

*Dear OurRhine-friends,*

*It's time for the second newsletter of OurRhine including exciting news about funding opportunities and award-winners among us!*

*Enjoy reading this newsletter! We wish you all a healthy and happy new year!*

*The OurRhine Steering group: Ursula Rock, Lisa Käuffert, Florian Lucas, Laura Poinso*

**News from the network: *annual meeting postponed!***

*The next **annual meeting of the network** of visitor centres was planned for 2 March 2022. However, since we really want to meet you in person again, the meeting will be postponed to summer time. We will inform you about the new date as soon as possible.*

*The last annual meeting took place on 23 September 2021 via videoconference. We welcomed some new colleagues and Florian Lucas from Association Saumon Rhin was introduced as successor of Claire Flambard in the core group of the network. Furthermore, we learned about an interesting project to unite the youth along the Rhine → [www.youthfortherhine.org](http://www.youthfortherhine.org).*

**New brochure "Rhine 2040" available**

*Discover the new brochure about the ICPR programme "Rhine 2040" which is now available in German, French, Dutch and English on <https://www.iksr.org/de/iksr/rhein-2040>. We are happy to deliver you printed versions for your visitor centre- just let us know how many copies of which language you need ([sekretariat@iksr.de](mailto:sekretariat@iksr.de)).*



**Funding application for new Rhine game and chair of the network**

*In our annual meeting on 23 September 2021 Jelle Kabbes introduced his idea to implement an innovative interactive Rhine game on transboundary cooperation. The game could be adapted for each visitor centre. The gamification project could be realised with funding from the European Environment Initiative ([EURENI](#)) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment. If YOU are interested to become an implementing organisation and to apply for the funding, please contact the secretariat of the ICPR ([laura.poinsot@iksr.de](mailto:laura.poinsot@iksr.de)).*

*Jelle Kabbes chaired the network of visitor centres over one year. He is also the initiator and a potential executor of the gamification project. In respect of public tender rules, Jelle Kabbes decided to withdraw from his position as chair which means that we are looking for a new chair! If YOU are interested, please contact the secretariat of the ICPR ([laura.poinsot@iksr.de](mailto:laura.poinsot@iksr.de)). Many thanks to Jelle for chairing the network with so much enthusiasm within the last months!*

**Award-winner from our network!**

The Lahnfenster Hessen was awarded the UN Decade Prize on biodiversity – Congratulations! We are proud to have an award-winner at OurRhine! <https://www.undekade-biologischevielfalt.de/projekte/aktuelle-projekte-beitraege/detail/projekt-details/show/Wettbewerb/3218/>



**25th anniversary of Naturschutzzentrum Karlsruhe-Rappenwörth**

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, the nature protection centre Karlsruhe-Rappenwörth will inaugurate two new adventure trails in the Rappenwörter Forest: the Auenerlebnis-Pfad and the Auenzwerge-Pfad. And of course they are celebrating - with a festive ceremony in September, followed by an open day. For further information please visit [www.nazka.de](http://www.nazka.de)



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**New resolution on protection of floodplains**

On its 11th annual meeting in October 2021, our partner [network BildungsNetzwerk Aue](#), adopted a [new resolution](#) on floodplain protection and its implementation in environmental education.

**World Fish Migration Day 2022**

The next [World Fish Migration Day](#) is celebrated on 21 May 2022. Herman Wanningen and Pao Fernández Garrido joined our annual meeting on 23 September 2021 to encourage visitor centres along the Rhine to participate in this amazing international event. If you have any questions on how

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*you or your organization can participate in the next World Fish Migration Day 2022, don't hesitate to contact the WFMD events coordinator Elena at [elena@fishmigration.org](mailto:elena@fishmigration.org).*

