

SedNet Round Table Discussion

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Sustainable dredging of Mediterranean Ports: the future for sediment management

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Participants Round Table (1)

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Massimo Montevocchi, Sidra-DEME (Dredging, Environmental & Marine Engineering Contractor), former Managing Director, consultant at present

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Participants Round Table (2)

Polite Laboyrie, CEDA (Central Dredging Association),
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Massimo Gabellini, ISPRA (Italian Institute for Environmental
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Outline of the Round Table

- short introduction of discussion themes
- 8-10 minute statements by participants
- debate among participants

Report back

- Summary of key messages: Thursday 7 April (13:40)
- Round Table Report (www.sednet.org)



Discussion Themes Round Table (1)

Dredging in Mediterranean ports and competition

- is the management of dredged sediments a limiting / determining factor for the development of Mediterranean ports?
- is the management of dredged materials influencing fair competition among EU member (and non-member) states / ports?
- is there a level playing field among Mediterranean ports: need for harmonization through a EU common policy on sediment management (main principles)?



Discussion Themes Round Table (2)

Integration of environmental aspects / sustainability

- environmental factors: limiting factor or added value?
- how to integrate environmental and economical / infrastructural aspects – use of the sustainability concept?
- how to compare different solutions for sustainable dredging and sediment management; adequate criteria to judge environmental factors (e.g. Environmental Footprint)?
- role of stakeholder involvement in adoption of economically sustainable solutions?



Discussion Themes Round Table (3)

Sustainable approaches and future challenges

- what is the appropriate scale to approach sediment management: local port specific, regional or country/basin-scale?
- how to get more focus on “sediment as a resource”?
- how to include research and develop innovative and effective solutions?
- what will be the effect of climate change on sediment management approaches in the future?

