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Sustainable dredging of Mediterranean Ports: the future for sediment management

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Common agreement?

- sediment management is important/crucial for port activities and development
- basin or regional scale analysis and solution should be favoured
- development and harmonization of regulatory framework is very important, also to guarantee fair competition among member (and non-member) countries
- environmental and economical / infrastructural aspects should be integrated: the sustainability concept provides the ideal framework for such integration. We need adequate criteria for evaluating alternative solutions



Common agreement?

- an important part of the “sustainability” paradigm is the reuse of dredged sediment, not adequately and sufficiently addressed up to now
- climate change will affect sediment management approaches in the future
- innovative solutions need to be supported by knowledge and research and incentives
- participatory approaches and stakeholder involvement are important issues, but how to make it more effective?

