

# Dam Removal by people, for people

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**WWF is removing dams  
in Europe: >2091km  
free flowing**

**36 Dams removed in 3  
years**

**23 ORP funded projects  
ongoing**

**>47 DRs in the pipeline**





**3 x dam removals in Vezišnica:  
first removals in Montenegro,**



# From opposition to partners of Hučava weir removal, Slovakia



# Hiitolanjoki dam removals: Award winning project in Finland



# River heros



# Scale up Dam Removal in SE Europe

# 4,247 REMOVED BARRIERS

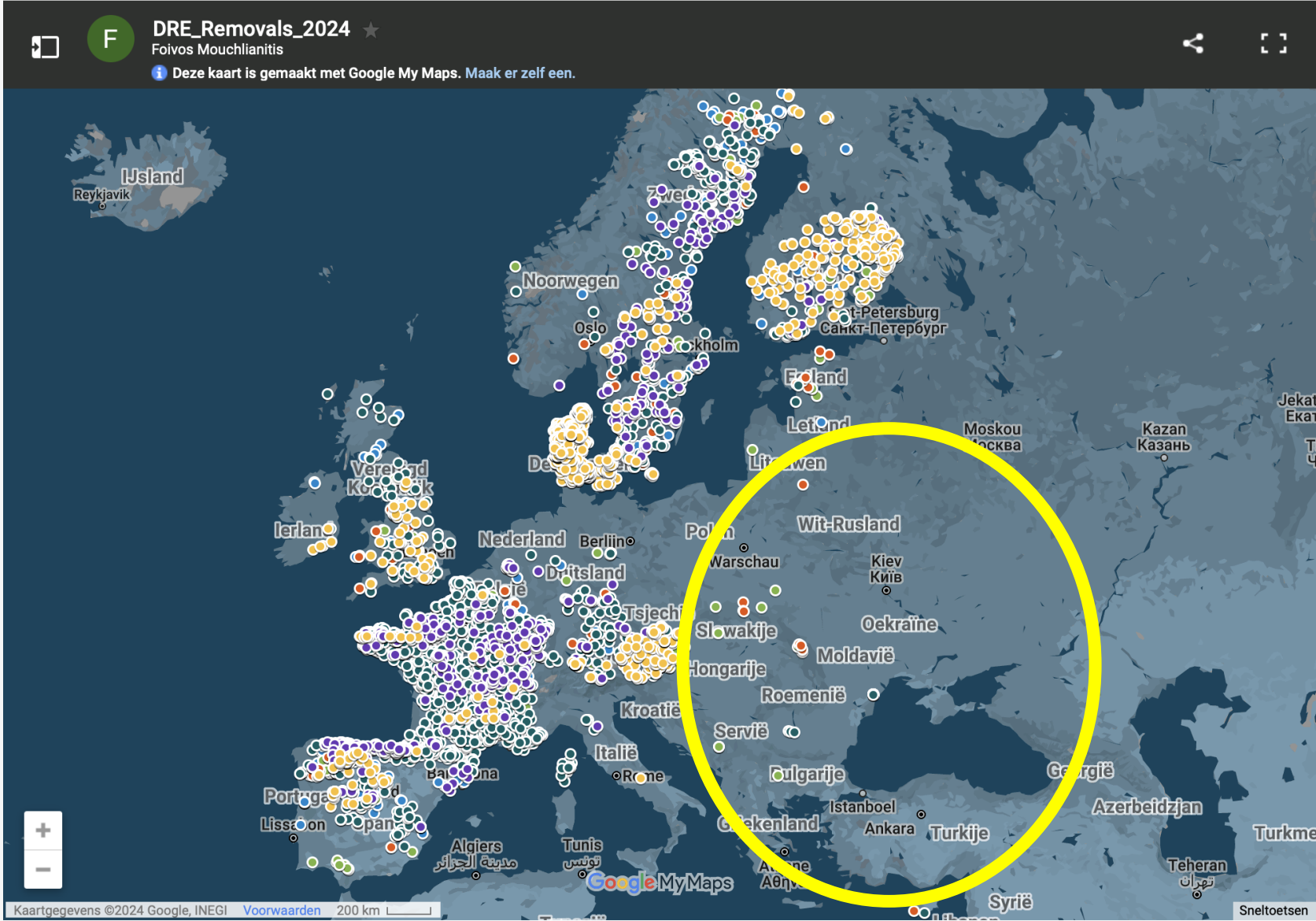
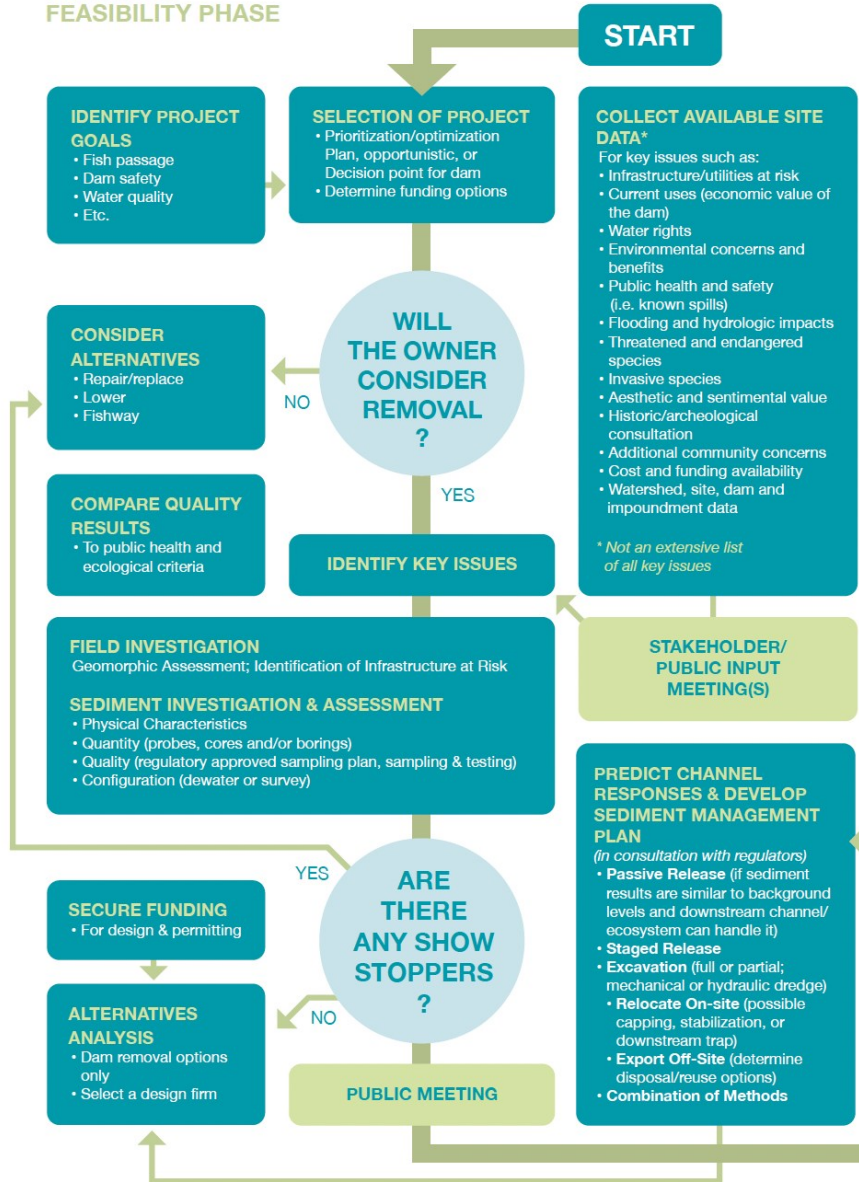


