



# INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS IN HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING WORKS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF NATURAL HAZARDS AND CLIMATE CHANGES

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5. *Introduction to HELLOMAC Hydro IoT Solution*

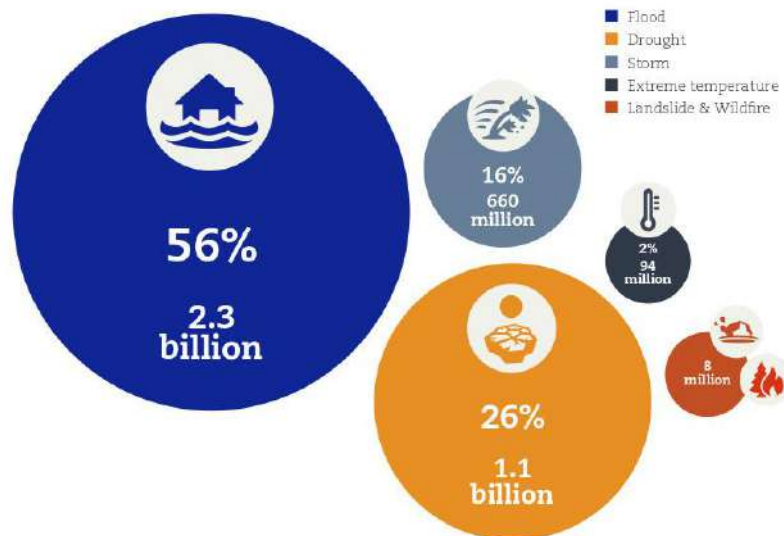
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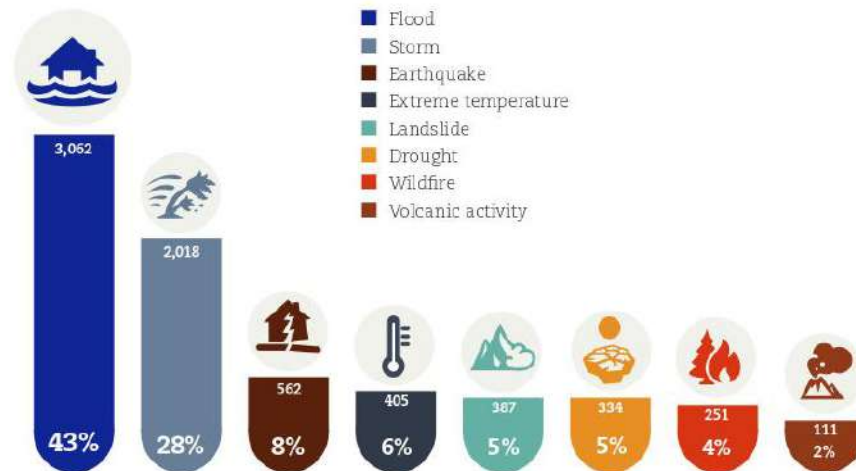
# INCREASING OF FLOOD IN THE LAST YEARS

## Flood Disasters Affected **2.3 Billion** and Killed **157,000** people

Numbers of people affected by weather-related disasters (1995-2015)  
(NB: deaths are excluded from the total affected.)



Percentage of occurrences of natural disasters by disaster type (1995-2015)



Source: UN, "The Human Cost of Weather Related Disasters"

<http://floodlist.com/dealing-with-floods/flood-disaster-figures-1995-2015>

## INCREASING OF FLOOD IN THE LAST YEARS



The collapse of the river embankments caused flooding in four villages in Demak (Java Island, Indonesia) in mid March 2024

(Source: <https://jateng.idntimes.com/news/jateng/bandot-arywono/banjir-demak-8-170-warga-mengungsi-akses-jalur-pantura-terputus?page=all>)



