SAGE, a tool for local water management

The 2020 edition

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).

The SAGE reconciles...

DIFFERENT USES (drinking water, industry, agriculture...)
PROTECTION OF AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS
SPECIFICITY OF THE TERRITORY

The role of the SAGE

Water management at the local, regional and national levels

An increase in the number of SAGE in France

Evolution of the number of SAGE by status of the SAGE

OF THE TERRITORY COVERED BY A SAGE IN 2020

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".

The steps in the life of a SAGE

SAGE approval

SAGE implemented

30% in 2010 VS 73% in 2020

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.

Number of SAGE in France (January 2020)

Half of the French territory covered by the SAGE

1888 km²
Average area of a SAGE

50 Average number of people in a CLE in 2020

51% Number of SAGE of the territory covered by a SAGE in 2020