



Decentralized **solidarity financing** for water and sanitation



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For a sound IWRM, you need solidarity and financial means

- Upstream/downstream solidarity at local, basin, national, or international level
- Transboundary management
- Solidarity between stakeholders ,transparency
- Basin and sub- basin long-term planning and action plan
- Financing water infrastructures and services (taxes, tariffs, transfers)
- Solidarity towards poor families

- Implementation of the WFD in Europe
- Cooperation with non-EU countries on IWRM principles

International recognition of the right to water and sanitation
by United Nations (July 26, 2010)

Access to water and sanitation

→ 1 out of 4 persons in the world drinks non-drinkable water

→ 1 out 3 persons in the world does not have access to appropriate sanitation

→ 5000 people die each day worldwide due to inappropriate access to water and lack of hygiene

Even in Europe:

→ 5% of Europeans lack access to drinking water and 10% are without access to sanitation

Need : financing, competencies, governance

International development aid for water and sanitation

→ Multilateral and bilateral development aid

- World Bank : \$ 4 billion / year
- European Commission : 270M € / year
- European Investment Bank
- African Development Bank : 160 M€ / year
- States Bilateral agreements

→ And non-state international actions

Foundations

NGOs

Local authorities: cities, regions, etc.

Water basin agencies

- = decentralized and non governmental cooperation



Decentralized solidarity financing: some examples

→ In France: the 1% water solidarity mechanism (Oudin law 2005)

→ In Italy: local funds like “L’Aqua è di tutti” in Tuscany, “Acqua bene comune” in Venice and Treviso, and “Soldarietà a Torino” in Turin

→ In The Netherlands:



→ In Belgium: Flemish Partnership Water for Development
Fonds de solidarité internationale pour l'eau Wallonie

→ In Switzerland: “Solidarit’eau”

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Focus on the French example: the '1% for water' mechanism

- *“Oudin-Santini” law in 2005*

→ Municipalities, intermunicipal groupings, water and sanitation syndicates, and basin agencies, can use up to 1% of the resources allocated to their water and sanitation budgets, to undertake international cooperation actions for access to water and sanitation in developing countries

= a voluntary choice from local representatives and supported by citizens (= about 1€/ inhabitant/ year)

In 2013 : 28 Millions €

- . 230 cities and water&sanitation syndicates,
- . the 6 french water basin agencies
- . 200 operations financed in many poor countries

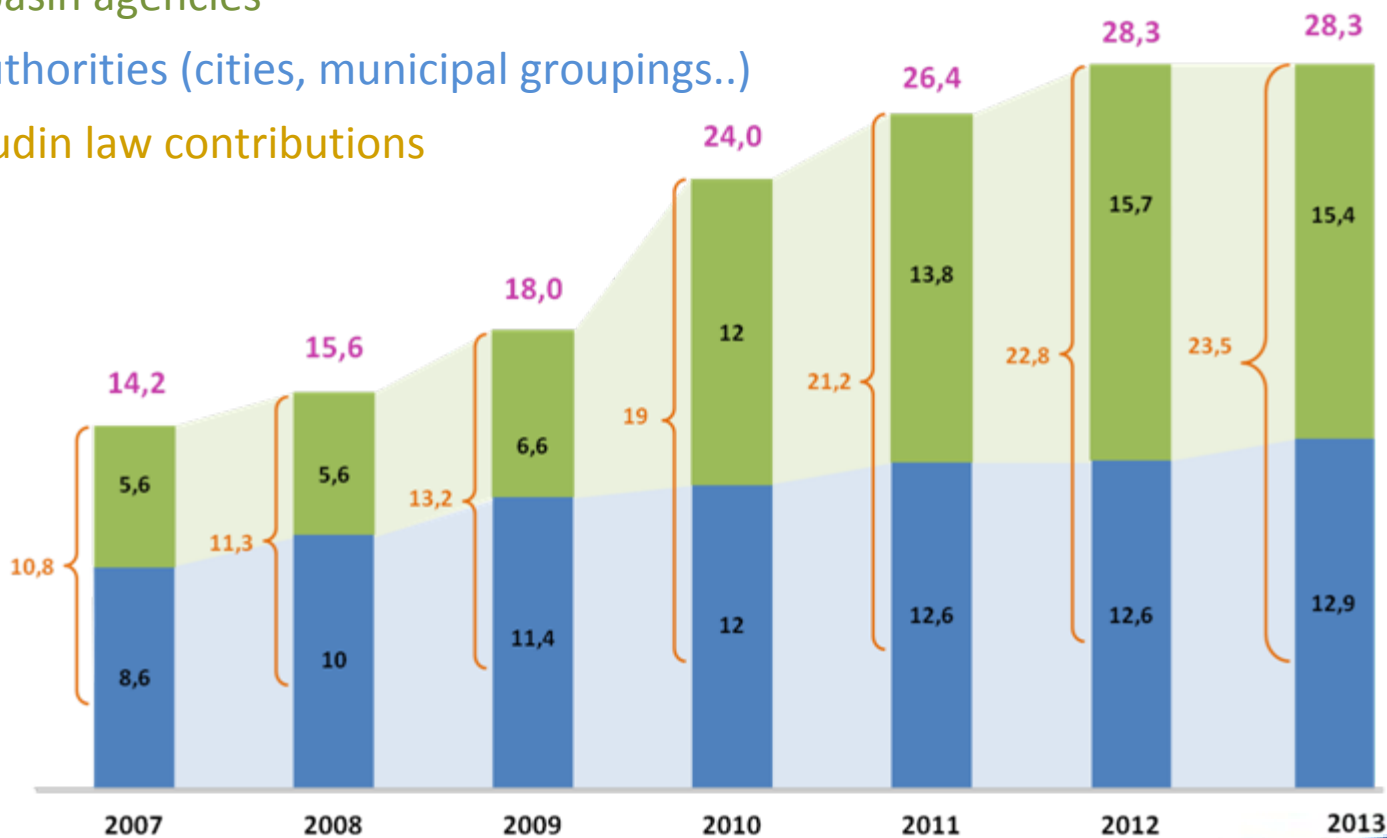
Contribution from French local authorities and basin agencies to international solidarity for access to water and sanitation 2007-2013 (million Euros)

■ Total contribution

■ Water basin agencies

■ Local authorities (cities, municipal groupings..)

■ Total Oudin law contributions



Conclusion : key ideas

- Decentralized solidarity is complementary to national development aid
- Solidarity financing mechanisms like the “1% for water” are voluntary mechanisms giving an additional opportunity for local authorities to act on international solidarity for W&S
- These mechanisms offer various levels and areas of involvement: technical, financial, governance

Conclusion : key ideas

→ Today, water and sanitation services are managed at a decentralized level

➤ we need to act at a local level to better answer population needs and strengthen local authorities that are in charge

➤ Decentralized cooperation between local authorities brings an added-value:

- A **territory-to-territory partnership** with involvement of local actors and citizens on both sides
- A **peer-to-peer partnership** bringing capacity building, know-how sharing and human resources training for more sustainable services

**Advancing the ideas of
innovative financing for solidarity ,
and cooperation between local authorities**

**Thank you for acting, in your country, in your city,
in your organization..**

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