

# Regional workshop on Mekong Basin

Introduction of the 50 years' experience in France  
involved in Integrated Water Resources  
Management

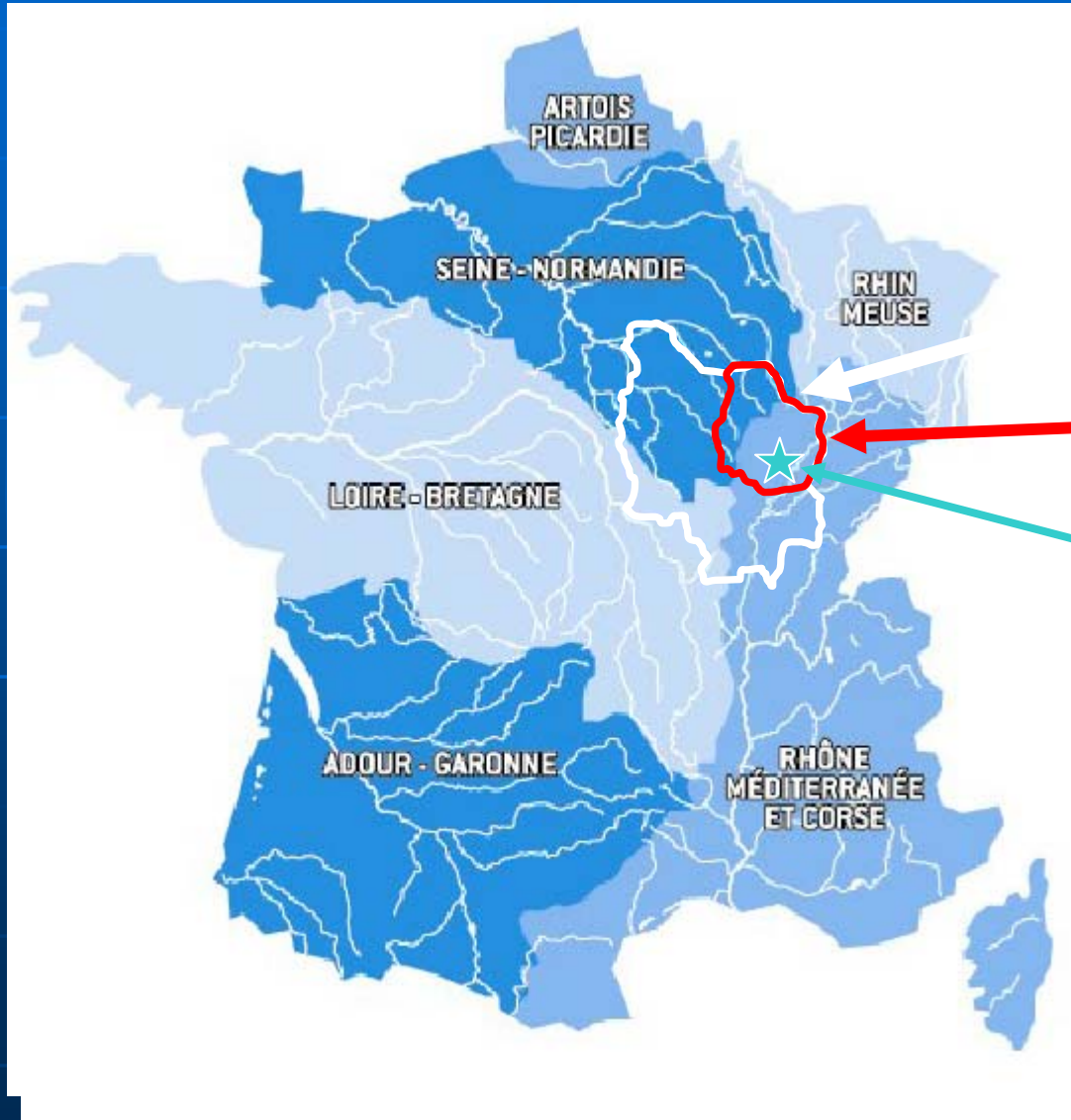
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# Administrative organization in France