# FLOOD IN BOLOGNA, ITALY

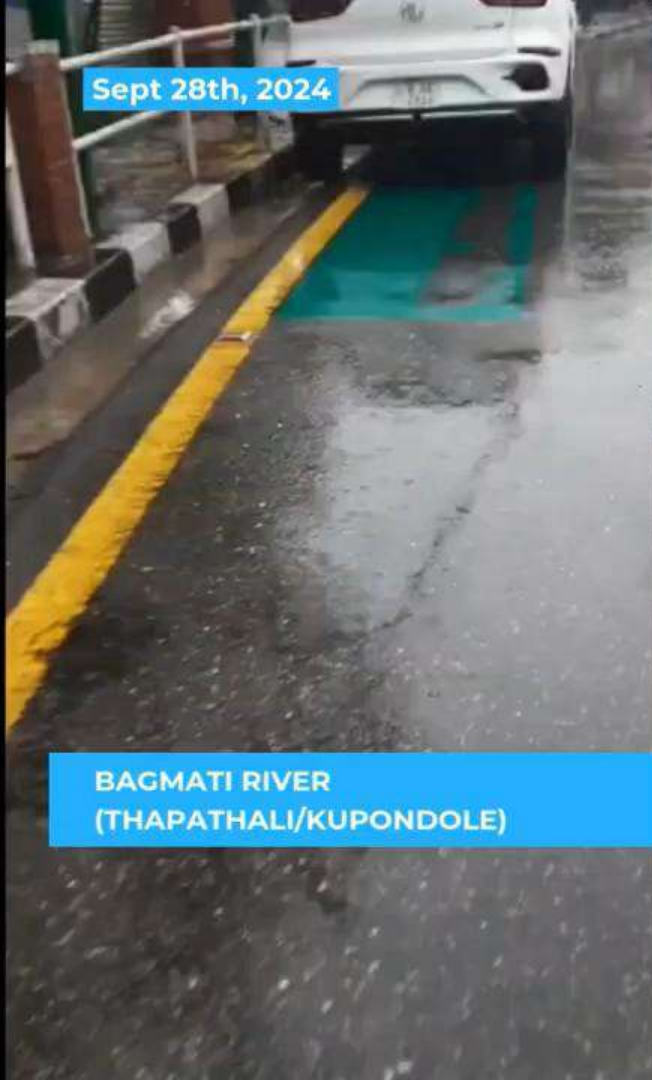
Italy, 19 October 2024

Just a few months ago...

Sept 28th, 2024

BAGMATI RIVER  
(THAPATHALI/KUPONDOLE)

nepal [ispot.com](https://nepalispot.com)

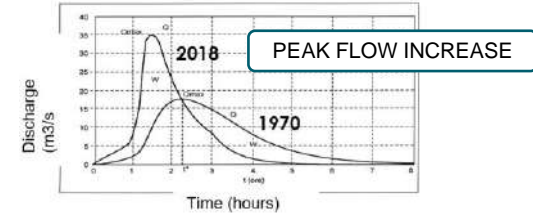


- Severe weather events (Climate change)\*
  - ✓ Increase in frequency and intensity
  - ✓ Rainfall, snowmelt, ice jams
- Increase in urbanization
  - ✓ Change in land use
  - ✓ Impervious surfaces
  - ✓ Drainage networks
- Modification of watercourse geometry
  - ✓ e.g. alignment, cross-section, grade, bridge crossings

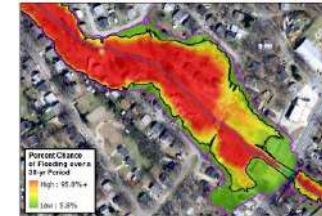


## MORE EXTREME FLOOD EVENTS

higher water depth, flow velocity and sediment transport capacity (erosion)



## WIDER URBANIZED AREAS SUBJECT TO FLOODING



\* Picture source <https://www.canadianunderwriter.ca/features/mother-natures-wrath/>



A green thought has always driven our engineering mindset.

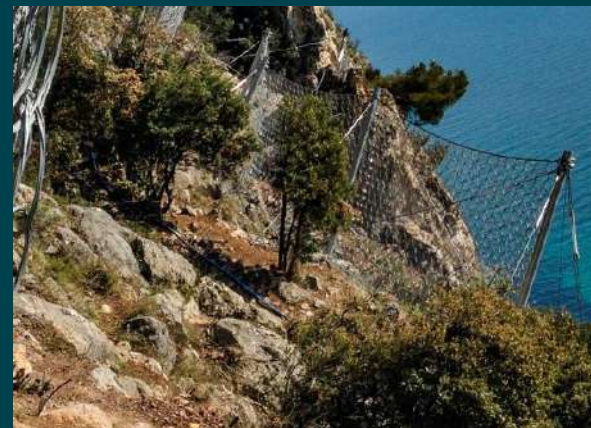
For over 140 years, we have developed solutions that enhance river ecosystem resilience including the social ability to recover quickly from catastrophic events (flood, natural disasters)



Bank protection along the River Reno at Casalecchio (Bologna, Italy)

# WHO WE ARE

For over 140 years we are **a leading international provider of advanced solutions to the civil, geotechnical and environmental construction markets**. We deliver innovative, long-lasting and environmentally friendly solutions, from retaining walls to hydraulic works and from rockfall mitigation systems to soil reinforcement.





Sales in **130+** countries



Revenues **600+** M€



**3,000+** employees



**23** factories

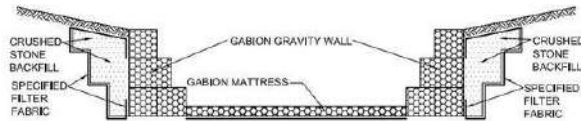


**60+** subsidiaries

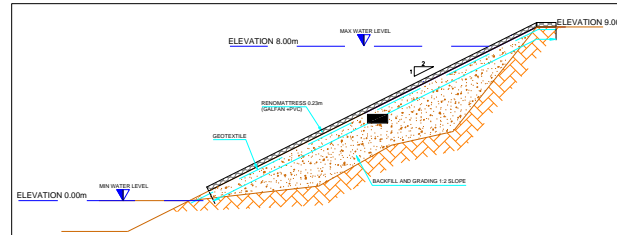
River works design is based on statistical data and risk assessment.

In the river engineering practice it is necessary to identify and analyze different scenarios beyond these data.

