

Summary NCK/NCR symposium Sediment management in Deltas

Date: Friday, 9 March 2018
Location: Deltahotel, Vlaardingen
Number of participants: 55



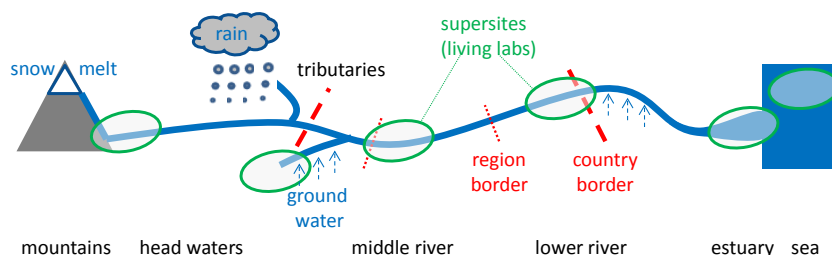
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Research Infrastructures (RIs)

Marc de Jonge from NWO presented ESFRI (European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures), Research Infrastructures (RIs), and why RIs could also be of interest to the Dutch river and coast research community. For further info on ESFRI and RIs see: <https://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index.cfm?pg=about>

DANUBIUS-RI

Jos Brils from Deltares introduced the International Centre for Advanced Studies on River-Sea Systems (DANUBIUS-RI) which entered the ESFRI roadmap in 2016. DANUBIUS-RI will be a distributed RI that serves as a one-stop shop that provides access to a range of experts, infrastructure, services and river-sea (RS) systems (see figure) across Europe. It will provide a platform for interdisciplinary research, access to centres of excellence and harmonized data and, thus, enable knowledge transfer through direct discourse between disciplines, scientists and policy-makers and through development and support for education and training programmes. It will, therefore, make a significant scientific contribution to our current understanding of the complexities of the entire extent of RS continuum and our capacity to manage and develop these resources in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable manner. More information is available via: <http://www.danubius-ri.eu/>



After the introduction presentation there was ample of time for answering of the many questions and for discussion. It was concluded that it is interesting for Dutch river and coast researchers to engage in the further development of DANUBIUS-RI. It was agreed upon that the NCR and NCK programme commissions will represent the Dutch river and coast research community and will help to further develop the Netherlands engagement in DANUBIUS-RI. A follow-up workshop will as soon as possible be planned for that.

EC FP9 sediment call lobby

This topic was on the agenda, but there was actually no time to address it properly as it was commonly decided with the participants to devote all the time to the DANUBIUS-RI questions and discussion. However, at the end of the event Jos Brils briefly mediated that a briefing note for this topic has already been prepared, entitled "S.O.S – Save Our Sediments", see: <http://www.inspiration-h2020.eu/sites/default/files/upload/documents/inspiration-briefingnote-sos.pdf>. This note was shared with an EC DG R&I contact who expressed to certainly see it as a source of inspiration for shaping of FP9. Jos expressed that a successful lobby for this topic, besides convincing content, also depends on enough 'critical mass of support' and that it thus will certainly help if the NCR and NCK communities will in due time also express their support for inclusion of this topic as a call in FP9.