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WFD – Public Consultation 2008 ***Seine-Normandie Agency Project***



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European Water Framework Directive (WFD Art 14)

EU States will encourage the active participation of all parties concerned in the implementation of this directive,

States will ensure that river basin district management plans (production, revision, updating) *are published and submitted to the public's observations.*

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Potential benefits of public participation



Increasing public awareness on environmental issues,

More transparent and creative decision making,

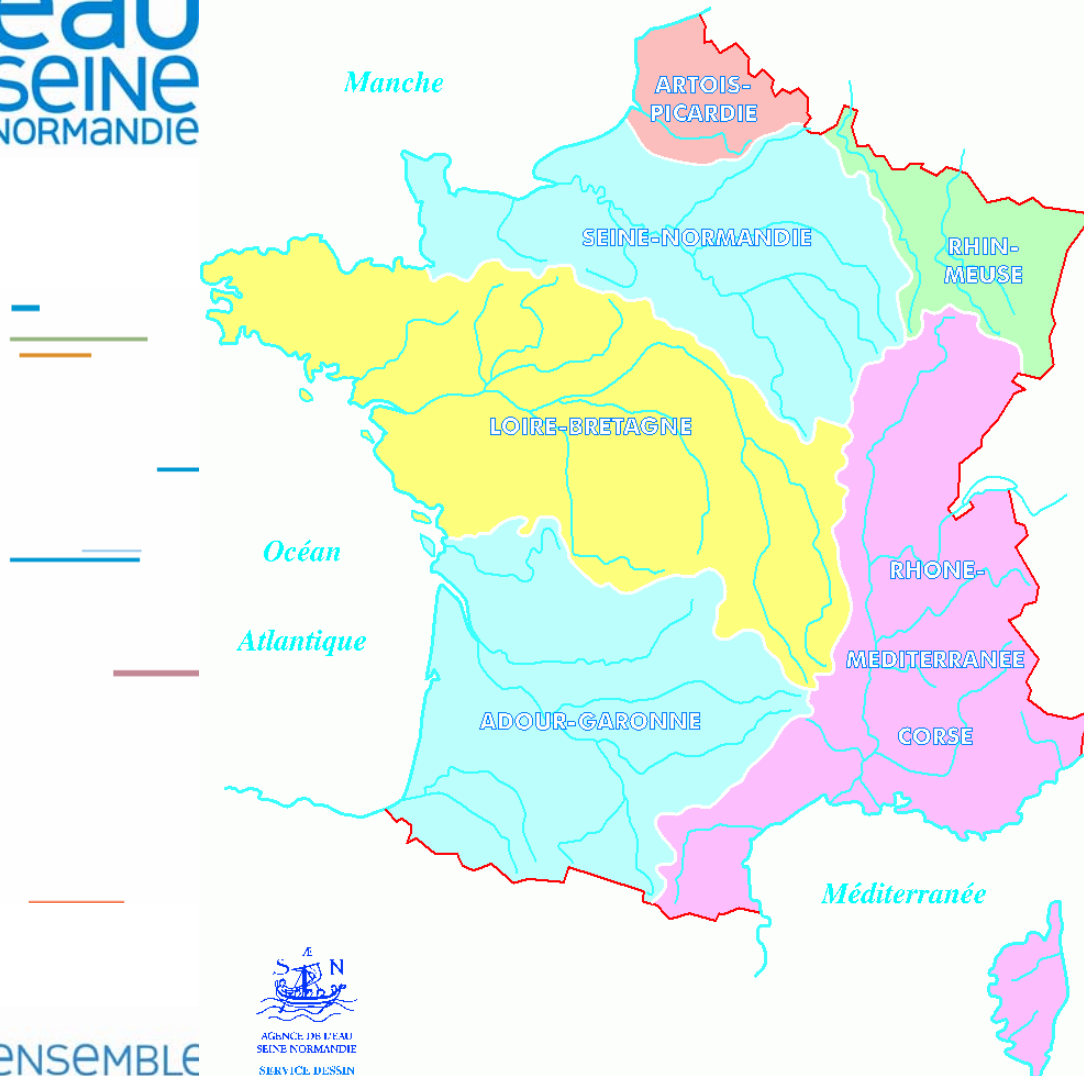
Constructive dialogue with various publics,

Increasing public acceptance on water management cost.



