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Current trends in French Water Policy

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We are at a key period

- Implementation of Water Framework Directive (WFD)
- 2006 Vote of a new water and aquatic ecosystems act
 - necessary tools to reach the good ecological status
 - improvement of public services for water and sanitation





Implementation of WFD

- preparation of programme of measures and river basin management plan (RBMP) has started (implemented by 2009)
- link with measures adopted in new Water act
- RBMP are closely connected with Master plan (SDAGE)

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Implementation of WFD should not be kept in technical processes

- Organization of public consultations
 - widen consultation to « large public »
 - citizens must become actors of water policy
 - include in consultation water status, drought and floods





Management of flood risks

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- improve flood prevention
- improve citizen information
 - flood maps available on Internet
 - reorganization of competent services



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Management of flood risks Public awareness and prevention (PAPI)

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- improve risk knowledge and awareness
- improve monitoring (alert)
- reduce vulnerability in risk areas
- dynamic management of streams
- improvement of dykes



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- Negotiation of a European Directive on assessment and management of flood risks



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Management of drought risks

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- necessary balanced management of water resources
- sustainable balance between water demand and offer
- create a resource when ecologically acceptable and economically reasonable



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Management of drought risks Implementation of technical measures and economic tools

- Water quotas
- Water charges
- Water saving measures
- Metering
- Water reuse (grey water)



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Conclusion

- 2006 : important progress
- 2007 : strategies and actions to be submitted to public



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