

demand driven,
**EUROPEAN SEDIMENT
 RESEARCH NETWORK**
SedNet



Under the Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development Program of the European Union, and within the area 1.4.1 on **Abatement of water pollution from contaminated land, landfills and sediments**, the demand driven, European Sediment Research Network SEDNET (EVK1-CT-2001-20002), has been approved for funding.

SEDNET will annually organise a conference and several workshops where those responsible for the management of riverine sediments and dredged material (problem owners) can meet the experts (problem solvers) who provide them with the demanded management tools, technologies and expertise. The knowledge thus disseminated will be consolidated in a guideline for integrated, sustainable sediment management, from local to river basin level.

The preliminary date for the **inaugural SedNet conference** is **22 - 24 April 2002**. It will be held at the SEDNET home base at San Servolo Island in Venice, Italy.

Just after this conference the first SEDNET workshops will be organised by the six specific, thematic Working Groups (see scheme).

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Technical Working Groups

Socio-economic Working Groups

	WG1	WG2	WG3	WG4	WG5	WG6
Title/scope WG	Site investigation & characterisation	Contaminant behaviour & fate	Sediment treatment	Planning & decision making	Risk management & communication	Financial & economic aspects
Examples of issues addressed	Sampling, physical & chemical analysis, bioassays, Triad approach, TIE, biomarkers	Binding & bio-availability, (bio)degradation, manipulation	Technique improvement & implementation (in & ex-situ), disposal (in pits as well as in open water)	Sediment & contaminant transport, Decision Support Systems, tools & modelling, source reduction	Sediment quality criteria, hazard to risk assessment, communication, transparency	Benefit-cost analysis, integrative approaches, management strategy optimisation, stake holder participation
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