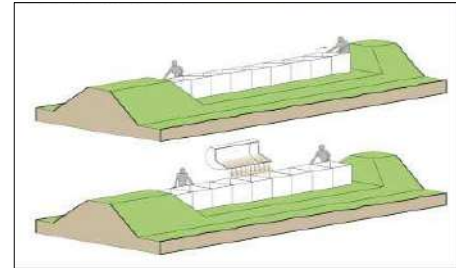
## PLANNING



## REMEDIATION



## EMERGENCY



## FUNCTIONS AND APPLICATIONS

ALONG THE  
RIVER BANK



ACROSS THE  
RIVER SECTION



DRAINAGE



MEANDERING  
CONTROL



## FUNCTIONS AND APPLICATIONS

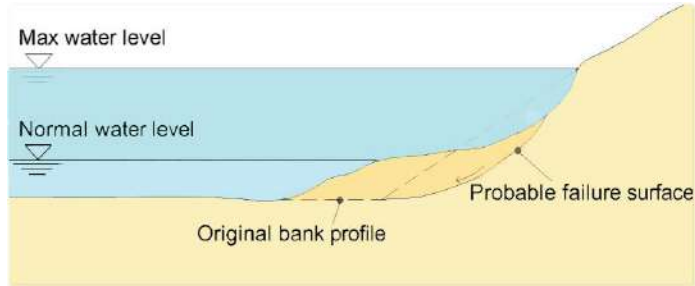
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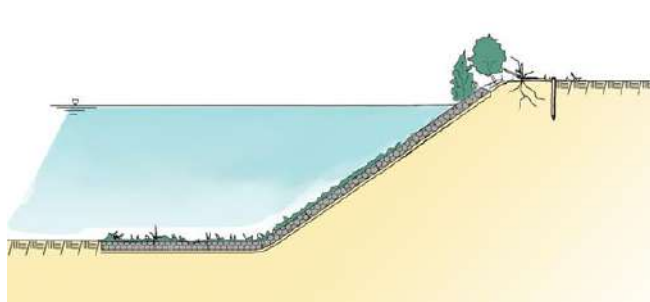
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### ■ EARTH RETAINING SYSTEMS



### ■ ARMOUR LININGS



## FLOOD RESTORATION WORKS – France – 2020/2021



The passage of storm Alex in October 2020 caused significant damages in different places.

The equivalent of a year of precipitations fell in 24 hours.

Millions of cubic meters of soil have been washed away, and road infrastructures have been cut.

# SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR RIVERBANK PROTECTION

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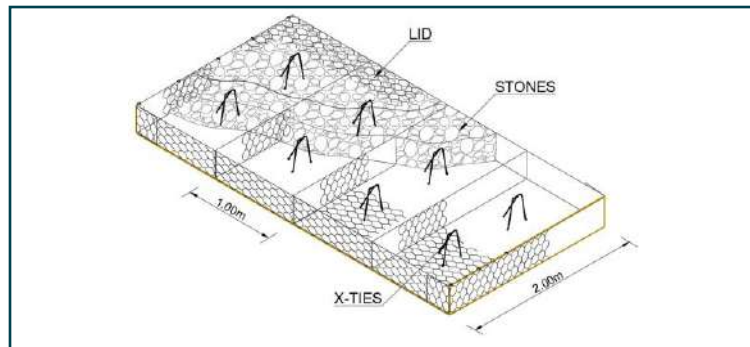
## FLOOD RESTORATION WORKS – France – 2020/2021

Bank consolidation by reinforced soil structures was supplied by Maccaferri, to restore the banks up to 12 meters in height.

Earth retaining systems: Terramesh System & Terramesh Green

Anti-scour protection: Reno Mattress Plus & Gabions





Reno Mattress Plus



# SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR RIVERBANK PROTECTION

## Bagmati River Protection Work Kathmandu



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## Narayani River Protection



## FUNCTIONS AND APPLICATIONS

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### ■ GRADE CONTROL STRUCTURES



### ■ PIERS PROTECTION



### ■ BRIDGE ABUTMENTS





**SINGLE VERTICAL  
DROP**



**STEPPED WEIR**



**SLOPED WEIR**

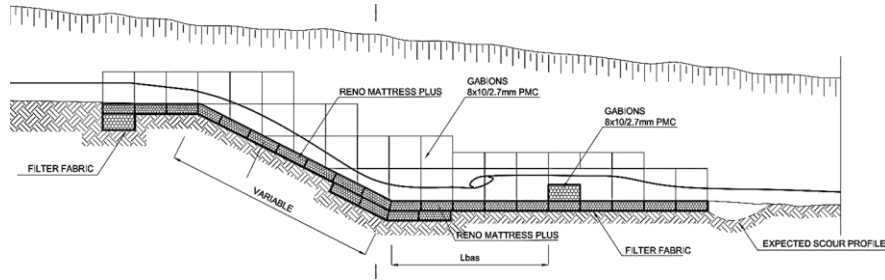
# EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES: GABION WIERS

## Melamchi Drinking Water Supply Project



# EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES: GABION WIERS

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DROP



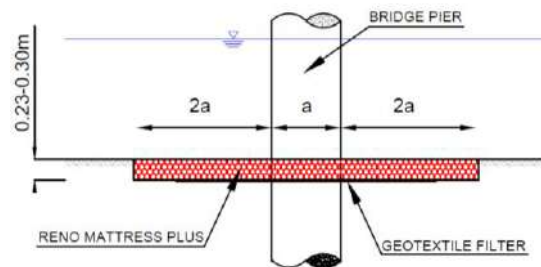
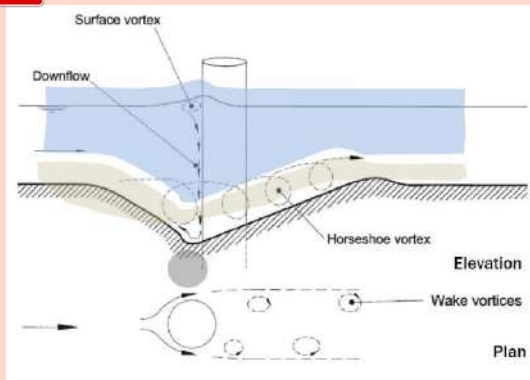
STEPPED WEIR

