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The Martinique Water Resource Management

The Model for the Gestion of Ressources : MGR



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Martinica is,
a Caribbean
basin,
a French
overseas island
on the
Americas.



- Population : **349 925** (2024)
- Geography : 1128km², Fort-De-France, Moutain Pelée (volcano / UNESCO world heritage site)
- Climatic & natural characteristics : tropical zone, earthquake, storms, rainfall, biodiversity, etc...

Contextual information



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Abundant, high-quality resource potential

A situation in terms of user satisfaction that is out of all proportion to other overseas territories

But :

- **difficulties in mobilising this resource**, an alarming climate change signal, already systematic non-compliance with minimum biological flowrate * and water turns for irrigation, etc.
- **technical and organisational difficulties**
- **financial difficulties** in covering investments with the bill (water pays for water?), need for external funding (EU, OFB, etc.)

=> Need to model

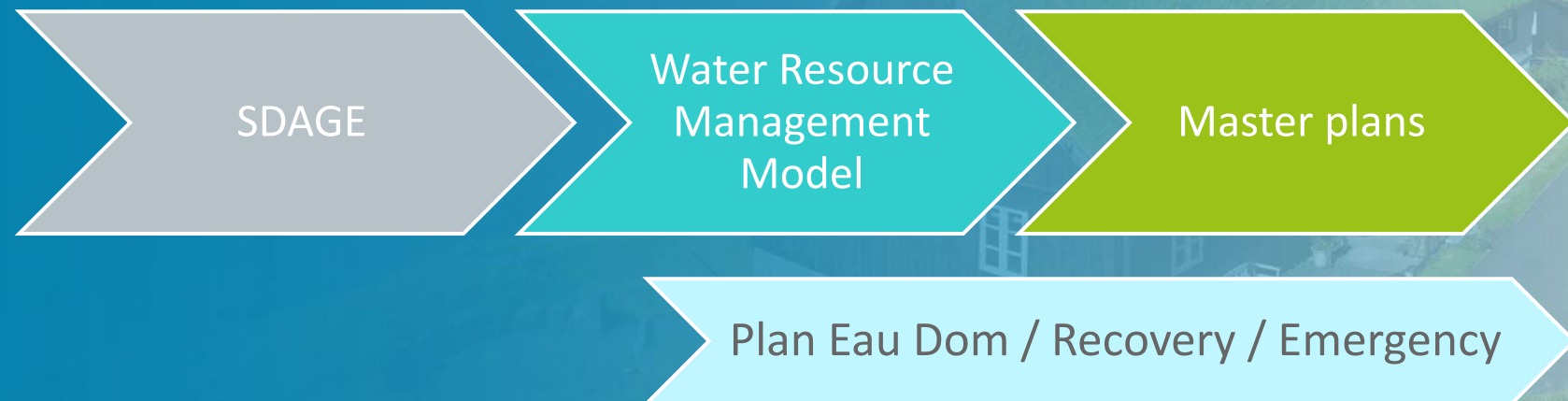
The genesis of MGR



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- ODE to assess of the economic and social impacts of water management from 2013-2014 → high water prices, leading to a high rate** of water poverty (27% of users)
- The **MGR** responds to **measure n°1** of the Programme of Measures of the SDAGE (= the official water management master plan for Martinique):

"Develop a water resource management model that takes into account all uses (drinking water, irrigation, industry, etc.) and resources (surface and underground)."



What is MGR ?



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The MGR is a technical tool

↳ **decision support**

↳ **a consultation** process that encompasses all economic uses of water resources:

- domestic,
- agricultural
- industrial

↳ which provides a **global view of the subject** across the whole island

↳ **multi-disciplinary foresight** : hydrological, hydraulic, economic, environmental and social

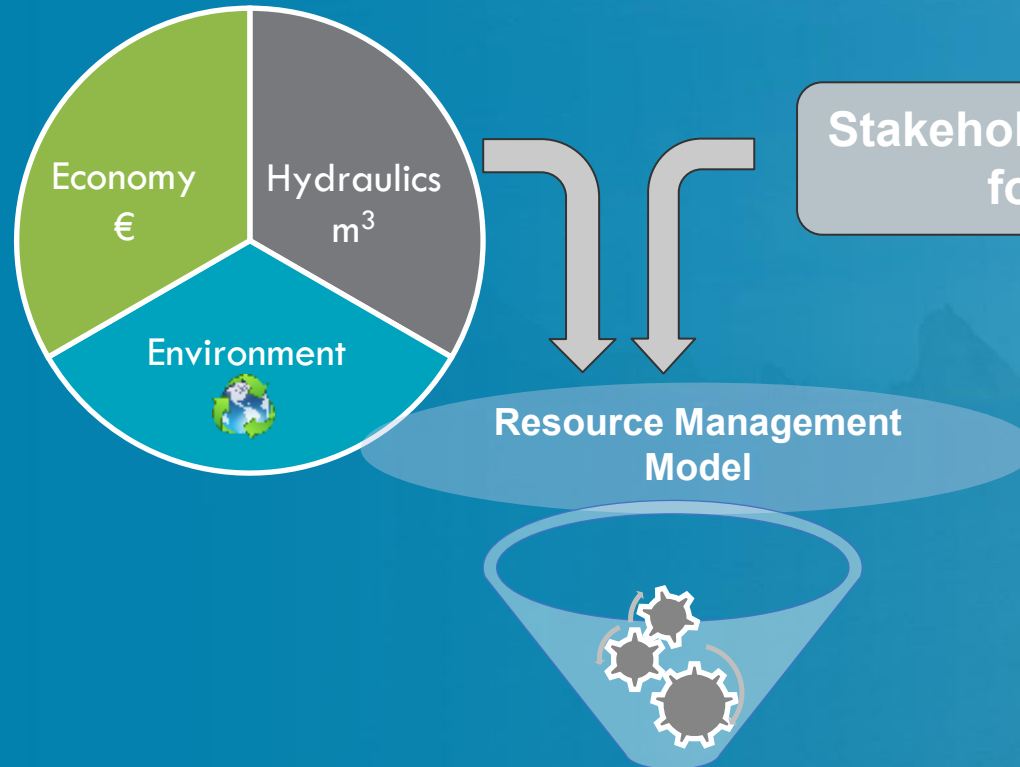
↳ **an innovative** analysis that will provide input for the development of a master plan for resource management on the scale of the island

