

# SAGE, a tool for local water management

The 2019 edition

## The SAGE reconciles...



**DIFFERENT USES**  
(drinking water, industry, agriculture...)



**PROTECTION OF AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS**



**SPECIFICITY OF THE TERRITORY**

## The role of the SAGE

The **Schéma d'aménagement et de gestion de l'eau (SAGE)** is a local planning tool, established by the 1992 Act, for the balanced and sustainable management of water resources.

## The development of a SAGE

The SAGE is developed collectively by the water actors of the territory grouped together in a deliberative assembly, the Local Water Commission (Commission Locale de l'Eau, CLE).

**191**

Number of SAGE in France (January 2019)

**50**

Average number of people in a CLE in 2019

## SAGE approval

This step involves the concrete implementation of the SAGE, through the orientations and provisions it contains.

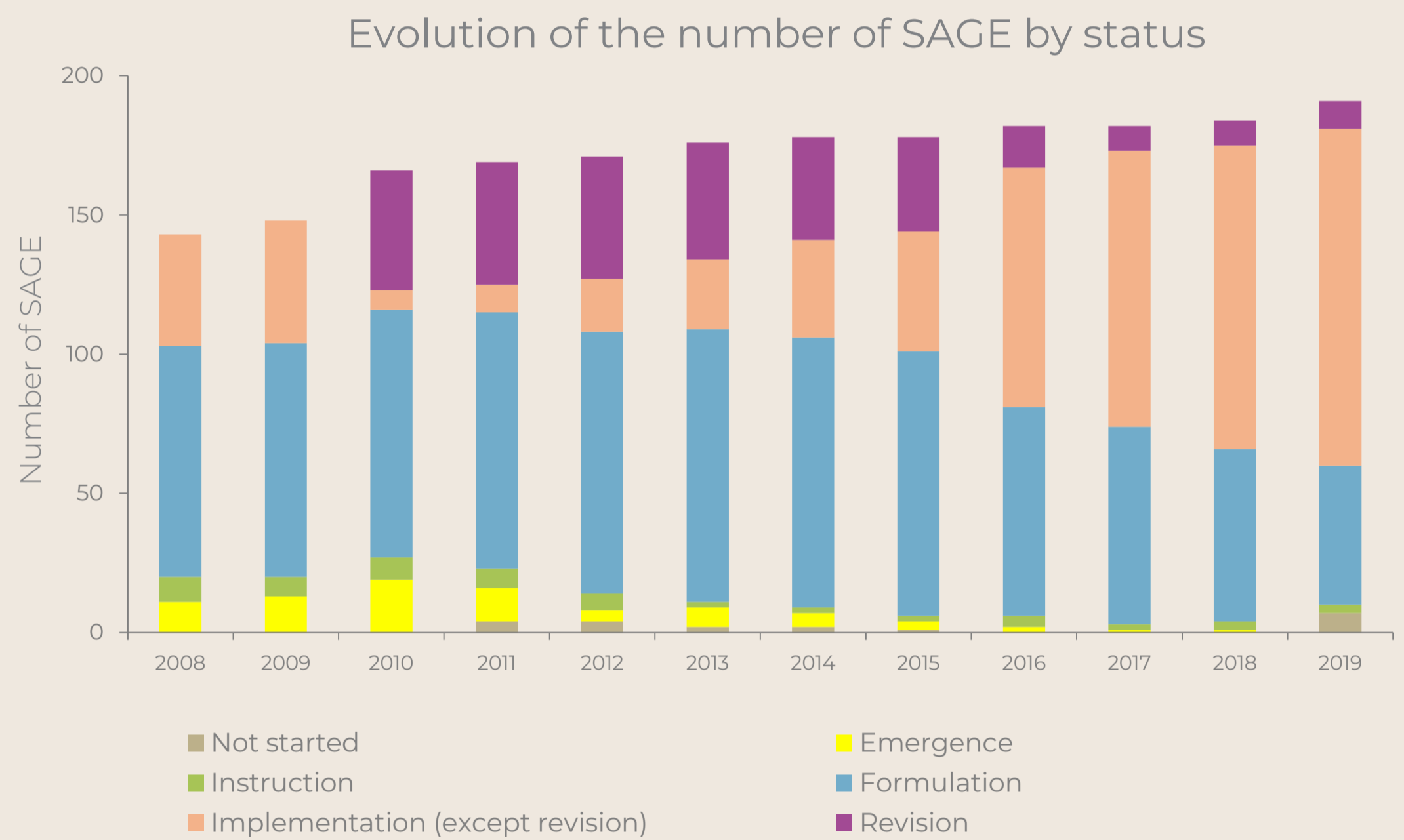
## SAGE implemented

**30% in 2010** vs **69% in 2019**

## An increase in the number of SAGE in France

**50.1%**

OF THE TERRITORY COVERED BY A SAGE IN 2019



## The steps in the life of a SAGE

### NOT STARTED

- The State services identify the hydrographic units likely to be covered by a SAGE.

