



Big Jump News

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Dear friends of rivers and Big Jumper,

Only 10 days to the Big Jump 2015 on July 12. Many of you already announced their actions – in the water or on the riverside – or have even registered.

[PLEASE CHECK our map with the BJ Locations 2015.](#)

YOU CAN STILL [REGISTER](#) (form) !

We will again be many ! Our objective : 300-400 events at as many rivers and lakes as possible and even at beaches near river deltas.

2015 is an important year. According to the European Water Framework Directive (WFD) all surface waters should be in a good ecological status. In other words : it should be possible to swim everywhere where there is no security risk. Unfortunately, this ambitious goal is in the best cases only reached to 50%. In most of European countries, only 30 to 50% of the waters (water bodys) reached the required status. National governments now have to justify the delays and possibly obtain prolongation terms until 2021 or 2027.

Our Big Jump 2015 will celebrate the successes and "protest" against what did not work.

As you already know a parallel Big Jump event for the youth, the Big Jump Challenge (BJC), is taking place this year. The BJC is co-organised with the research platform GETIDOS in Germany and many partners. With already more than 75 registered youth teams, a great participation is announced ! The BJC aims at raising the awareness of the European youth on water protection challenges. Young river ambassadors from 14 countries will participate in a European River Parliament in Brussels 8-13 July and demand clean rivers for THEIR future. More info can be found on these websites : www.bigjump.org and www.bigjumpchallenge.net.

Take action ! We, citizens, have to get involved in water politics. It is worth it, for us and the next generations !

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