

VIII SedNet Conference

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**Integrated sediment management
(afternoon session)**



Integrated Sediment Management “how to do more with less”?

Integrated Sediment Management is about a holistic approach to sediment management, meaning that sediment management is an integral part of environmental management taking into account policy objectives (regarding functions) for river basins and coastal areas.

Integrated sediment management will be most successful if efforts are made to streamline various environmental and policy objectives into common goals. A lack of cooperation between parties concerned was mentioned by various speakers as a key issue in not (fully) reaching these objectives.



In times of economic crisis, where governments are preoccupied with austerity programmes, measures taken to reach environmental objectives need to be effective and cost efficient. This could mean that more money may have to be spent in the short term in order to do more with less in the long term.

