### **The SedNet project**



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To be a European network for environmentally, socially and economically viable practices of sediment management on river basin scales



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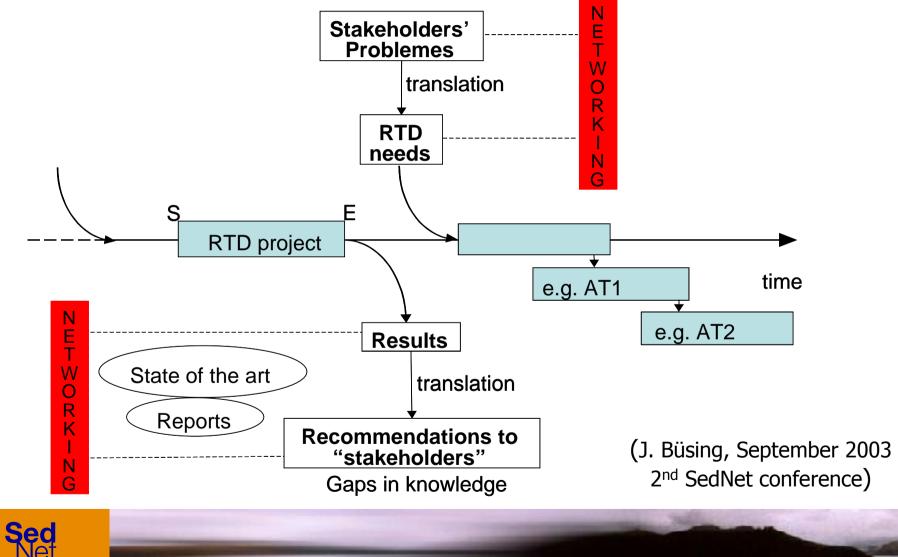
# **Ambition (initial, EC funded)**

- Raise awareness
- Improve network functioning
- Sustainable Sediment Management (SSM) guidance
- Sustain SedNet (>2004, end EC funding)

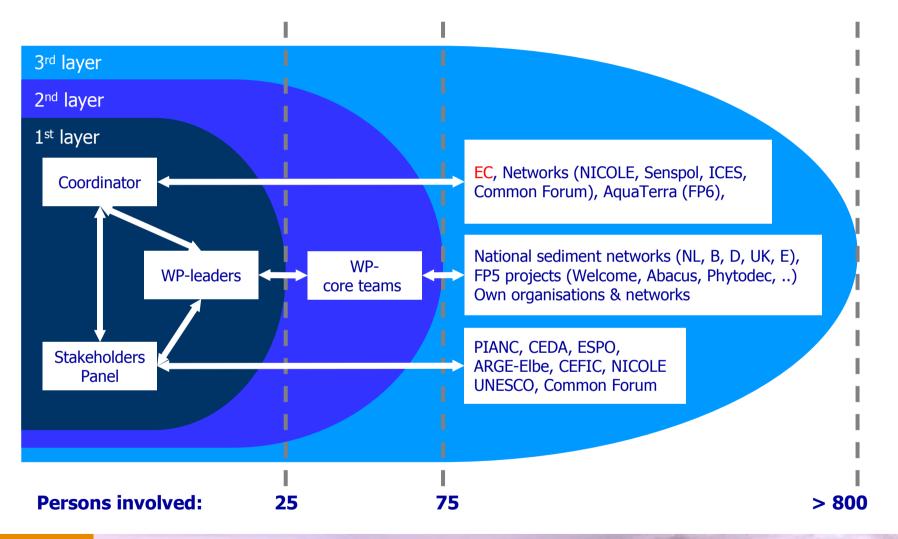
Willingness to support?



#### **EC perspective on Thematic Networks**



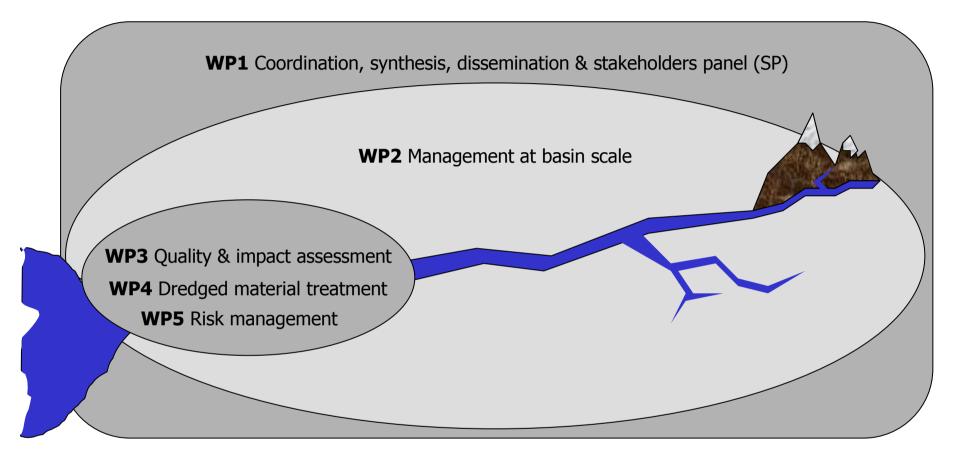
#### **SedNet network**







#### **SedNet project structure**



WP1: Jos Brils (TNO, NL)WP2: Phil Owens (Cranfield University, UK)WP3: Damia Barcelo (CSIC, E)

