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water efficiency initiatives and water scarcity management



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Water price in France...

- Includes drinking water and waste water
- Is based on metering
- □ Can include a non proportional part (less than 40%) depending on investments





Average water price in France:

€3 / m³

□ Including 5% VAT and 15% water agencies charges

☐ 40% = drinking water

□ 60% = waste water





What about industrial users and farmers?

- Industrial users can use drinking water supply and public treatment plants or carry out specific abstraction and/or treatment
- They pay special abstraction and/or pollution charges in case of private solution
- □ Farmers pay abstraction and/or pollution charges at a lower level





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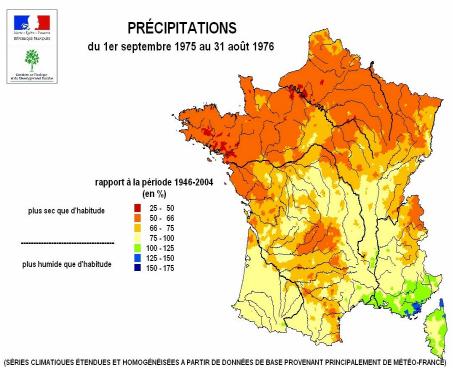
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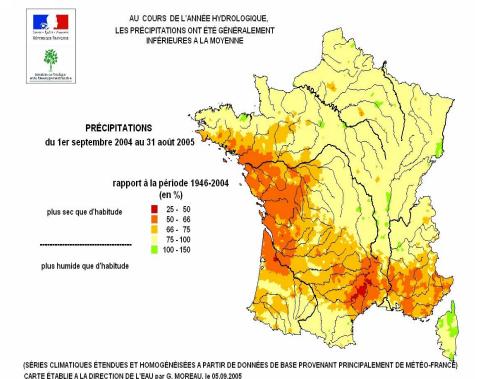






Severe droughts:comparison between 1976 or 2005 and the average of the last 50 years





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Demand management according to the 1992 Water Act

- 3 thresholds based on monitoring (river flow, groundwater table)
- □ 1= no garden watering, no washing cars, no irrigation 1 day a week
- 2= no irrigation 3 days a week
- 3= no irrigation at all (at sub basin level)
- □ Advantages = transparency + you can anticipate
- □ Disadvantages = no specific measures + good practice not taken into account





National management plan for water scarcity (october 2005)

- ☐ France = 3000m³ / inhabitant / year
- 26 measures : many of them were decided within the new Water Act (December 2006)

3 main issues

- In case of drought, drinking water supply comes first
- Demand and resource management
- Implementing and promoting different kinds of measures





Item 1: priority to drinking water supply

new contracts for hydroelectricity will stipulate the volume of water which will be available for drinking water



- Raising public awareness
- Label for cities taking part in a flower competition
- Good practice for golf course keepers and managers
- Reduction of abstraction licences for industries in case of drought





Item 2-2: irrigation management (50% of annual consumption and 80% of summer consumption)

□ Demand management:

training + agri-environment (+ compulsary measures)

□ Resource management:

financing new storage of irrigation water **IF**

- existing demand management programme
 - ecological balance at basin level
 - acceptable cost recovery





Item 3- water efficiency and better use of available resources

- Rainfall harvesting: new tax refund
- ☐ Grey water recycling and waste water reuse: under instruction by Health Department
- new programme to reduce leakage
- Desalination: implemented in islands
- □ Groundwater: research programmes on increasing natural storage or increasing sustainable abstraction





Conclusion: Water framework directive

- WFD Art 13-5 « river basin management plans may be supplemented by the production of more detailed programmes and management plans for sub-basin, sector, issue or water type, to deal with particular aspects of water management. »
- Drought Management Plans : ongoing discussions



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