



## **Some thoughts of the European Sediment Network (SedNet) on sediment management issues in trans-boundary European river basins**

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With the introduction of EU policy on water management, such as the Water Framework Directive (WFD), there has been a need to address water quantity and quality issues at the scale of the river basin. In many of Europe's river basins, this has required international discussion and collaboration in order to manage trans-boundary water issues. While sediment has received relatively little attention to date, there is growing recognition that sediment management represents an important part of soil-water management, and that sediment should be considered within the WFD and also forthcoming EU policy on soils and the marine environment. The European Sediment Network (SedNet: [www.sednet.org](http://www.sednet.org)) was partly created in 2002 in order to address this need, particularly through the establishment of recommendations for sustainable sediment management at the river basin scale. This presentation will focus on some of the recommendations and thoughts of SedNet, particularly those that relate to trans-boundary issues.