550,000 km<sup>2</sup>, 66 millions of inhabitants



Policy making

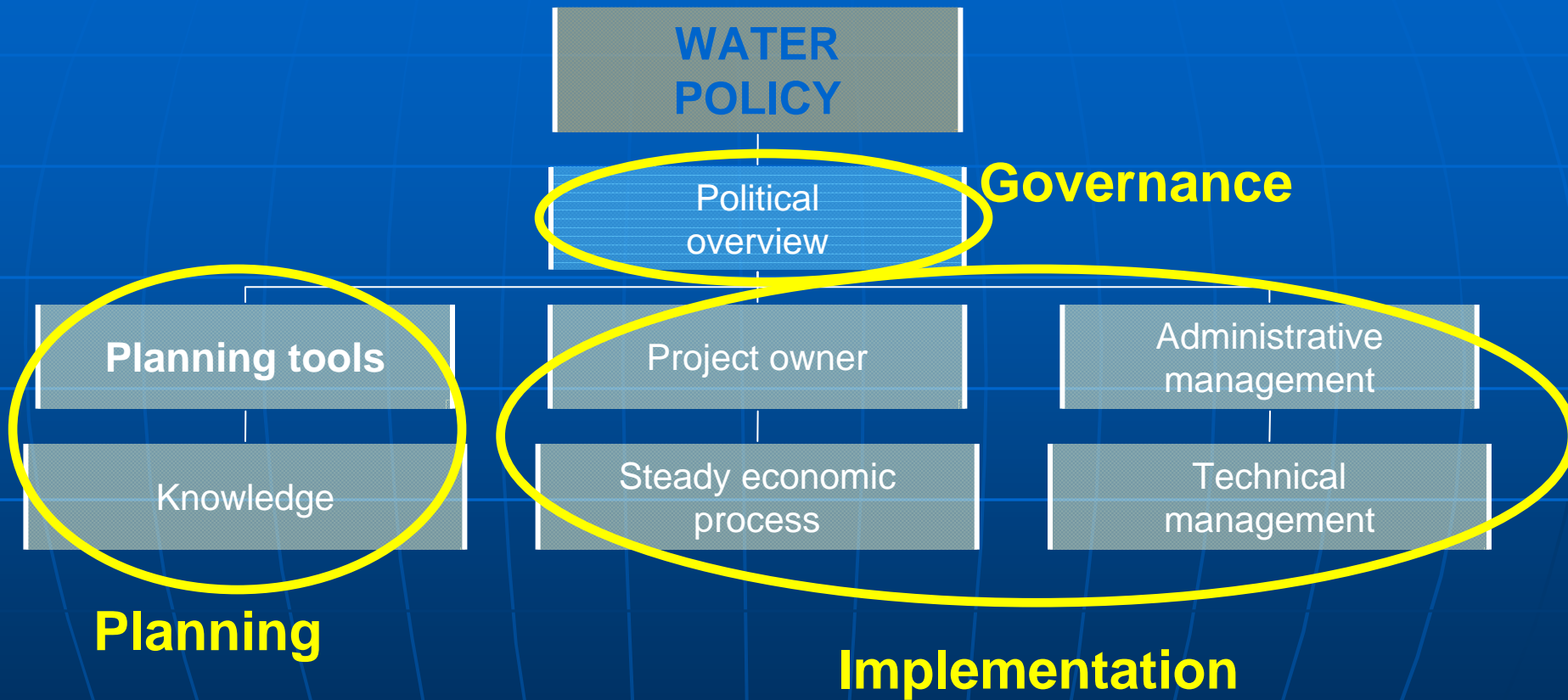
REGION (22)

DEPARTMENT (106)

MUNICIPALITY  
(36860)

