







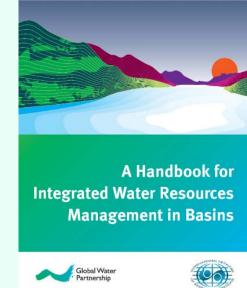
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→ Challenges of financing IWRM, Implementation in France





## France: 1964 Water Law: Basin Institutions



Basin Committee : a "Water Parliament"



Elected officials

State representatives

Water Agency: a financing institution at river basin level

Implementation
Polluter pays
principle

Implementation of Water charges

(water consumption, pollution,



Financial action programmes (6 years)

→ 12 billion euros (2009-2015) Financial support to WFD programmes of measures



Redistribution according to priorities in the basin

Subsidies (grants & loans)

(treatments, river restoration, ...)