



*Round Table Discussion*  
**Bringing Together Experiences in Sediment Management Concepts -  
Elbe meets Danube**

organized by SedNet in collaboration with ICPER and ICPDR  
on 7-9 November 2016, in Budapest, Hungary

From 7-9 November 2016 SedNet organised its third Round Table Discussion „Bringing Together Experiences in Sediment Management Concepts – Elbe meets Danube“. The event took place in Budapest, Hungary.

SedNet organized the event together with ICPER, the International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe River, and ICPDR, the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River.

ICPER organizes and coordinates international cooperation in the Elbe catchment to ensure all relevant forms of water use, achieve the most natural ecosystem possible and reduce the pollution of the North Sea by the Elbe River.

ICPDR works to ensure the sustainable and equitable use of waters and freshwater resources in the Danube River Basin. ICPDR also serves as the platform for the implementation of all transboundary aspects of the EU Water Framework Directive and EU Floods Directive.

At the Round Table Discussion on 7-9 November 2016 experiences were exchanged between the two river basins and SedNet on the integration of sediment management in river basin management. Knowing that the river basin management plans for both river basins (Elbe and Danube) indicate different main reasons for the failure to meet the objectives of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD), the get-together in the form of a 3<sup>rd</sup> SedNet Round Table Discussion focusing directly on methodological approaches with designing and implementing a sediment management concept proved to be of high value for both river communities. Notable activities towards sediment management concepts have also been undertaken in other European river basins. Consequently, the participation of other river basins in the bilateral Elbe-Danube exchange was most welcome.

The aims of the EU Water Framework Directive can only be met if sediments are part of the river basin management plans. To this purpose ICPER has written an [integrated sediment management concept](#) (in German, parts are translated into Czech and English).

With a view to the wish of ICPDR to also develop a sediment management concept, SedNet created the opportunity for an exchange of ideas and experiences. The work done for the Elbe river basin proved to be very useful for Danube.

The results of the Round Table are summarized in a [Policy Brief](#).