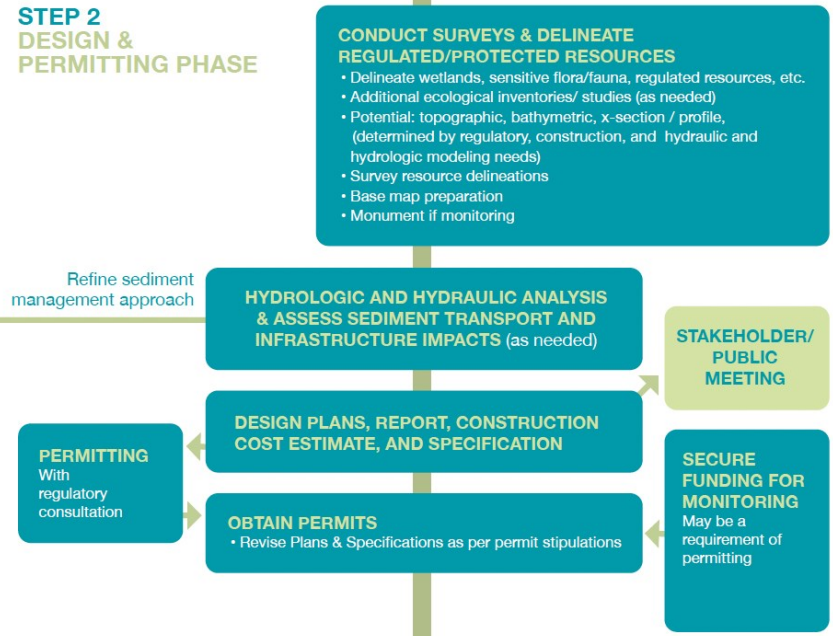


Figure 7.3 Flow chart summarising the four basic steps that should be considered within the dam removal process as derived by Laura Wildman (2017).

