

CAS Amendments to R2: Let's give rivers a new life to save our own

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1	AM-5-9	Europe Ecologie - Les Verts	landscape.Today, cleaner and more sustainable modes of moving goods and generating electricity than waterways are available. We need rivers to take on an entirely different role which they can only play if they are protected and,	Insert from line 4 to 6: landscape.Today, cleaner and more sustainable modes of moving goods and generating electricity than waterways are available. less invasive projects should be systematically favored. We need rivers to take on an entirely different role which they can only play if they are protected and,	withdrawn
2	AM-29-1	Esquerra Verda	This requires the conservation and large-scale management of wetlands and river valleys, from the sources to the estuary, over the entire catchment area, promoting permanent grasslands and flood plain and wetland forests. Such nature-	Insert from line 28 to 30: This requires the conservation and large-scale management of wetlands and river valleys, from the sources to the estuary, over the entire catchment area, ensuring their "ecological flow" both in terms of volume and chemical composition.and	accepted their ecological flow (without " ")
3	AM-39-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	species. Rivers and river valleys should be kept unobstructed by dams and other infrastructure, preserved and restored to their natural state wherever possible. Rewilding rivers and river valleys goes hand in hand with the aims of protecting	Insert from line 38 to 40: species. Rivers and river valleys should be kept unobstructed by dams and other infrastructure, preserved and restored to their natural state wherever possible. Where barriers are already built, the obligations for owners of such facilities must be strengthened in order to better protect migratory fish. In addition to removing barriers, solutions for helping fish pass such barriers must also be introduced. Rewilding rivers and river valleys goes hand in hand with the aims of protecting	accepted

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4	AM-39-2	Esquerra Verda	species. Rivers and river valleys should be kept unobstructed by dams and other infrastructure, preserved and restored to their natural state wherever possible. Rewilding rivers and river valleys goes hand in hand with the aims of protecting	Insert from line 38 to 40: species. Rivers and river valleys should be kept unobstructed by dams and other infrastructure, preserved and restored to their natural state wherever possible. This is crucial also in order to preserve the natural sediment contribution that form and maintain Deltas, which are unique areas in terms of biodiversity, but also exceptionally rich agricultural areas. Obstruction causes lack of sedimentation, resulting into net loss of particularly valuable land. Rewilding rivers and river valleys goes hand in hand with the aims of protecting	accepted
5	AM-45-1	Europe Ecologie - Les Verts	of drinking-water shortages; nature-based flood protection that involves giving rivers room to freely overflow; as well as recreational and cultural functions.	Insert from line 44 to 45: of drinking-water shortages; nature-based flood protection that involves giving rivers room to freely overflow; as well as nourishing , recreational and cultural functions.	withdrawn
6	AM-57-1	Partia Zieloni	destruction of river-related ecosystems, as well as the inevitablespread of radionuclides accumulated after the Chernobyl disaster. The project is also extremely questionable from the economic aspects.	From line 56 to 58: destruction of river-related ecosystems, as well as the inevitablespread of radionuclides accumulated after the Chernobyl disaster. {Space} The project is also extremely questionable from the economic aspects. Due to the climate change many rivers have a much lower water flow than they used to or completely dry out in the summer time, thus being unusable for transport. Investments into their restructuring are mostly wasted, also because they are based on an old geography of the water flow that does not correspond to the present reality.	accepted

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7	AM-58-1	Groen	extremely questionable from the economic aspects. The development of river transport is much more expensive, slower and more carbon-intensive than rail. For example, the feasibility study procured by the	Insert from line 58 to 60: While existing inland waterways in countries like Belgium and The Netherlands can play a role in reducing CO2 emissions by taking heavy trucks and lorries off the roads, and by electrifying vessels for transport on inland waterways, the development of new river transport is much more expensive, slower and more carbon-intensive than rail. For example, the feasibility study procured by the	CAS accepted with acclamation "Inland navigation remains useful in EU countries like Belgium and The Netherlands, where it already exists and where its maintenance is possible, justified and does not harm the environment, especially where vessels can be electrified. However, the development of new river transport"
8	AM-66-1	Europe Ecologie - Les Verts	We also urge governments in the Balkans to stop building small hydropower plants in protected areas and call for a rethink of the subsidy schemes that foster	From line 66 to 67: We also urge governments in the Balkans all over Europe to stop building small hydropower plants in protected areas and call for a rethink of the subsidy schemes that foster	accepted as amended in the Balkans and all over Europe
9	AM-66-2	Green Party of England and Wales	We also urge governments in the Balkans to stop building small hydropower plants in protected areas and call for a rethink of the subsidy schemes that foster	Insert from line 66 to 67: We also urge governments in the Balkans to stop building dams and small hydropower plants in protected areas and call for a rethink of the subsidy schemes that foster	accepted
10	AM-67-1	Federation of Young European Greens	We also urge governments in the Balkans to stop building small hydropower plants in protected areas and call for a rethink of the subsidy schemes that foster development of small hydropower plants. Constructing these plants means that	From line 66 to 68: We also urge governments in the Balkans to stop building small hydropower plants in protected areas and call for a rethink ban of the subsidy schemes that foster development of small hydropower plants. Constructing these plants means that	accepted
11	AM-73-1	Federation of Young European Greens	for cattle or agriculture, while the loss of forests is contributing to more frequent flash floods.	Insert from line 72 to 73: for cattle or agriculture, while the loss of forests is contributing to more frequent flash floods. Construction of small hydropower plants not only lead to irreversible ecological devastation but can completely destroy livelihoods of entire communities through the destruction of their agricultural land and by causing displacement of these communities.	accepted as amended Construction of small hydropower plants not only lead to irreversible ecological devastation but can destroy livelihoods of communities through the destruction of their agricultural land and by causing displacement of these communities.

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12	AM-73-2	Green Party of England and Wales	for cattle or agriculture, while the loss of forests is contributing to more frequent flash floods.	Insert from line 72 to 73: for cattle or agriculture, while the loss of forests is contributing to more frequent flash floods. Dams and small hydropower plants should not be built in earthquake prone areas such as the Balkans.	accepted as amended Dams should not be built in earthquake prone areas such as the Balkans.
13	AM-82-1	Esquerra Verda	morphological and natural conditions, while water courses regulated according to the old concepts need to be rewilded on a large scale. Continuation of the technical approach to the management of river systems and their drainage basins	Insert from line 81 to 83: morphological and natural conditions, while water courses regulated according to the old concepts need to be rewilded on a large scale. Large-scale and long-distance water transfers between basins for economic purposes is an old-fashioned practice with severe ecological consequences that should be discarded by default. Continuation of the technical approach to the management of river systems and their drainage basins	accepted
14	AM-89-1	Europe Ecologie - Les Verts	and enhance river valley retention.	Insert after line 89: '5. Give a protection status for a minimum of 30 % of wild rivers. It is necessary to give a strong protection status to rivers in an objective of preservation but also of reclaiming degraded space. This protective approach considers the entire river. Giving legal personality to our rivers and wild rivers by relying on processes such as the Water Parliaments is a crucial step to be taken in order to protect these ecosystems.	CAS accepted as amended 5. Give a protection status for a minimum of 30 % of wild rivers. It is necessary to give a strong protection status to rivers in an objective of preservation but also of reclaiming degraded space. This protective approach considers the entire river. Providing a strong legal footing for our rivers and wild rivers by relying on processes such as the Water Parliaments - deliberative bodies which bring together all the stakeholders for each water catchment - is a crucial step to be taken in order to protect these