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# PIERS AND ABUTMENTS PROTECTION



Scour around bridge piers and abutments can cause structure instability





## FUNCTIONS AND APPLICATIONS

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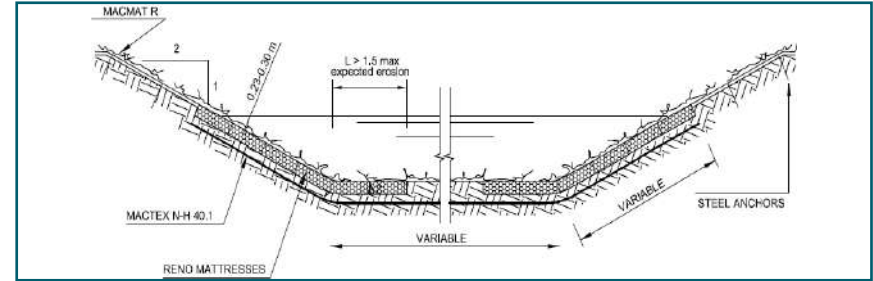
- CHANNELIZED STREAMS

- CANALIZATION OF RIVERS

ACROSS THE  
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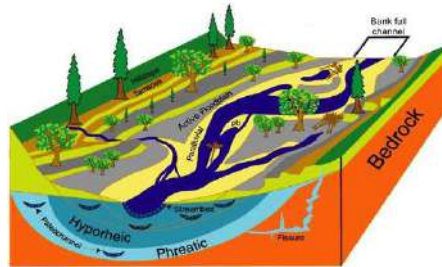
- GROYNES

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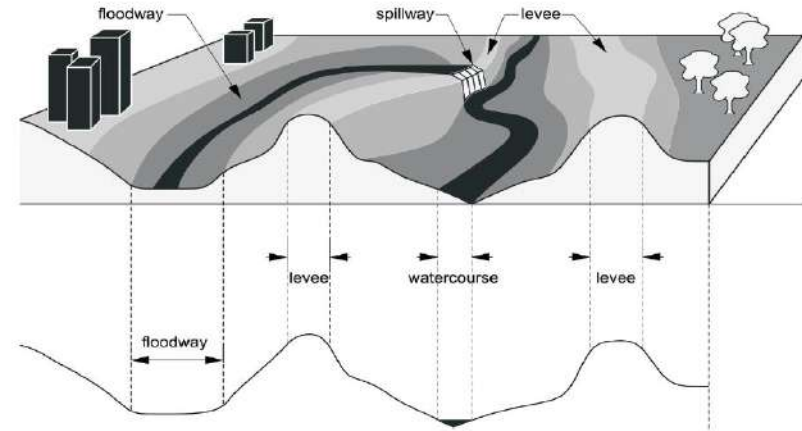
- ALIGNMENT CONTROL

DRAINAGE

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- LATERAL SPILLWAYS





RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

## TESTED AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

**Design The Change**  
concept started with the physical testing campaign that aimed at finding out a more effective solution to protect river banks from erosion



The physical test campaign was conducted by **Maccaferri Innovation Center** in collaboration with **Colorado State University**



# CSU CAMPAIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF RENO MATTRESS PLUS

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## CSU CAMPAIGN - 2020

### Step 1



Effect of the mattress wire mesh (only)

### Step 2



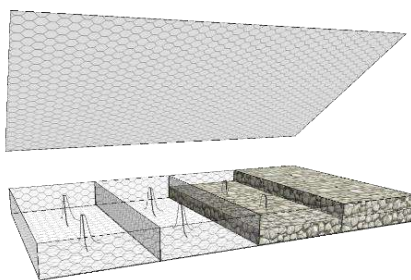
Effect of different stones (size & grading) and mattress configurations (diaphragm & spacing)

### Step 3



Evaluate the stone movement and trace erosion

### Step 4



Development of the new Reno Mattress Plus



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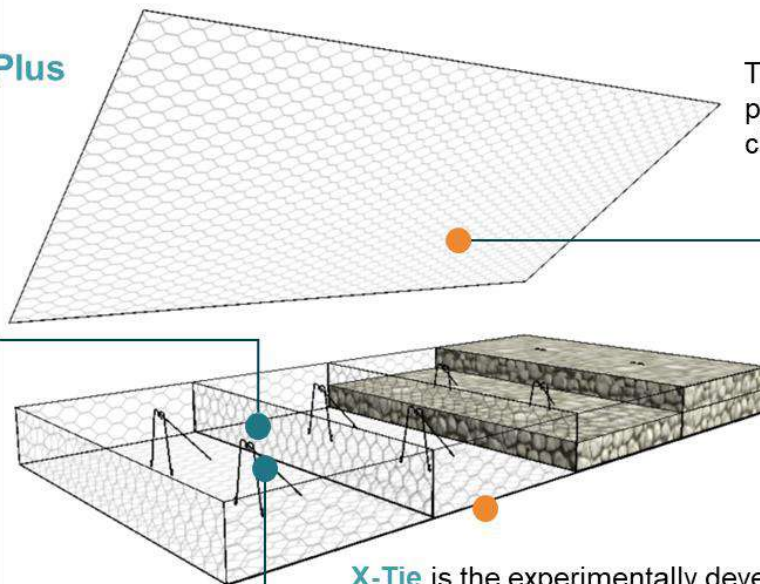
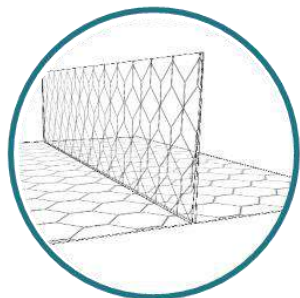
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More performance than ever



