Contractualisation within the National plan for a sustainable management of public services for water and sanitation in Guadeloupe, French Guiana Martinique, Mayotte, La Réunion and Saint-Martin
(Plan Eau DOM)

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Protocol on Water and Health
13 territories including TAAF and Clipperton that are uninhabited
In French outermost regions, the water and sanitation administration faces some important structural and management weakness.

In reply, for six territories, the national plan “Plan Eau DOM” was signed on May 30th of 2016 by the ministers in charge of the environment, health, and the Overseas, and by their main operators (“Agence Française pour la Biodiversité”, “Agence Française de Développement”, “Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations”).
The National Plan Eau DOM: a local governance and a national coordination

REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF WATER ACTORS

Ensure the territorial implementation of the plan through progress contracts with local water departments

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WATER ACTORS

(Ministries, AFD, AFB, CDC)

Ensure the monitoring and evaluation of the plan

NATIONAL COORDINATION

A project team in support of local partners and reports to the national conference of water actors (Ministries, AFD, AFB, CDC)
The 3th great guiding principle of “Plan Eau DOM” : Priority to the improvement of drinking water services, strengthen sanitation services in order to improve water accessibility rates

* The National Plan Eau DOM has identified three mains priorities :

- Ensure a permanent access to quality water conform to sanitary standards and for a reasonable cost (in some territories: end water breaks, restore the structural deficit of water purification unit and water distribution network ...)

- Improve the management of sanitation especially concerning the users’ connection to the network (increasing of the collective sanitation coverage)

- Rehabilitate the financial sustainability of water services (billing, social pricing of water... )
The “Plan Eau DOM” is based on a process contractualisation towards improvement between water and sanitation departments and public funds’ providers: “Progress Contracts”

* On the 1st January of 2019, the State and its operators funding is conditioned on “Progress Contracts” agreements

* The State and its operators are promoting the “Plan Eau DOM” and supporting the regions in the implementation of “Progress Contracts”:

  - Ministry of Overseas: 1.2 millions € for enhancing engineering, in French Guiana: support for departments financial and technical audit, in Guadeloupe: water mediation / setting up water-meters/water leaks reparations...
  - AFD and AFB: 120 000€ for “Plan Eau DOM” seminars in La Réunion, French Guiana, Martinique, Guadeloupe, 400 000 € for supporting Guadeloupe and French Guiana water departments engaged in implementing their “Progress Contracts”
  - AFD and the Ministry of Overseas: 2.5 millions € on two years in Mayotte for a team of engineers to reinforce the SIAEM (water and sanitation syndicate of the island)
Contractualisation process have to be consistent with the territorial strategy

* All region have to draft a “Strategic Document” in order to implement the “Plan Eau DOM” in their territory and assure the pertinence of all “Progress Contracts” of water departments

* A “Strategic Document” adapted to territorial priorities and to selected guidelines:
  - Guadeloupe / “Guideline 2” : Redefining technical priorities to deliver quality and sustainable public service for drinking water and sanitation (networking, water supply securisation...)

  - Mayotte / « Guideline 2 » : Water and sanitation pricing management (social water pricing, definition of fair price, sustainable for households...)
A “Progress contract”: A water department gets involved in improving its performances in order to enhance the users’ services.

- A contract is signed for five years.

- Based on a diagnosis of the water department (technical and financial), the identification of improvement margin, a plan supported by a multi-year sustainable investment program.

  - Guadeloupe: _Progress Contract of “Communauté de Communes de Marie Galante”_ February 2018 (11548 inhabitants - 1757 subscribers) almost 80 actions: strengthen access to drinking water, improve the connection of subscribers in sanitation etc...

  - Martinique: _Progress Contract of “Communauté d'Agglomération du Centre de la Martinique et ODYSS)”_ April 2018 (158 942 inhabitants - 71052 subscribers) almost 130 actions: securisation of water supply, + 100 water subscribers + 300 sanitation subscribers.

- Eight “Progress Contracts” are now getting implemented: La Réunion (1), French Guiana (2), Martinique (1), Mayotte (1), Guadeloupe (3)
Perspectives for the Plan Eau DOM

* Continue to support water and sanitation services, and enhance resilience of public water and sanitation services, small towns deserve special attention (In French Guyana some cities have xx inhabitants, in la Réunion xx inhabitants)

* Anticipate the drinkable water crisis management

* Articulate water and spatial planning

* Strengthen the visibility of the plan with an event between ministries and local stakeholders in September 2018
Thank you

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