SAGE, a tool for local water management

The 2018 edition

The SAGE reconciles...
- Different uses of water (drinking water, industry, agriculture...)
- Protection of aquatic environments
- Specificity of the territory

The role of the SAGE
- Coastal and terrestrial development
- Aquatic and terrestrial uses
- Water quality
- Water withdrawals

Number of SAGE in France (January 2018)
184

Average number of people in a CLE in 2018
51

SAGE approval
This step involves the identification of the SAGE area, through the identification and validation of a preliminary file relating to the SAGE.

Emergence
- The creation of the CLE is signed.
- Some reflections about the CLE composition start.

Instruction
- A first CLE 3D map is signed.

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 to comply with the provisions of a new law, or for accounting with a new SDAGE.
- The SAGE approval order is revised and signed, it continues its “implementation.”

SAGE implemented
- The State services identify the hydrographic units likely to be covered by a SAGE.
- The basin committee and the prefect assess the relevance of the project.
- The perimeter boundary order is signed; some reflections about the CLE composition start.
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An increase in the number of SAGE in France

Evolution of the number of SAGE by status

50.2% of the territory covered by a SAGE in 2018

Half of the French territory covered by the SAGE

1847 km²
Average area of a SAGE

Number of SAGE
- Not started 0
- Emergence 1
- Instruction 2
- Formulation 109
- Implementation 109
- 1st revision 9

Evolution of the number of SAGE in France

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2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013... 2016 2017 2018

OF THE TERRITORY COVERED BY A SAGE IN 2018

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EMERGENCE

30% in 2010

INSTRUCTION

64% in 2018

IMPLEMENTATION

FORMULATION

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This step involves the concrete implementation of the SAGE, through the orientations and provisions contained in its decisions.

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The role of the SAGE

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The steps in the life of a SAGE

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