## Reno Mattress Plus with X-Ties

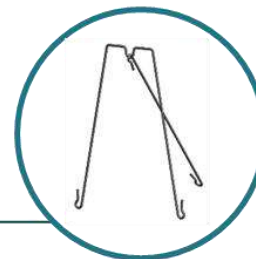
Vertical standing double  
diaphragm make filling  
operation easier.



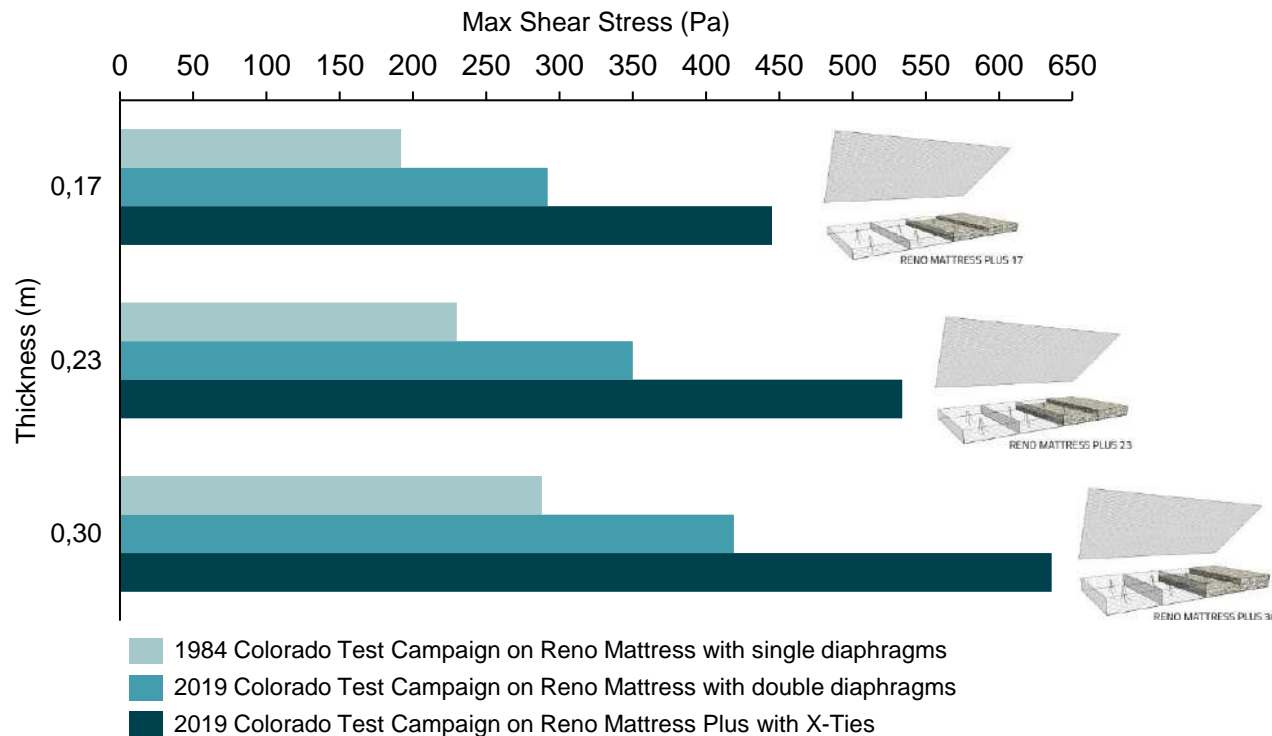
The **PoliMac**<sup>®</sup> coating gives outstanding  
protection against mechanical loads and  
chemical aggression.



