

SAGE, a tool for local water management

The 2026 edition

The SAGE reconciles...



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).

204

Number of SAGE in France (January 2026)

50

Average number of people in a CLE in 2026

SAGE approval

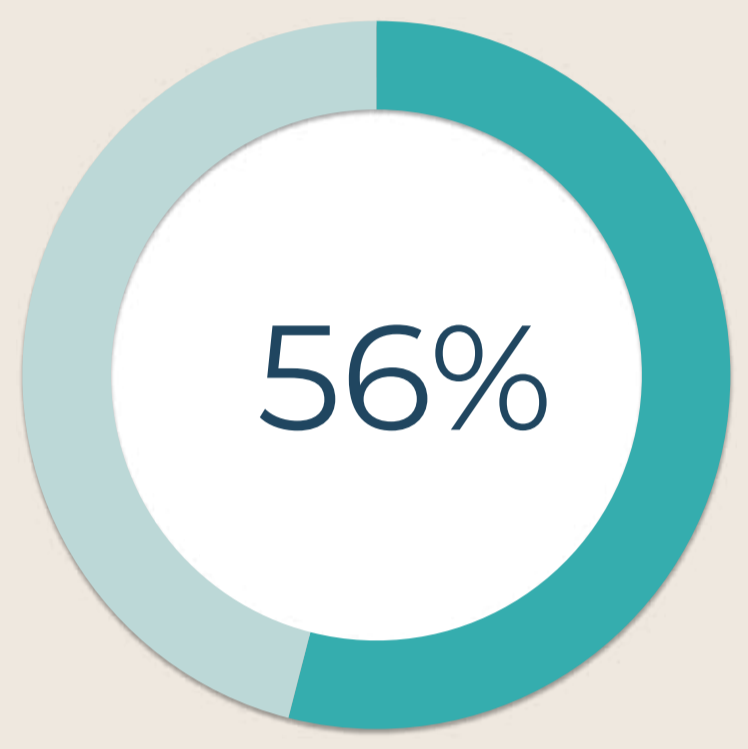
This step involves the concrete implementation of the SAGE, through the orientations and provisions it contains.

SAGE implemented (including revision)

