

The ecological prioritisation approach (Part A) is not meant to substitute the similar national approaches, but to outline the basin-wide perspective. Low restoration priority indicated on the basin-wide level does not imply that no measures should be undertaken on the national level, as all fish species need open river continuity. On the other hand, ecological prioritisation is only one of the many aspects in deciding which measures to adopt and implement. Final decision will be taken at the national level.

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