**X-Tie** is the experimentally developed  
and patented tie to maximise the  
structural resistance of the mattress.

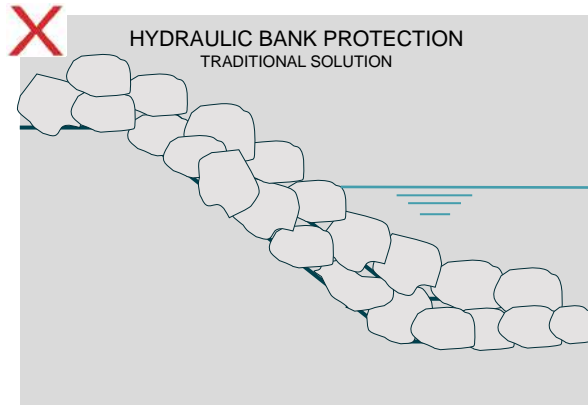


Max shear stress values recorded at CSU in 1984 and in 2019

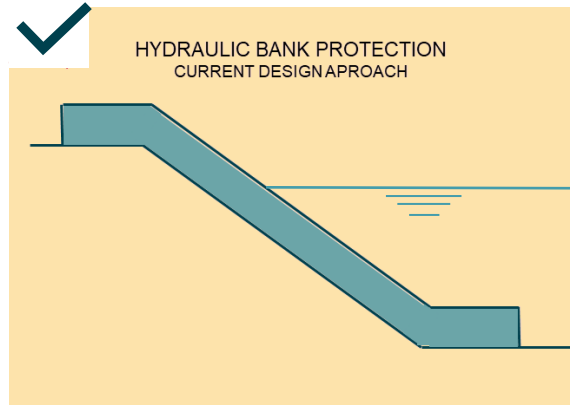


**+52%**

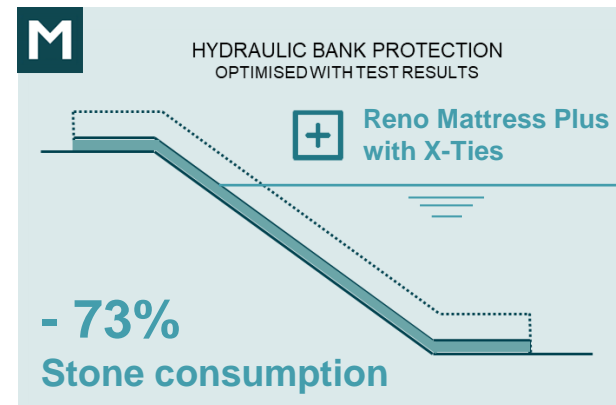
in performance than standard mattress under shear stress



Traditional riverbank protection constructed with **loose boulders** (rip-rap) require thick layers of materials to be effective. This is because the boulders are not confined and cannot be accurately placed resulting in the use of more stone and, consequently, an increase in environmental burden.

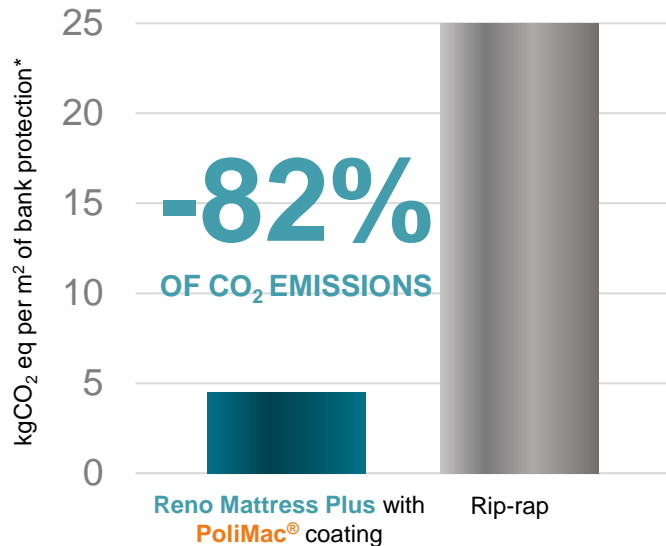


**Standard Mattresses** are over designed riverbank protections compared to the actual load they are subjected to.



**Reno Mattress Plus** is the result of experimental tests. A deeper understanding of the performance of the mattress enable us to make more cost-effective designs that will give to our solutions an increase competitiveness in comparison to equivalent and alternative (traditional) systems.

## Environmental Benefits – CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



**Reno Mattress Plus** coated with **PoliMac®** decreases CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 82% compared to Rip-rap solution



VS



**Reno Mattress Plus** reduces environmental footprint of river bank protection. This is due to savings of materials and their transport.

Since Reno Mattress enhance the vegetation growth, it additionally produce a **carbon sequestration** of 0.46 kgCO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup> per year\*\*.

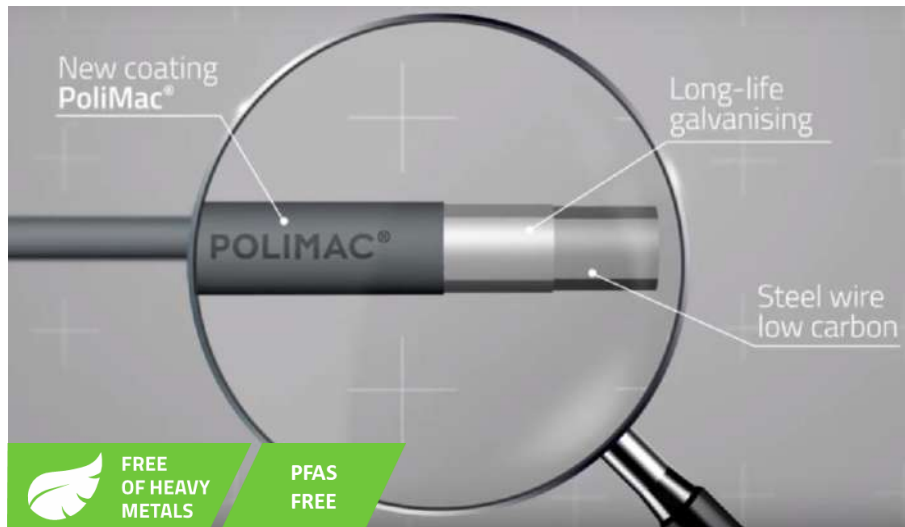
\*Data are based on Environmental Product Declaration (EPD). Figures refer to specific field condition (shear stress 400 N/m<sup>2</sup>). Additionally, not considered in the graph, Reno Mattress enhances the vegetation growth further increasing the environmental benefit of the solution.