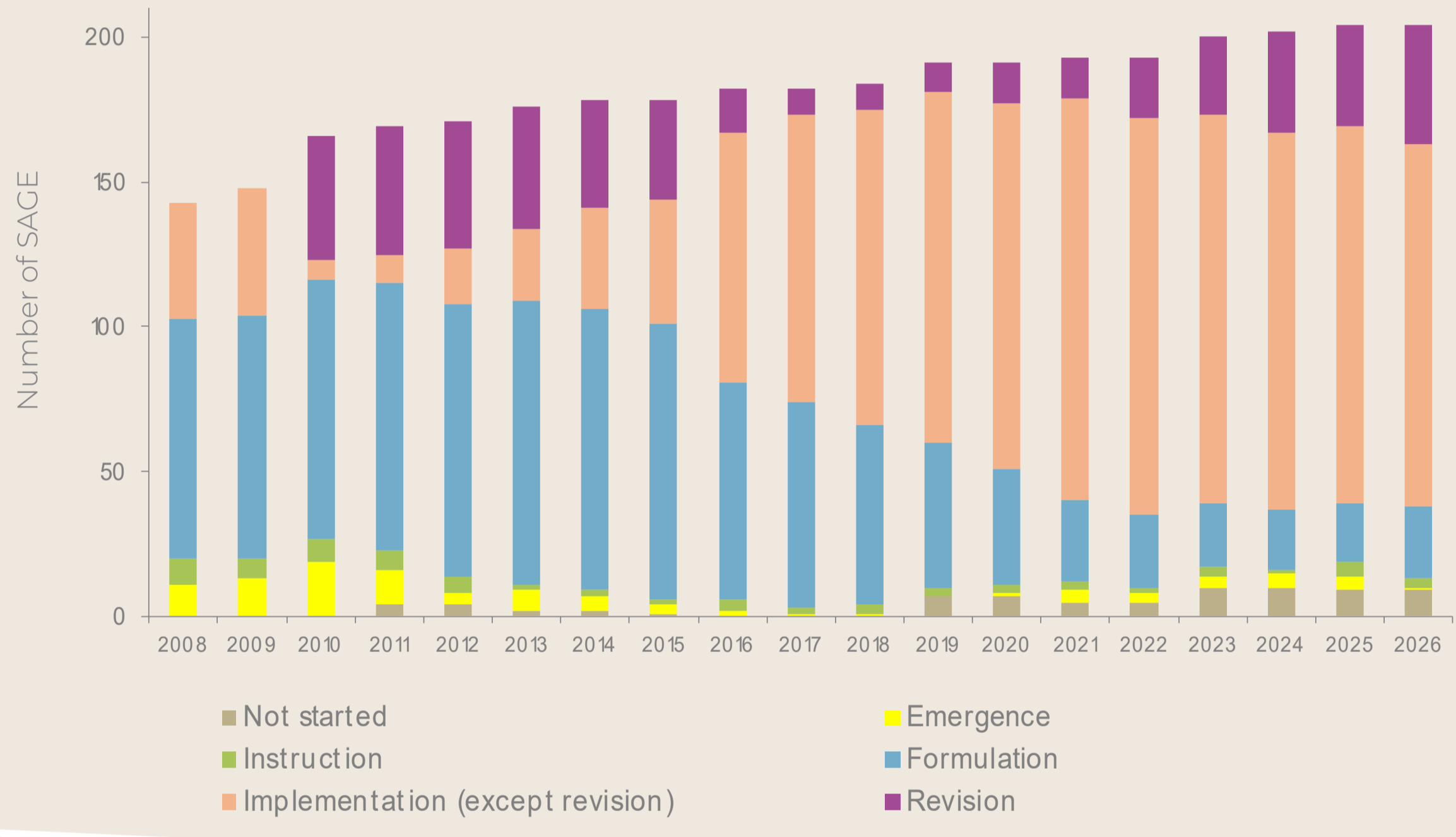
55% in 2016 vs **81% in 2026**

An increase in the number of SAGE in France

Evolution of the number of SAGE by status



OF THE TERRITORY COVERED BY A SAGE IN 2026

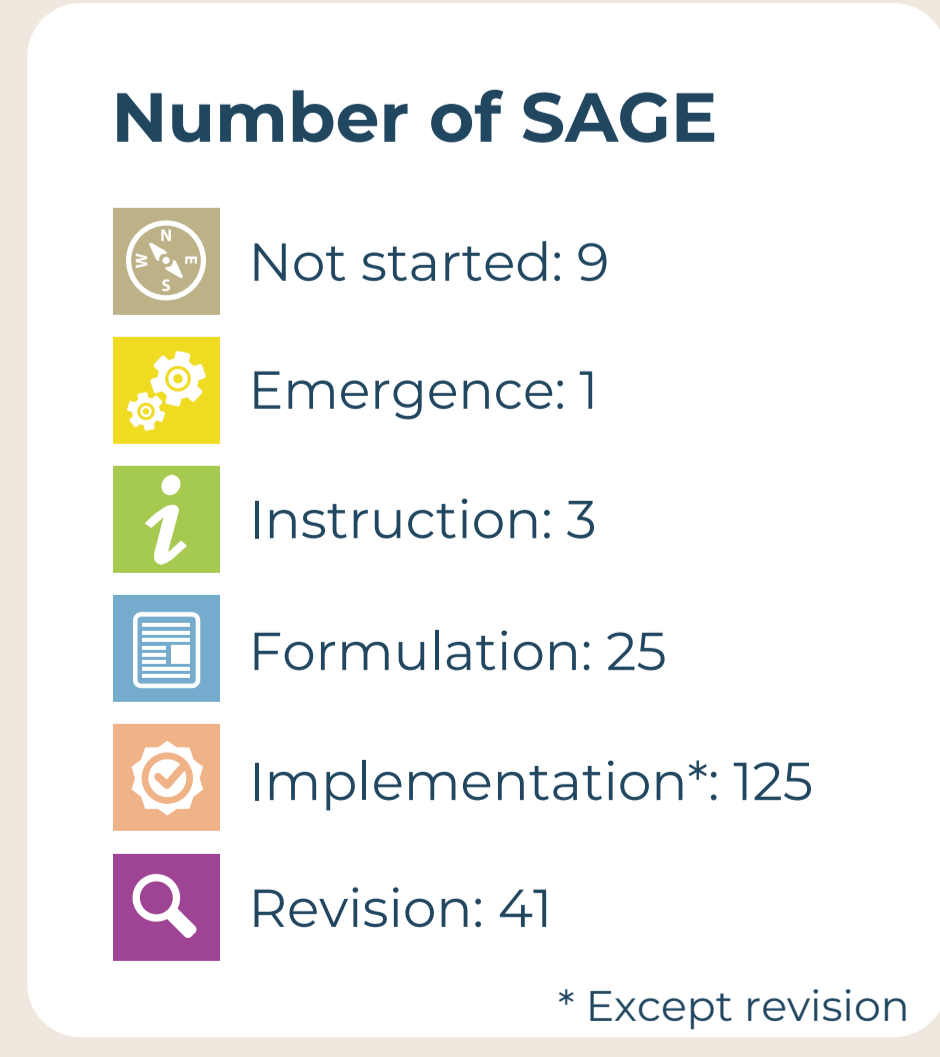
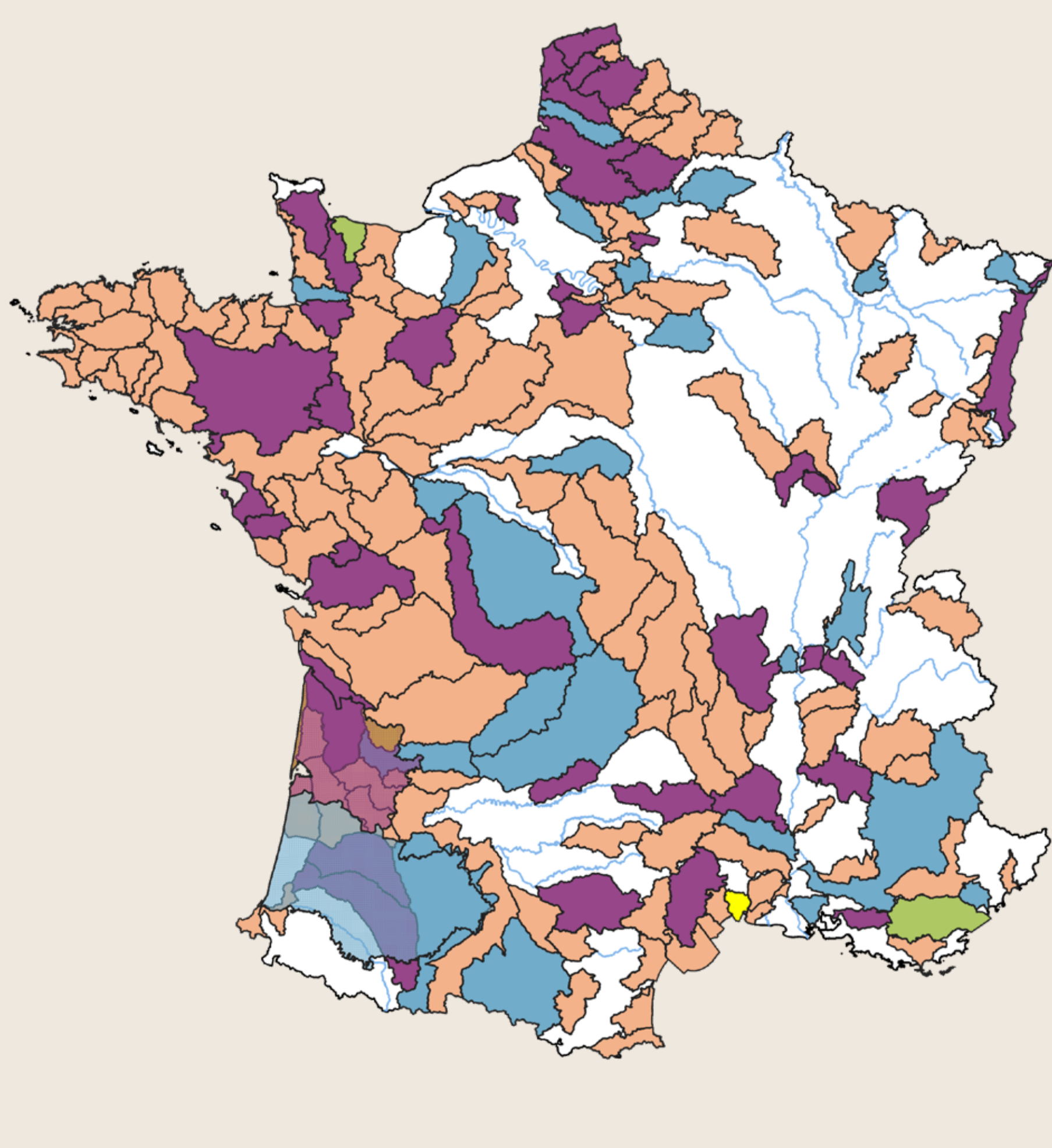


The steps in the life of a SAGE



Half of the French territory covered by the SAGE

- GUADELOUPE
- MARTINIQUE
- GUYANE
- REUNION
- MAYOTTE



2 034 km²
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.

TO KNOW MORE ABOUT

<https://www.gesteau.fr>

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