

# Lessons about sediment management learned from case studies: results of the meetings of DGE-plus

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**Introduction:** This presentation will summarize the results of the 13<sup>th</sup> DGEplus meeting on the role of sediment-related issues in water management. The Dutch-German Exchange (DGE) was originally started as an informal bilateral platform for exchanging knowledge, information and experiences in the field of sediment management. The exchange is intended to be on the level of authorities (regulatory organizations) that deal with the management of water bodies and ports. Since 2005 also the United Kingdom, Belgium and France are represented in the network, which is now called 'DGE plus'.

In October 2007 a meeting was held with emphasis on case studies describing how sediment management is implemented in river basin management. The case studies include projects where knowledge of sediment dynamics and sediment characteristics was effectively used in stakeholder processes and river basin management, in order to achieve improved ecological and economic functioning. It was concluded a.o. that sediments in fluvial and estuarine systems often require very different management practices. The lessons learned in the case studies can be used to improve the quality of future river basin management plans.



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