Implementation

# The 3 basis of water policy



# Water management Scales

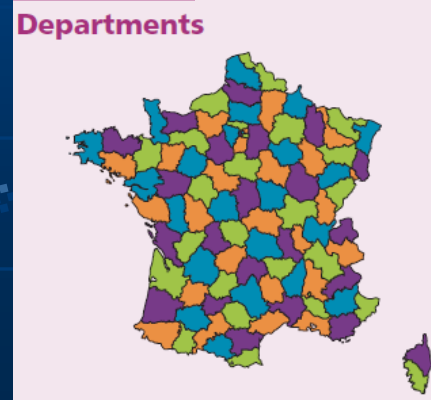
Planning

EU litigation & reporting  
National Regulation  
and overall governance

RBM Planning  
+ Command/control  
+ Subsidies

Actions & Works  
implementation with  
Project owners

Actions



+ 36 000  
municipalities



# EU scale

- Directives
- Coordination between states
- Monitoring/controlling implementation



# National scale

Regulation, litigation, national strategy, coordination

- Ministry of Ecology Sustainable Development and Energy with water related departments
  - Department for Biodiversity and Water
  - Prevention & Risk Department
- Background scientific institutes as BRGM (groundwater), INERIS (industrial risk), CEREMA (Natural risk/flood), CEDRE (accidental water pollution), CIRAD (agronomy/irrigation),IRSTEA (apply research), etc



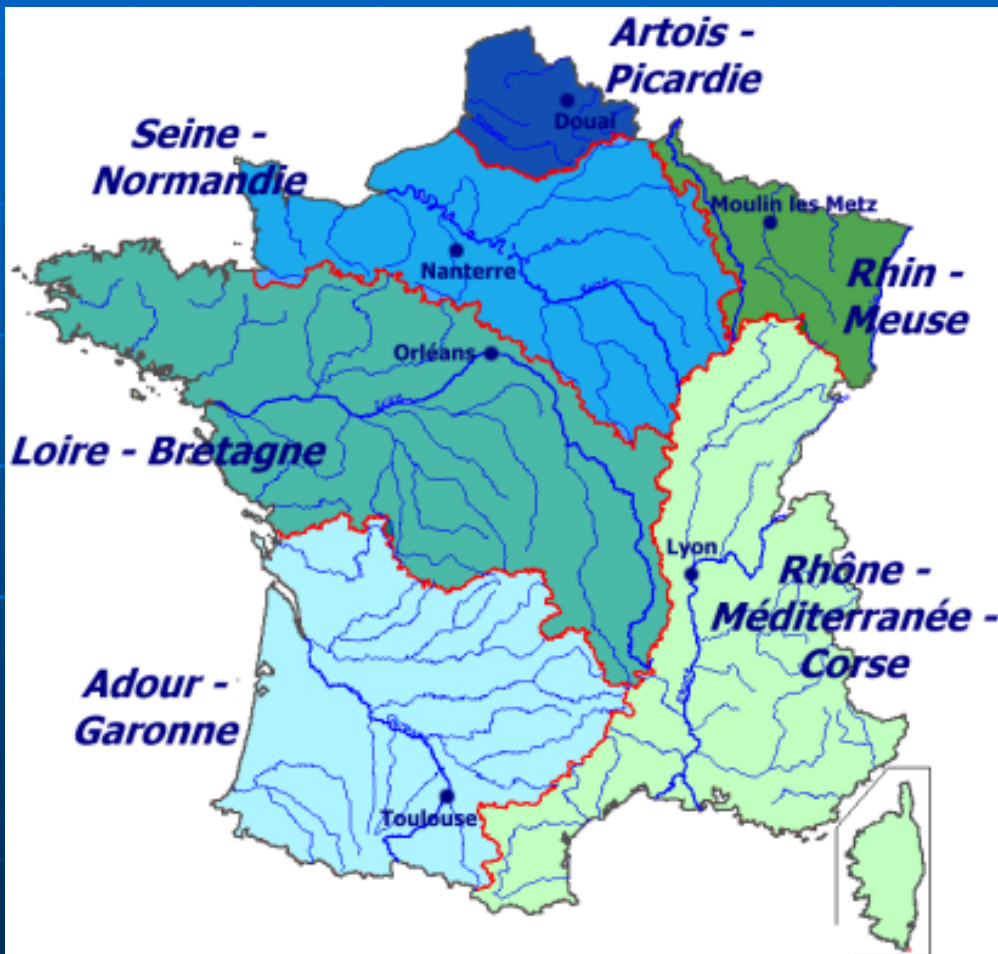
# Regional scale Water policy adapted to basin conditions