### EMERGENCE

- A preliminary file relating to the SAGE is made ;
- The basin committee and the prefect assess the relevance of the project.



### INSTRUCTION

- The perimeter boundary order is signed ;
- Some reflections about the CLE composition start.

### FORMULATION

- The creation of the CLE is signed ;
- The drafting of SAGE documents begins: they are subject to a consultation and a public inquiry ;
- The documents are validated by the CLE.



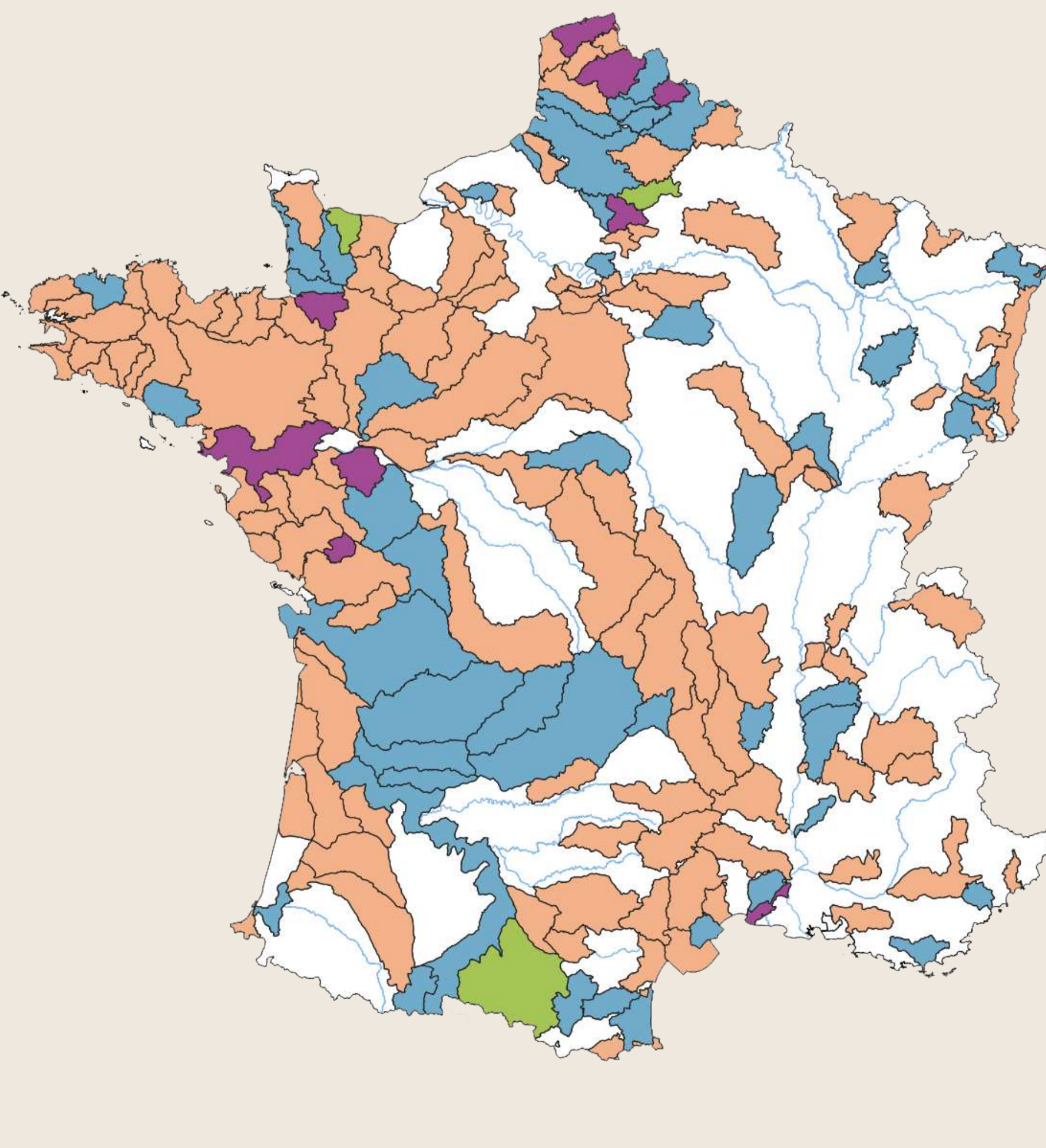
### IMPLEMENTATION

- The approval order is signed ;
- The concrete actions implementation begins on the field.

### REVISION

- The SAGE may be updated when substantial changes, altering the general scheme of the document or having consequences for third parties must be made ;
- The SAGE approval order is revised and signed: it continues its "implementation".

## Half of the French territory covered by the SAGE



### Number of SAGE

- Not started: 7
- Emergence: 0
- Instruction: 3
- Formulation: 50
- Implementation\*: 121
- Revision: 10

\* Except revision

**1847 km<sup>2</sup>**  
Average area of a SAGE

The objective is not to cover the entire territory, but to locally use a SAGE when water conditions and pressures on aquatic environments (pollution, water withdrawals, morphological degradation) justify it.