

The Lahn Concept

An active dialogue to shape the future of the Lahn

One of the project's main measures is the development of a concept concerning the future development of the Lahn. This includes the use of the river as federal waterway as well as the numerous other utilizations, the ecological upgrading and the flood control.



The so-called 'Lahn concept' is being developed by the Waterways and Shipping Office Koblenz in cooperation with all project partners and by carrying out an active dialogue with stakeholders, administrations, citizens and other representatives of the region.

Thinking together, acting together

How you can inform yourself and get involved

Additional information can be found on the project website:

www.lila-livinglahn.de

You can also become involved by joining workshops, public events and surveys, tours and the "Lahn fairs".



Living Lahn

A multi-level task

As rivers do not stick to borders, different public authorities like the German Federal level and the Federal States of Hessen and Rhineland-Palatinate are working together within the project to enhance the river and the quality of life along the Lahn.



Coordinating beneficiary

- Hessian Ministry for the Environment, Climate Protection, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (HMUKLV)

Associated beneficiaries

- Governmental Authority of Gießen (RPGI)
- Ministry of the Environment, Energy, Nutrition and Forestry of Rhineland-Palatinate (MUEEF)
- Directorate for Infrastructure and Approval North (SGD Nord)
- German Federal Institute of Hydrology (BfG)
- Waterways and Shipping Office Koblenz (WSA Koblenz)



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Living Lahn – one river, many interests

Concepts and measures for a region worth living



LiLa – Living Lahn 2015–2025

An integrated EU-LIFE-Project for concrete measures and new perspectives



Within this project the German Federal level and the Federal States of Hesse and Rhineland-Palatinate are working together to develop and implement measures that will enhance the ecological health and connectivity of the river itself while simultaneously enriching the quality of life along the river. The project is a contribution for a sustainable future-orientated development of the region. In order to achieve these objects, various types of activities as well as an overall concept will be developed and implemented until the year 2025.

More quality of life along the Lahn

Ecological improvements for the benefit of all

The Lahn being shaped by many weirs along its course, one of the concrete measures to ecologically enhance the river is to restore the linear patency for fish and to increase its structural diversity. This does not only directly improve the water-bound habitats of numerous animal and plant species, but also creates opportunities for hiking, cycling and water sports.



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Project area

Many measures for the river Lahn and its region



The project area extends from Wallau in the Upper Lahn valley down to Lahnstein, where the Lahn flows into the Rhein. The measures foreseen will be implemented within a period of 10 years. They include for example the ecological upgrading of the lock island of Fürfurt, an improvement of habitat conditions for migratory fish and also an optimization of the portage sites for rowers and canoeists as well as the further equipment of the information offer at the "Lahnfenster" in Gießen.

LIFE – the EU's environmental funding programme



The project Lila – Living Lahn is funded by the EU's environmental funding programme LIFE. This programme is the funding instrument of the EU Commission to support environmental action and projects throughout the European Union, as well as in specific neighbouring and candidate countries.

The specialty about integrated projects (IP) is that environmental and climate plans or strategies are implemented beyond administrative borders at transnational level and on a large territorial scale, while including the different stakeholders.

Overview of the measures

From the Upper Lahn valley to the mouth of the Lahn