- RBM Planning at basin scale
- WFD/RBM Plan prepared by 6 Water agencies
- Water police at regional scale
- Flood Risk Management Plan prepared by 22 DREAL Regional Environmental Department



# 6 River basin organisations

## With 6 basin committees



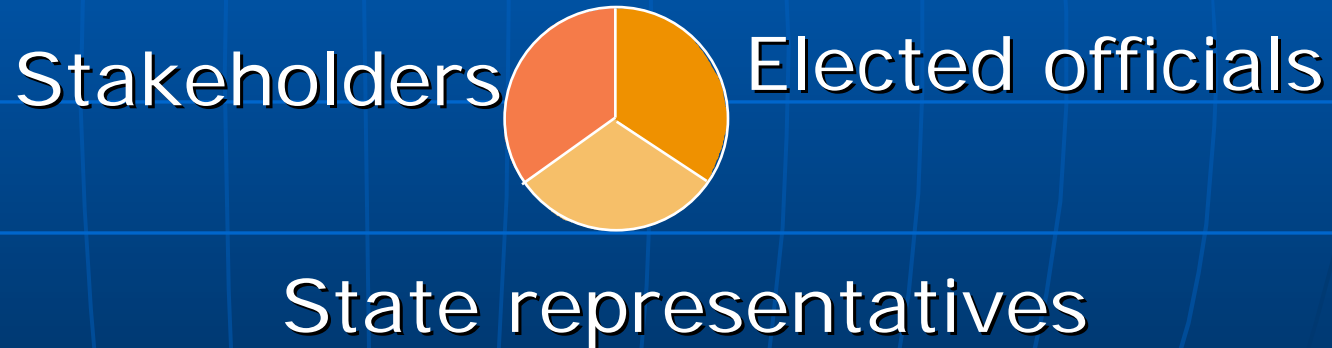
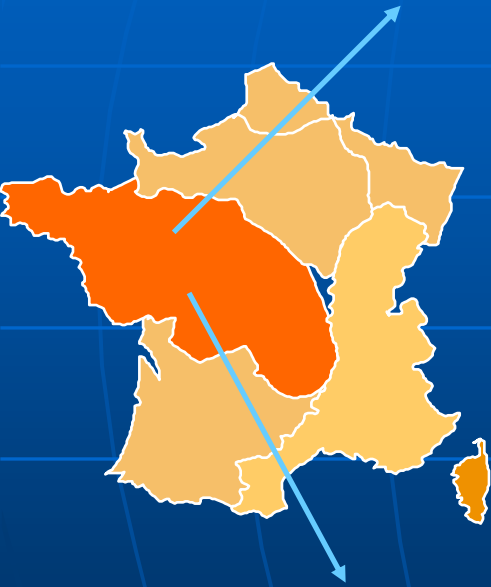
+ oversea departments : Guadelupe, Martinique, Guyana, Reunion Island

- Established by the 1964 Water Law
- 6 Basin committee = decision making assembly for water issues
- State competent authority in each large river basin :  
« **Basin Coordinating Prefect** »
- **Financially autonomous Water Agencies** with 2 levels for action (incentive through water taxes, financial assistance through redistribution of funds)
- **Multiyear planning through management plans** for large river basin and sub-basins



# 6 River Basin Institutions involving users for a participative planning

## 6 Basin Committees: "Water Parliaments"



**6 Water Agencies:**  
prepare RBMP which are voted by the basin committees

Collect 2 M€/year based on polluter pay and user pay principle to co-finance its implementation