\*\* APMC, 2012. *Carbon Footprint dei Gabbioni e Materassi Maccaferri e confronto con soluzioni tradizionali*

## MAIN FEATURES

### DURABILITY

**PoliMac®** is the revolutionary coating that can withstand the most aggressive environmental conditions.



# PoliMac®

WIRE PROTECTION FOR A CHANGING WORLD



Better resistance to **abrasion**, including installation damage



Outstanding resistance to **chemical aggression**



Excellent performance in **cold weather**



Proven resistance to **UV rays**

## MAIN FEATURES

### ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLINESS



Double twisted gabions and Reno Mattresses are suitable to incorporate **soil bioengineering techniques**.



They easily integrate in natural ecosystems, as vegetation provides a sheltering effect during the initial growth.



Additionally, vegetation will increase **structural and hydraulic performance**.



Being filled with stones, soil and roots find a **favourable environment** during the recovery stage.

# MACRA DESIGN

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A brand-new software for hydraulic engineering



**Maccaferri River Analysis** is a suite of design software for hydraulic engineering, which focuses on the design of river works for erosion control in natural or artificial watercourses, using Maccaferri solutions specifically developed and tested for these challenging applications.

Available on [edesign.maccaferri.com](https://edesign.maccaferri.com)

A few input data

## Geometry

Cross-section templates

## Hydraulic

Discharge  
Slope

## Materials

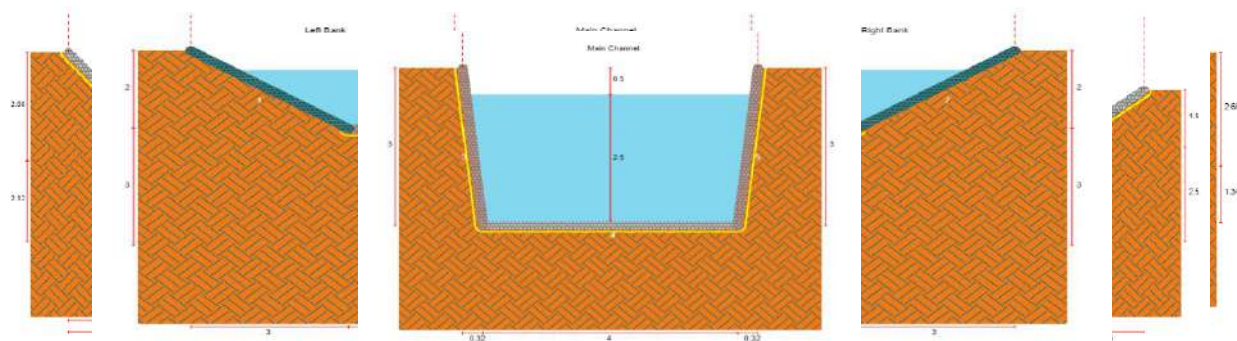
Shear stress and roughness of  
erosion protection available from a  
database



When designing a channel and bank protection, the software analyses cross-sections for longitudinal works, for free surface channels with uniform flow.



## CHANNEL AND BANK PROTECTION



**M** Rectangular section

**M** Simple and double trapezoidal sections

**M** Sections with subsectors

**M** Sections with vertical banks



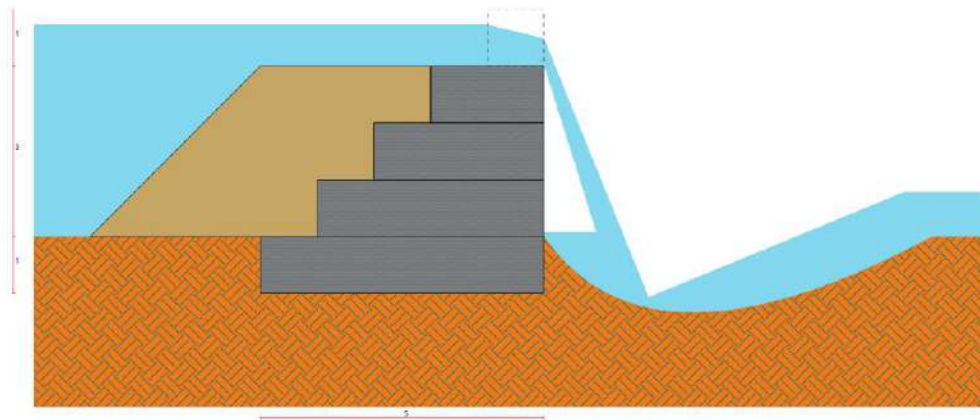
## GRADE CONTROL STRUCTURES



The software allows to check many flow conditions and to design different types of erosion control structures and their dissipation basins.



