

Big Jump: aims

« We protect best what we know and like »

Celebrating the rivers

Making people relearn the rivers

Finding a new balance between the users of the river



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« a project parallel to WFD »

Making the WFD understandable to citizens

Making a public monitoring of the progress of the implementation of the WFD

Inducing a discussion about WFD and rivers





Big Jump: "...is an inspiring project that captures the essence of current EU water protection legislation into one single public act: at one date, at one time, people will jump into rivers all over Europe.

The Water Framework Directive (WFD; EU's main law for water protection) is the EU's legislative tool to achieve good status for all rivers and lakes in Europe. But a legislative tool alone is not enough to reach this goal.

It is essential to gain people's support for it. Without a broad public support all over Europe, the WFD might never work."

(European Water Management News, June 22, 2005)

Exemple Elbe

in 12 years from
the most
polluted river in
Europe
to the longest
inland beach



Wo kann man am Ersten Internationalen Elbe-Badetag baden?



















Hamburg - Bade-tag an der Elbe. Tausende stiegen zwischen Tsche-chien und Cuxhaven in Deutschlands einst schmutzigsten Fluss.

In Sachsen konnten die Badelustigen zwischen Bad !

Allein in Dresden stürzten sich 600 Schwimmer in die mit 20 Grad Wassertemperatur nicht gerade kalten Fluten. Auch eine Verseuchung mit Koli-Bakterien konnte sie nicht schrecken.

warnung gegeben. BUND-Organisato-rin Marion Kopitzki (36) freute sich über 250 Wagemutige, die zwischen Alter Badeanstalt und In Torgau hatte : Beobachtet

Karnevals-Vereins, die sich als Neptunjünger um die zünftige Taufe mit Elbwasser kümmterten.

In Dommitzsch gehörte sogar Bürger-Bootshaus mit der Strömung Elbe-auf-Wärts schwammen. Beobachtet von Horte Sugur Burger-Meister Harald Koch (46,CDU) zu den Mutigen. Auch wenn er sich das El-

Konrad Voigt (7) war als Jüngster ex-tra von Bad Düben mit dem Rad zum Elbe-Schwimmen gekommen.

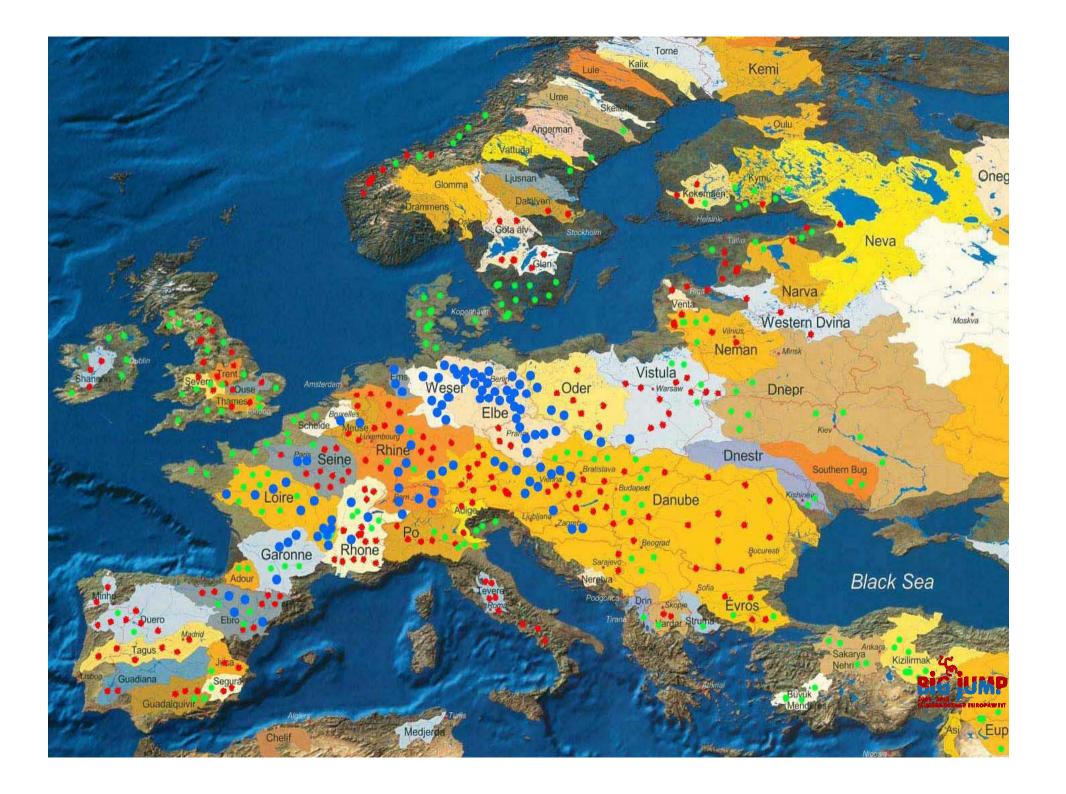
Kopitzki wünscht sich: "Elbe-Badetag, das könnte zu einer festen Tradition werden."



10 000 beaches along the european rivers! only a vision?





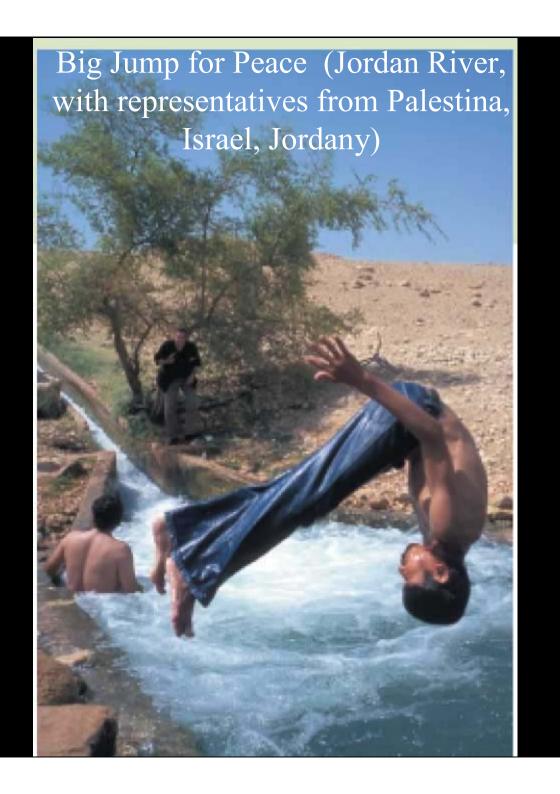


250 000 to 300 000 visitors, 31 rivers, in 22 countries, 216 official actions, plenty of exposures and discussions on subject water, 240 non official spontan jumps, 340 partners (GOs, NGOs, privat sector...)

Main events in Germany (swimming marathon 10km, swimming crossing of the border between France and Germany on Jordan River (meeting between Israelian, Palestinian and Jordanian people),

important meetings in Dresde and Hambourg (Ger.) more than 10 000 people each..





Big Jump for Peace (Jordan River, with representatives from Palestina, Israel, Jordany)







Big Jump Belgium (16 events in Wallonien)



12 broadcasts on national channels (prime time)

At a regional level, we listed 26 regional programmes in 11 countries

Over 1000 articles in international, national an regional revues and newspapers

Incuded National Geographics,

GEO, New York Times)



