

Sharing the **Best Practices in Freshwater Ecosystem Conservation** on the World Fish Migration Day

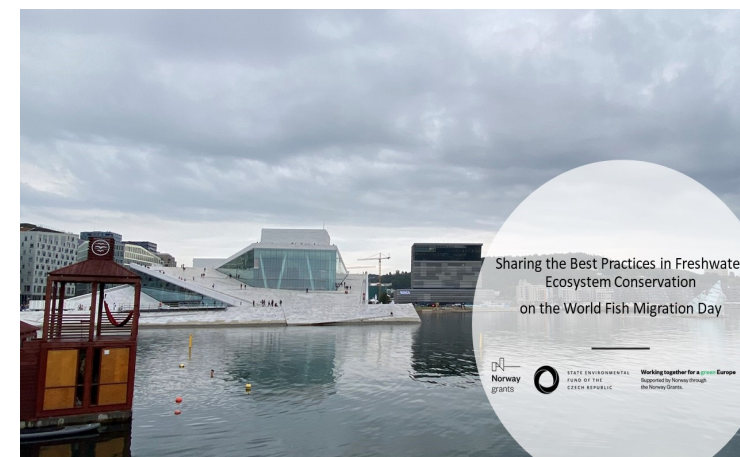
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The bilateral initiative focused on sharing Czech and Norwegian experience of protecting streams before fragmentation and supporting endangered freshwater species. Fragmentation of watercourses is currently a huge worldwide problem, especially in developed European countries. Atlantic salmon and freshwater pearl mussel are the subject of intensive and costly conservation efforts in both the Czech Republic and Norway, and therefore sharing best practices is really necessary for these efforts to be effective. This was achieved specifically through presentations by all stakeholders and other Czech or foreign experts in workshops and meetings at the Beleco office. And also by field trips to Czech and Norwegian sites of conservation activities. Communication on the form of how to bring these professional topics to the general public was also beneficial. Peggy Zinke from Sciencemonastery, who has a lot of experience with popularization, helped us a lot with this. As expected, the initiative has contributed to the networking of new international professional relationships that are very useful in other environmental and scientific projects of our institution.

We shared Czech and Norwegian experience of protecting streams before fragmentation and supporting endangered freshwater species. With Norwegian partners, we shared know-how and specific practical methods of protection in the Czech Republic directly in the field. The Norwegian partners showed us their conservation activities in Norway. The World Fish Migration day and the topic of stream fragmentation was publicized. Also the various age groups within the general public were educated about the topic in an entertaining and understandable way. We were able to create new Czech-Norwegian expert contacts and Elbe and Czech Hydrometeorological Institute actively participated in the presentations and discussions. (Jana Slezáková , project manager BELECO)



Where can you get more information?

<https://www.beleco.cz/aktuality/201/konference-ke-svetovemu-dni-rybi-migrace-2022.html?pg=1>

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