There are several ways and levels to approach the issue of sediment management, ranging from local harbour-specific, to basin or regional system scales. What is the right scale to work at in order to promote the effective solutions in the medium/long-term? Do you think it should be necessary to adopt integrated actions at country/basin-scale?

Yes and no. It is more difficult to solve problems at a local scale. You have to solve it together and make agreements on action levels. But there are always specific local circumstances to take into account.
• How do we realize the claim, shared by all, that “sediment is a resource” and its relocation within the water system or the reuse on land should be encouraged wherever possible?

When preparing dredging decisions or guidelines just first think of possible benefits. It is also often much cheaper. Also a closed balance of material used in a project is the most simple and economic one!
How do we judge the environmental factors

The have to be made and dealt with in a sensible and sustainable way. Acting sustainable is enduring and not a short term solution. Also thinking smart can make it more economic. Solving problems on the end by neglecting rules is not an option. Solve it at the beginning source control.
Discussion points Polite Laboyrie

• We do not use all available knowledge when planning a harbour project.

• For a better understanding of the role and influence of sediments more exchange of knowledge and cooperations is required.