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LES 6 AGENCES DE L'EAU



French Organization

Since 1964 :

- 6 Districts
- 6 Water Agencies
- 6 Basin Committees

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The River Basin Committee :

A place for information and dialogue



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French public consultation procedures

Government (Préfet) is the Legal Authority,



Basin Committee (i.e. representatives of stakeholders) is the Manager,



Water Agency is the Operator,



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Public consultation 2008

Targets, Schedule, and Frame of Consultation Document are precisely determined :

- **April 2008** : consultation of *wide public*,
- **October 2008** : consultation of *local authorities*, councils and stakeholders,
- **February 2009** : results

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How do we involve wide public ?



With Documents easily understandable :



- **Management Plan (SDAGE),**
- **Measurement program (PDM),**
- **Environmental Report,**
- **Glossary**



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4 documents submitted to consultation



SDAGE

120 pages

(60 à 80 p SDAGE
+ 40 p d'annexes)

PDM

200 pages

RAPPORT

environnemental
50 pages

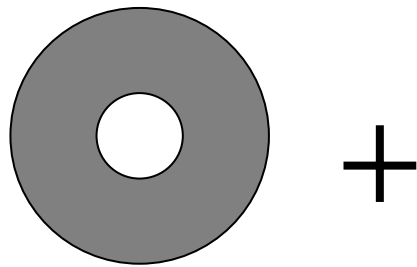
GLOSSAIRE

40 pages

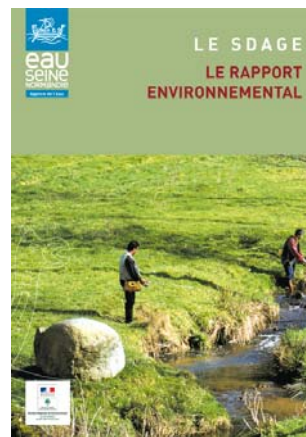
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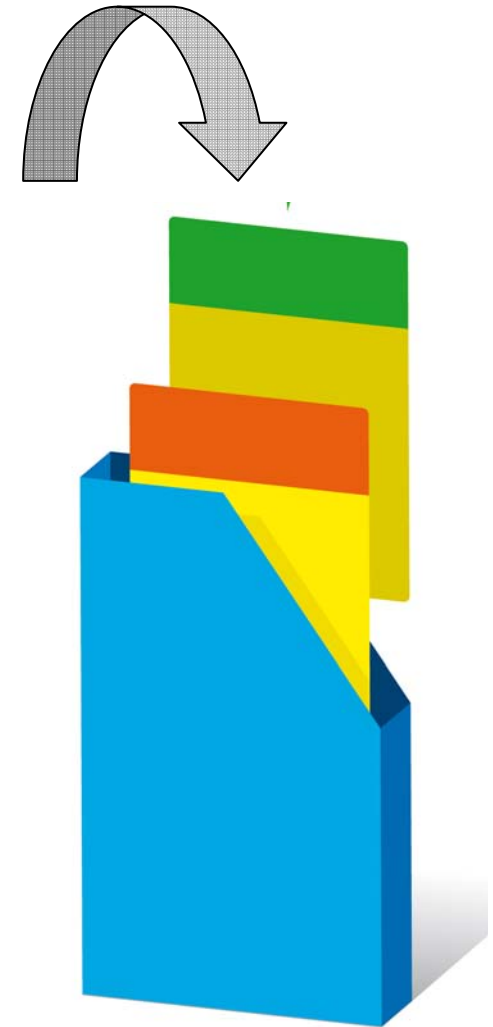
A box gathering all documents submitted to consultation



A CD rom including the previous documents and support documents



Sample of the 4 documents





How do we involve wide public ?

- **Information at the local level**
(communes) where water problems are usually more concrete,
- **Local conferences**
- **Public debates and forum ;**
- **Information and consultation “on the field”**
- **Information of local and national medias**
(Internet, TV, Radio, Newspapers...);



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Information material



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Conference in Lucy's mill (OISE river)



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Public Debate at Château-Thierry (Marne river)



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Consultation “on the field” (Yonne river)





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How do we consult the wide public ?

With a specific survey



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Results of 2005 “test” consultation (300.000 contributions in France)

Priority to stop water pollution by toxics substances (pesticides and heavy metals),

Prepare management of crisis periods (drought and flood), with local public,

Develop Information and education,

More transparency about price of water,

Enforce “*polluter, pay*” principle, and *solidarity with south people.*



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Lessons drawn for 2008

To inform the public, best ways are :

**TV national and regional,
Internet,
Direct mailing,
Information in each commune,
Forum and public debate,**

To consult the public, best method is :

**a specific “basin” survey, very simple,
including less than 10 questions,
and possibility to answers by post and
Internet**

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Thank you for your attention

And...

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