# Founding principles

Water users and  
polluters

Household

Industry

Farmers

CHARGES are  
based on  
the PPP

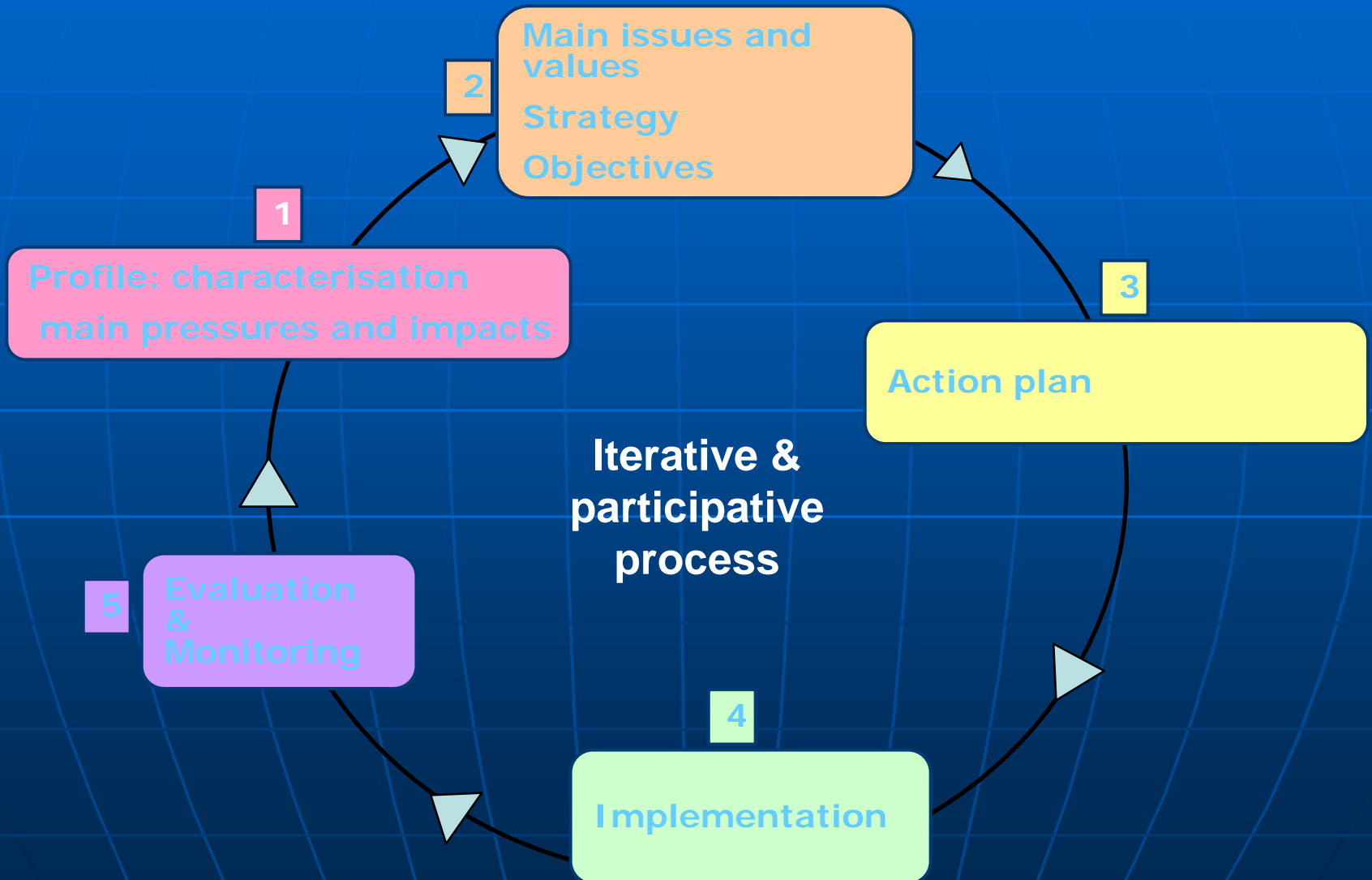
Basin  
committee

River basin  
budget

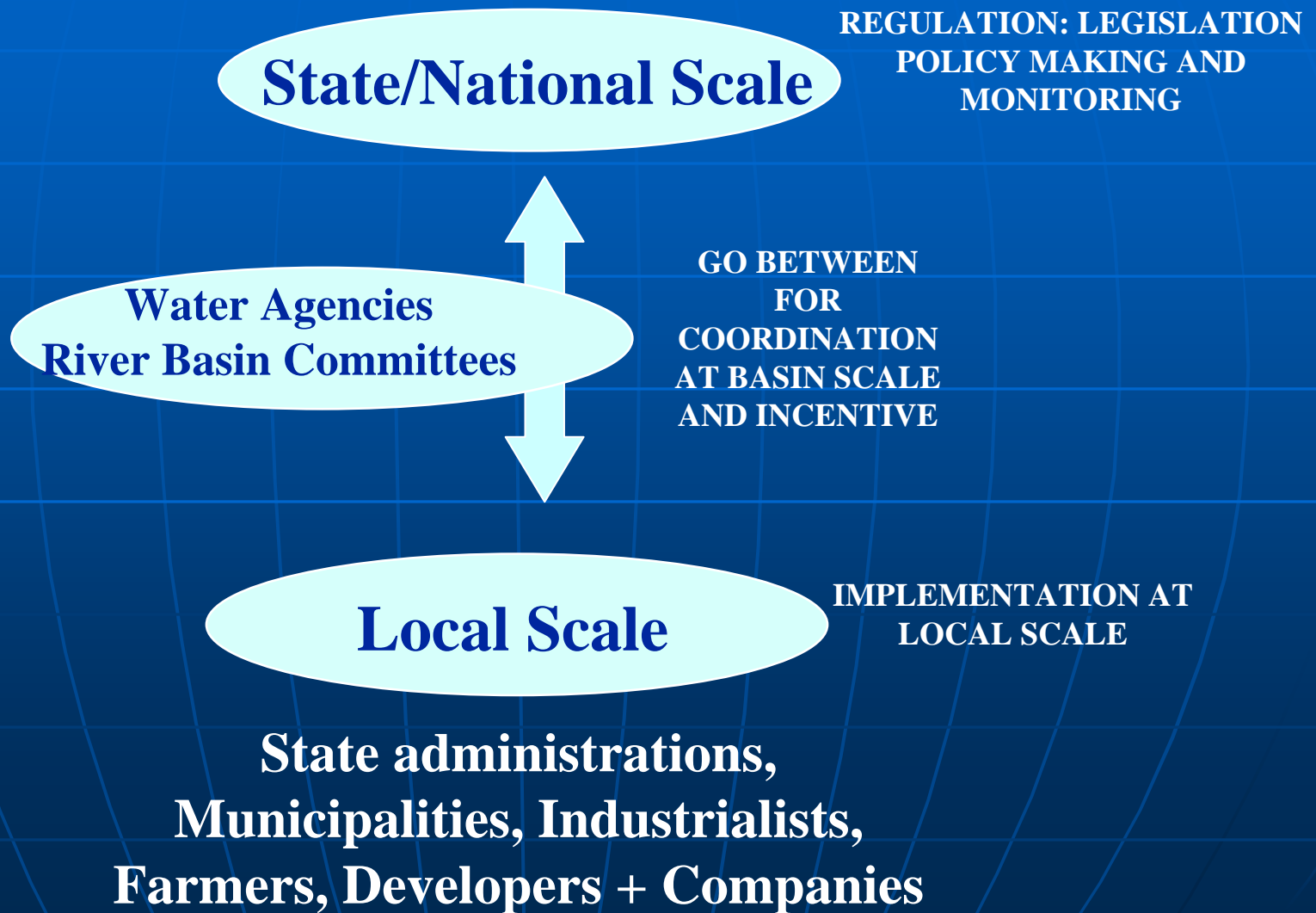
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ACTION PLAN

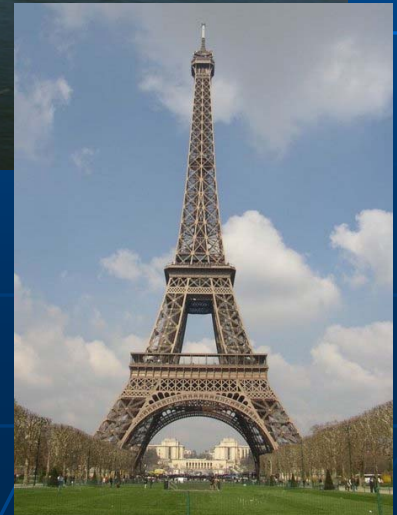
# 50 years experience in participative water management planning in 6-years cycle



# INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN FRANCE



# Thanks for your attention



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