

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



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.

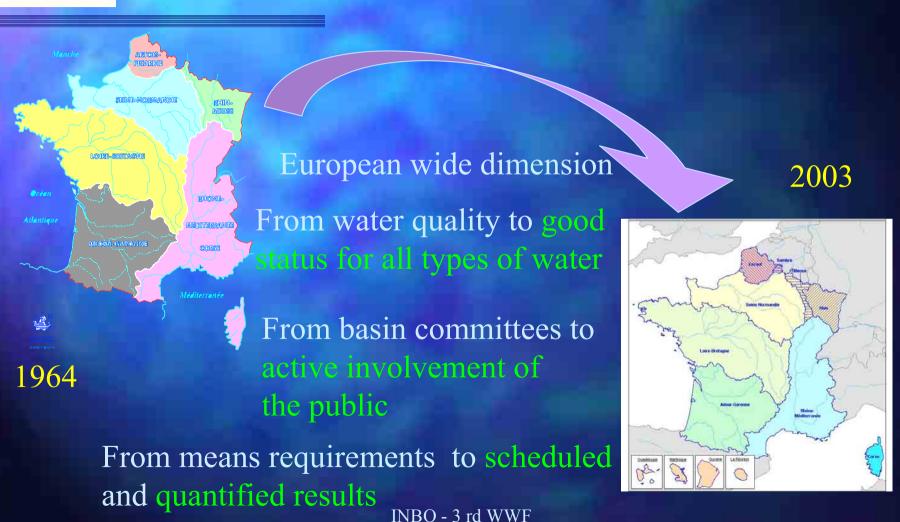


Next step: 2003 water law/ Water Framework Directive

- 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...



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