



LIFE RII conference on flood risk and stream restoration

09 October 2014, Quattro Castella, Reggio Emilia, Italy

The **RII project (LIFE11 ENV/IT/000243)**, is holding its mid-term conference on Thursday 9 October 2014. , Entitled 'New approaches to the analysis of rural land', the conference, which is being organised by the Regione Emilia-Romagna - the coordinating beneficiary of the LIFE project - will be held in the Sala del Consiglio Comunale, Piazza Dante 1, Quattro Castella (RE).

The LIFE RII project aims to demonstrate the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and the Floods Directive (2007/60/EC), in order to both reduce flood risk and to improve the ecological status of streams in the piedmont area of Emilia-Romagna. The target area at the base of the Apennine mountains is characterised by small watersheds and narrow streams that are prone to flooding. With little level ground and few floodplains, innovative water management strategies are required. The LIFE project is drawing up an integrated plan for hydrological and environmental restoration, and is demonstrating restoration actions in selected streams. For further details, see the project website:

<http://ambiente.regione.emilia-romagna.it/life-rii>

The mid-term conference will summarise the project's progress to date and outline its planned future activities, with a particular focus on flood risk, the role of rural areas in soil protection and new methodologies for the study of river basin management. The conference will start at 9.30am, with the concluding session beginning at 1.15pm. Presentations at the meeting will be in Italian.

For further information, see the [conference website](#). Those interested in attending should email Giuseppe Mannino of the organising secretariat by 7 October to register for free: liferii@regione.emilia-romagna.it