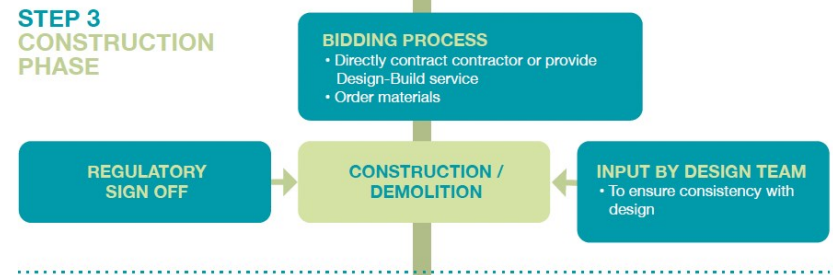
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PLANNING/  
FEASIBILITY PHASE**



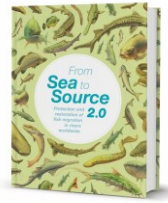
**STEP 2  
DESIGN &  
PERMITTING PHASE**



**STEP 3  
CONSTRUCTION PHASE**



**STEP 4  
MONITORING AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PHASE**





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# Call for dam removal applications

Submit your project idea today - deadline 8 December 2023

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# DRE Helpdesk

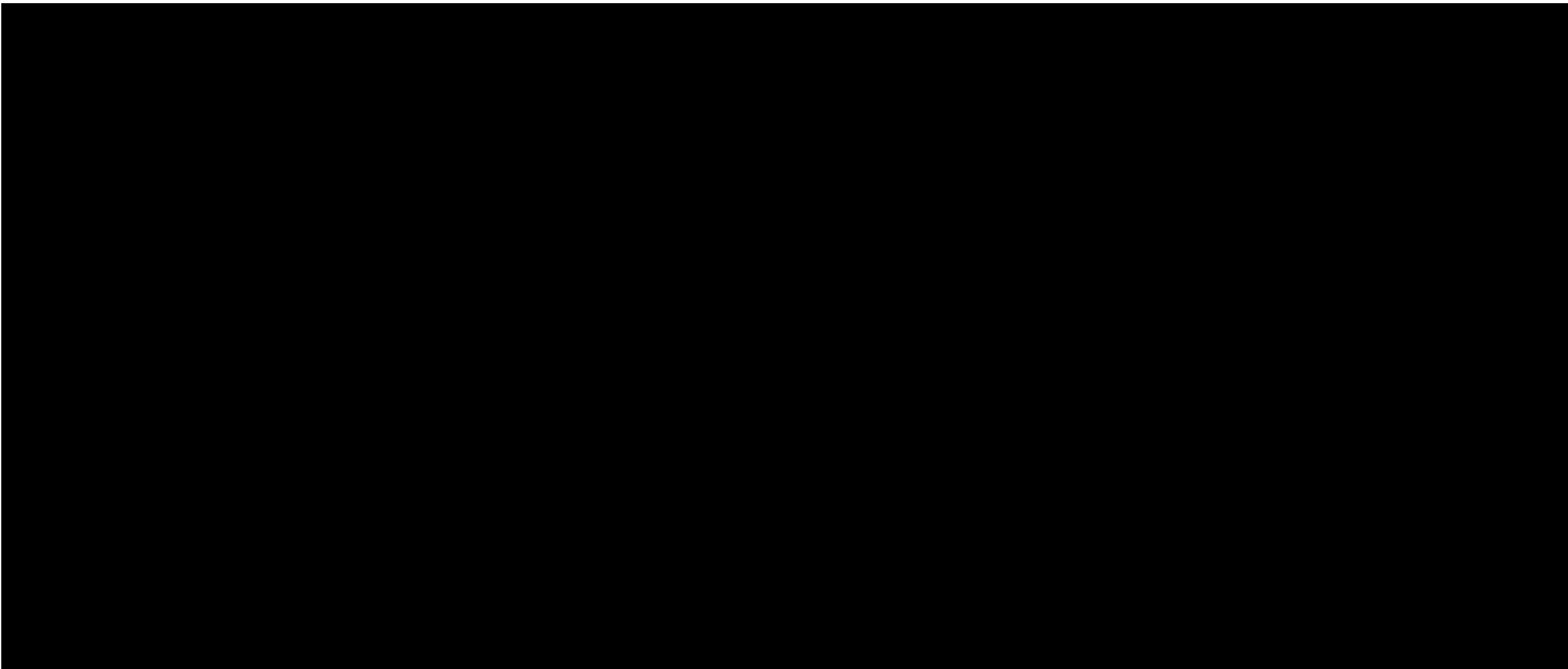
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2. Mentor programme
3. ORP proposal support
4. Request advice for your DR projects and ideas



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**Join the dam removal movement!**  
**Get others in your network to join the movement!**  
**Millions of Euro's are waiting to be spent on river restoration!**

**DRE helpdesk:** Contact Kerry Brink for any questions [kbrink@wwf.nl](mailto:kbrink@wwf.nl)

**Dam Removal Global helpdesk:** Contact our partners at WFMF, Ruben Rocha [Ruben@fishmigration.org](mailto:Ruben@fishmigration.org)

**DR factsheet:** [https://wwfint.awsassets.panda.org/downloads/damremoval\\_factsheet\\_180522\\_v03\\_web.pdf](https://wwfint.awsassets.panda.org/downloads/damremoval_factsheet_180522_v03_web.pdf)

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**Scale up DR in SEE:** <https://openrivers.eu/projects/202304425-scaling-up-dam-removal-implementation-plan-for-south-eastern-europe/>

**Finland timelaps video:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjNu\\_dOrwpl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjNu_dOrwpl)

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