## GRADE CONTROL STRUCTURES



 Sloped weir

 Stepped weir

 Weir with vertical drop



Smart quay monitoring

Smart quality monitoring

Smart bridge monitoring

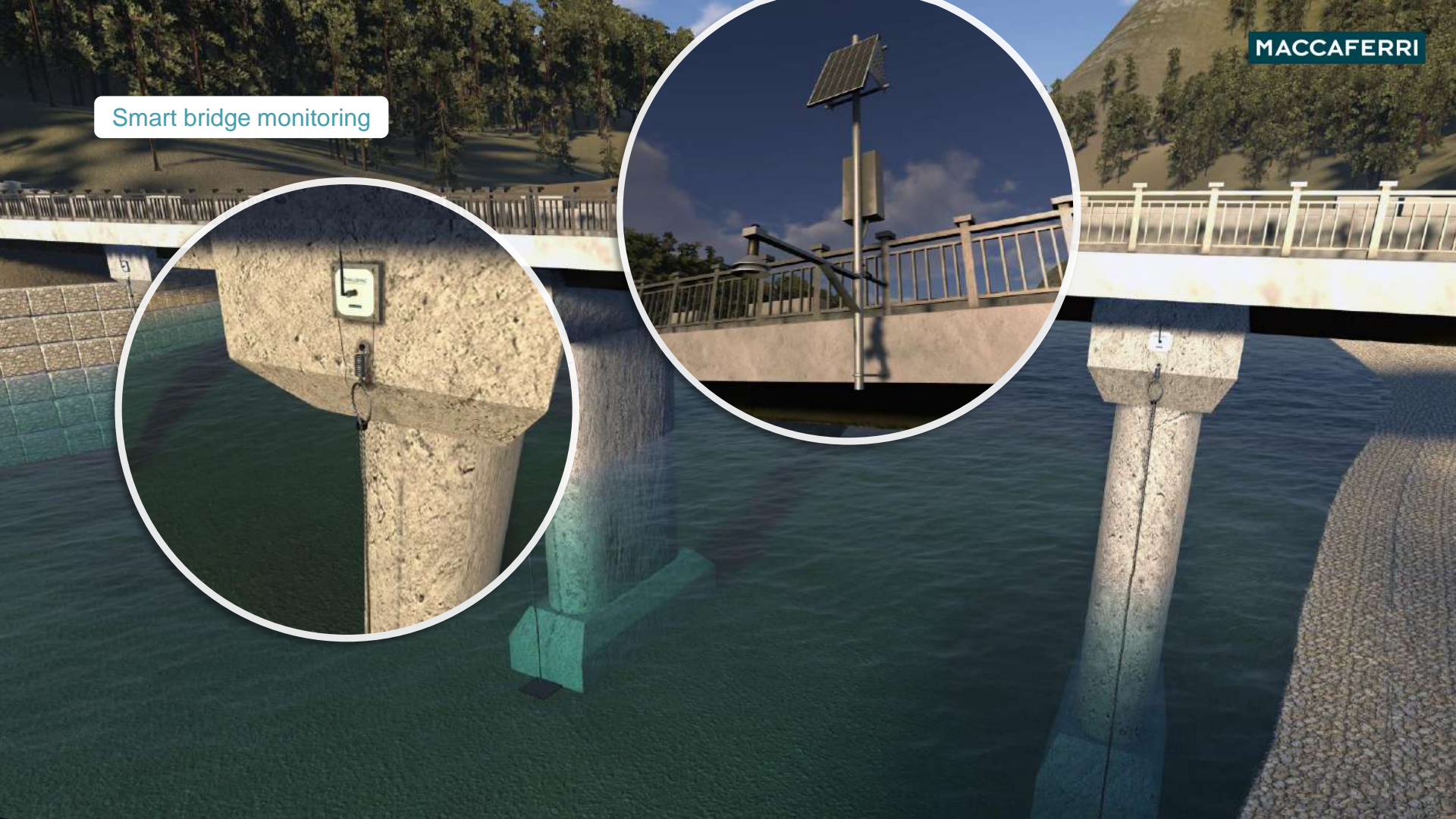
Smart bank protection



Smart bank protection



Smart bridge monitoring



Smart quality monitoring



# Smart Engineering

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5 networks



GPRS, 4G, Satellite, Lorawan, Wifi.  
High connectivity guaranteed.

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5 seconds



Instant signal transmission,  
to ensure timely alerts

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## App, SMS, Email

Get alerts your way.  
Instantly.

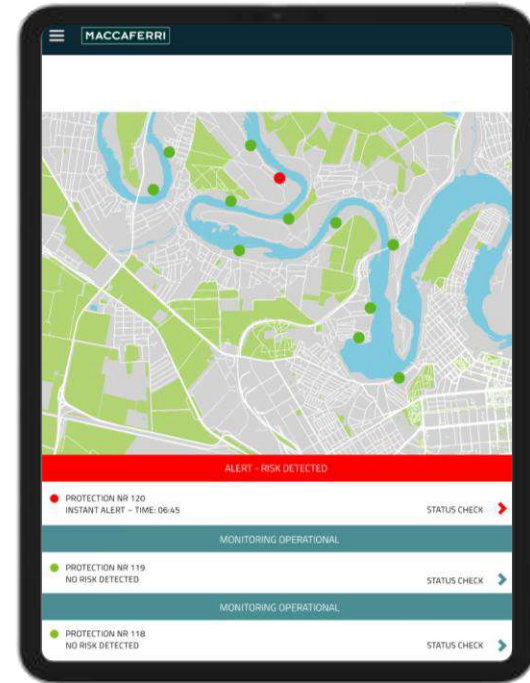


# Smart Engineering

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## Real-time insights at your fingertips

Always in the know with the HelloMac App.  
Monitor your hydraulic protection  
and sensors  
anytime, anywhere



# THANK YOU



*Brittlestars populating Reno Mattress,  
South Africa*