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# Evolution in water management at the level of a River Basin in Seine-Normandie - France

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# 1964 Water Law

- Article 1 : *prevent water pollution and improve water quality in order to ensure human water supply and agricultural, industrial,... requirements*
- An integrated water **management** in France, at the river basin level : *6 Water Agencies and 6 Basin Committees, (allowing the users to establish five year management plans and to undertake projects thanks to incentives and subsidies.) to manage 6 hydrographical territories.*



# 1992 Water Law

- Article 1 : *water is part of a common national heritage. It is in the general interest to protect it, use it optimally...*
- It aims to protect every aquatic ecosystem, and not only the users' needs
- It provides for the drawing up of water management masterplans : the S.D.A.G.E.



# Next step : 2003 water law/ Water Framework Directive

- WFD transposition into domestic law
- Article 1 : - prevents further deterioration of aquatic ecosystems
  - aims to protect and enhance their status
  - promotes sustainable water uses based on a long-term protection of available water resources
- National or international water basin management
- water policy with an obligation to obtain results

# From 1964 to 2003...



1964



European wide dimension

From water quality to **good status** for all types of water

From basin committees to **active involvement of the public**

From means requirements to **scheduled and quantified results**

2003