WP4: Peppe Bortone (ARPA Emilia Romagna, I)WP5: Susanne Heise (TU Hamburg Harburg, D)SP chair: Tiedo Vellinga (Port of Rotterdam, NL)



#### **Deliverables**

Free of charge, through website:

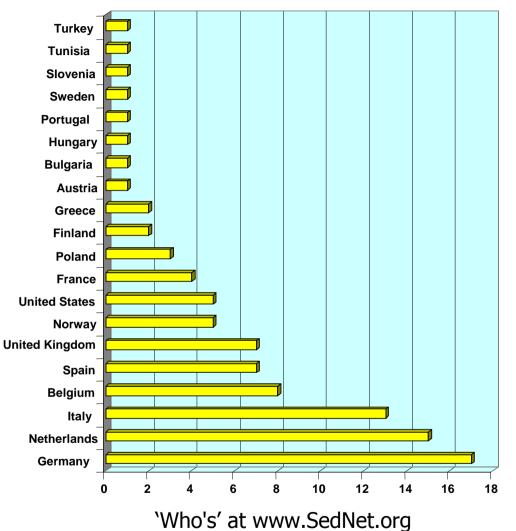
- Who-is-who (already at website)
- Guidance to sustainable sediment management: Booklet "Contaminated Sediment in European river basins" (Final Draft at website and in in your bag, definite: end 2004)

Commercially published by Elsevier:

• Scientific books on the specific sediment management issues addressed (manuscripts by end 2004)



#### Who-is-who



#### Information categories:

- Personal details
- Relation to SedNet
- Organisation
- Specific activities
- Expertise (sediment related)
- Topics suggested for JPA
- Modalities/Financial possibilities
- Ongoing EC projects (related to sediment issues)

#### Included:

• Search tool (key-words)





### **SedNet booklet**

Aim:

• Awareness raising to sediment issues at policy making level

Content:

- recommendations and guidance to integrated, sustainable sediment management, from local to river basin scale
- indicates sustainable solutions for the management and treatment of contaminated sediment and dredged material
- addresses practical sediment management issues
- integrates SedNet's position on: value of sediment; sediment in relation to EU policies development and in relation to EU research (recommendations)





## Four books (Elsevier 2005)

- 1. Sediment management at the river basin scale edited by Dr. Phil Owens, Cranfield University, UK
- 2. Sediment quality and impact assessment of pollutants edited by Prof. Dr. Damià Barceló, CSIC, Spain
- 3. Sediment and dredged material treatment edited by Dr. Peppe Bortone, ARPA Emilia Romagna, Italy
- 4. Sediment risk management and communication edited by Dr. Susanne Heise, TU Hamburg-Harburg, Germany

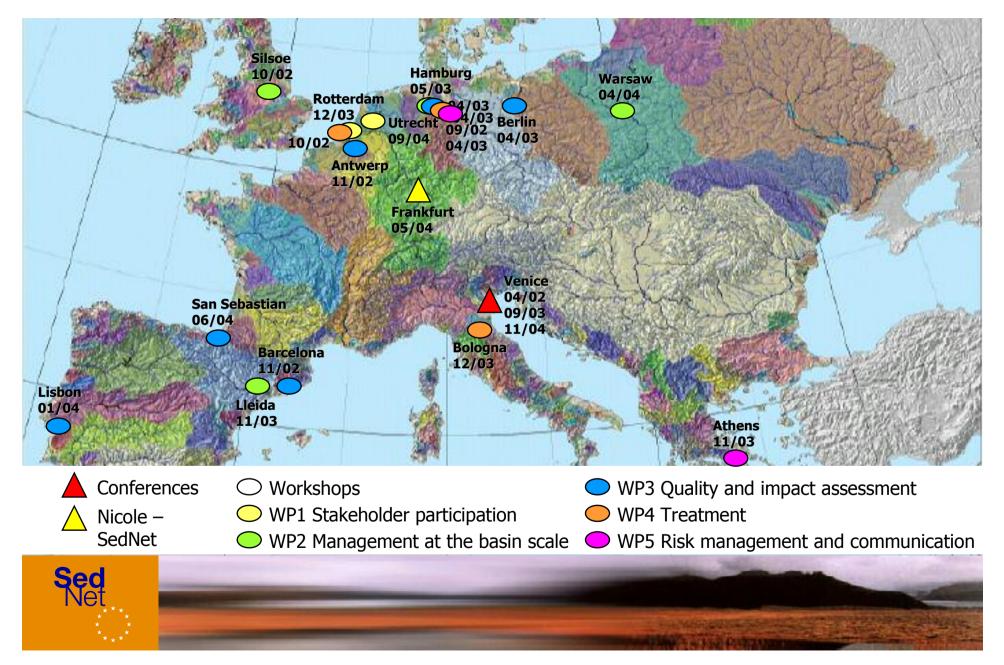


# How we work(ed)

- Website: www.SedNet.org
- Monthly E-newsletter, 900 receivers, world-wide
- Promotion at conferences, workshops etc.
- Joint Programme of Activities (JPA)
- SedNet associated Journal of Soil and Sediments (JSS)
- Participation/cooperation with UNESCO ISI, and others
- SedNet conference and workshops
- Advice EU policy development & assist implementation



#### SedNet tour de l'Europe



# SedNet relation to EU policy development & implementation

Soil Strategy

Participation to Thematic Strategy for Soil Protection Working Group on Soil Erosion (Phil Owens)



WFD-AMPS Participation to EC WFD Expert Group on Analysis and Monitoring of Priority Substances (AMPS)(Jos Brils)



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