



WEF 2022 - Insight into Eawag research

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On the fringes of the World Economic Forum in Davos, the universities and research institutes of the ETH Domain presented themselves to Swiss politics, research and business.

"Innovations from the ETH Domain: Insights into research in the service of Switzerland." Under this motto, the ETH Domain welcomed Federal Councillor Guy Parmelin and around sixty other high-ranking guests from politics, research and business to the SLF Davos.

As in previous years, the guests were given an insight into selected research activities of the six institutions. For Eawag, biologist Christine Weber took the interested audience on a journey through time on the subject of river revitalisation. The head of the river revitalisation research group showed that watercourses are among the most impaired habitats in Switzerland and can no longer fulfil many of their important functions. "With the revitalisation required by the Water Protection Act since 2011, the important functions of watercourses are to be restored," Weber explained. Using illustrative examples, she showed how Eawag supports the revitalisation efforts of the federal government and cantons with applied research projects, so that decisions can be made on the basis of evidence and existing resources can be used as effectively as possible.

Cover picture: Christine Weber explains the changes in Swiss watercourses by means of a journey through time, from yesterday to today to tomorrow. (Photo: Luzia Schär)

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