

**Bridging the gap between knowledge and policy action:
Land use is the key – Confidence is the condition**

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Abstract The models of the scientific community get better and better, nevertheless the gap between environment knowledge and policy action is not shrinking. Land use and land use changes play the role of an interface between numeric hydrological models and policy implementation in river basins. The coupling of models and land use and the visualisation can be done most advantageously by the integration of hydrological model results and land use modelling in a scenario approach. To come from knowledge to policy action, excellent scientific results and brilliant, coherent presentations are necessary. Scenarios are a tool to realise this request. Thirty-five years of work in the interface of ecological science and policy results in the experience that confidence between the policy administration and scientists is the most important key for implementation and launching results. Generally the time needed for confidence building is not included in the average project duration. New project and cooperation structures must be developed.