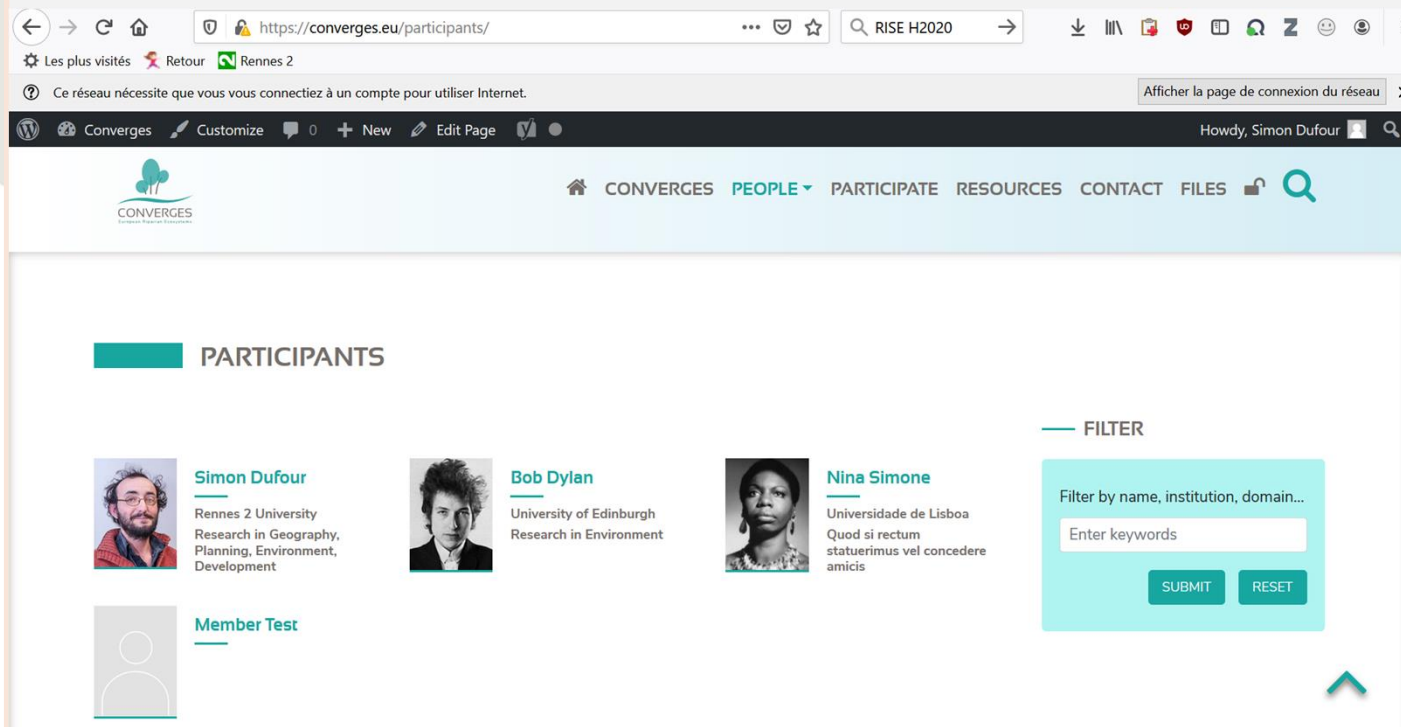
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Skill database (under dev.)



By individual

Email :

Web page :

Institutions :

Domain :

Themes of interest :

Areas of work :



FUTURE WORK

Following the good previous experience:

- - Presentations on Conferences and Public events;
 - - Scientific Journals, Newspapers;
 - - On our site.
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- All our available resources are presented on our site and Newsletters.
 - Regular informative letters are also provided.



IMPLEMENTATION **AHEAD:**

FINAL CONFERENCE (2021): for all stakeholders

- to illustrate obtained results,
- with scientific presentations, forums and artistic actions.
- Training schools:
 - TRAININGS/Courses
 - Lectures – on or off-line
 - INFO DAYS
 - EXHIBITIONS
 - SPECIAL EVENTS
 - Photo & videos
 - Short stories?
 - etc.



PROPAGATION MATERIALS:

GUIDANCE DOCUMENT AND SYNTHESIS translated in at least 6 languages

- **A SERIES OF VIDEO** to present the Action and the main findings
- **Scientific and wide public articles**, videos, interviews
- **BEST PICTURES** to illustrate the RIPARIAN zones, ecosystems and their services?



WORKING ON:

enhance the communication and cooperation between:

- the CONVERGES members inside –
synchronization with the WG1, 2 and 3 activities;
- within the society;
- stakeholders;
- policy and decision makers.

WHAT CAN YOU DO:

To share information about riparian systems (new publications, jobs, conferences, PhD grants, websites, videos, etc.)

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