MGR objective



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"To provide quality water, in sufficient quantity and at an affordable price, all year round and for all uses, while complying with environmental regulatory requirements".



Stakeholder expectations in the form of scenarios

Trade-offs between different water management objectives :

- Satisfaction of one or more uses,
- minimise management costs or risk,
- meet environmental objectives,
- etc.

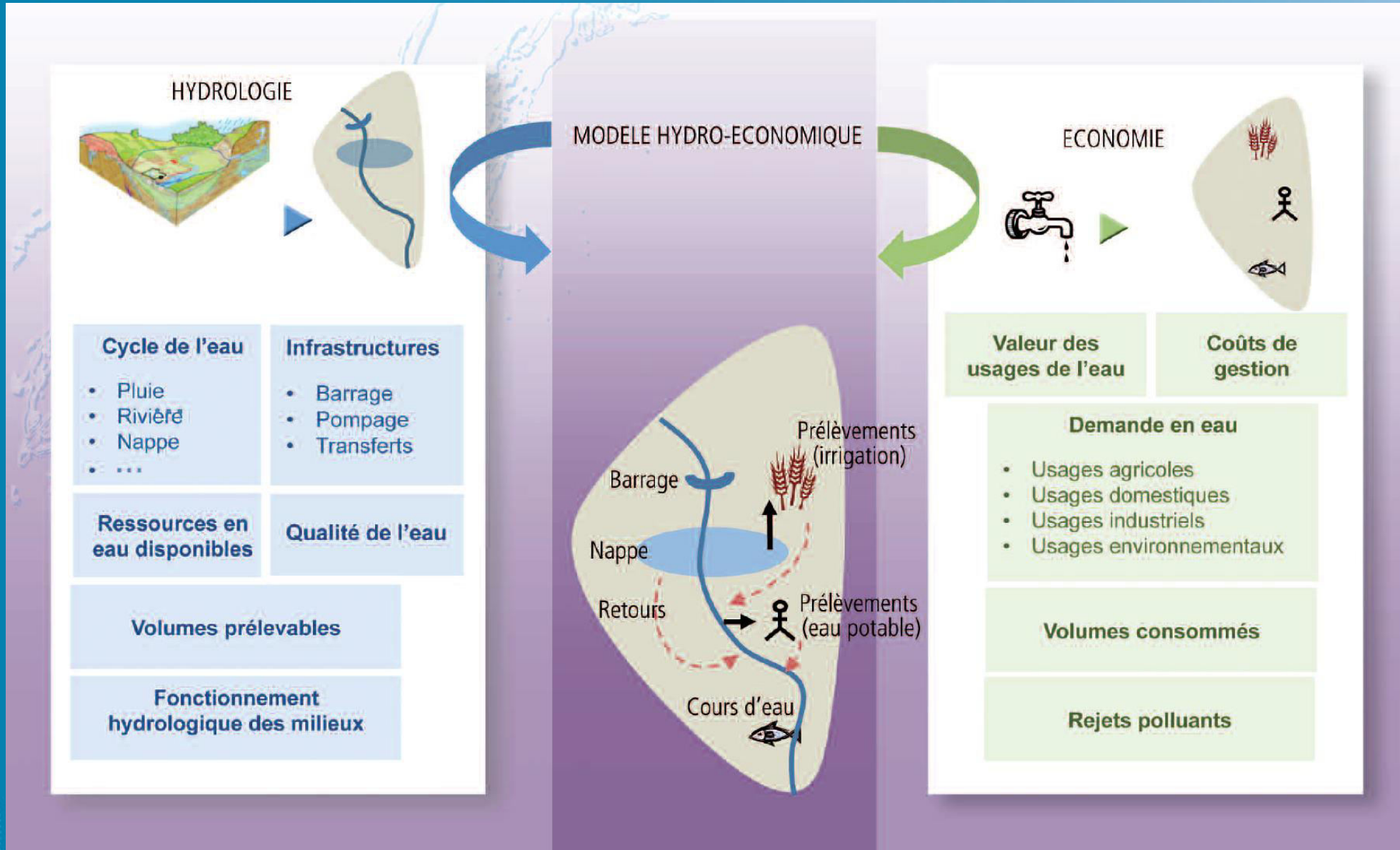
Decision-making aids

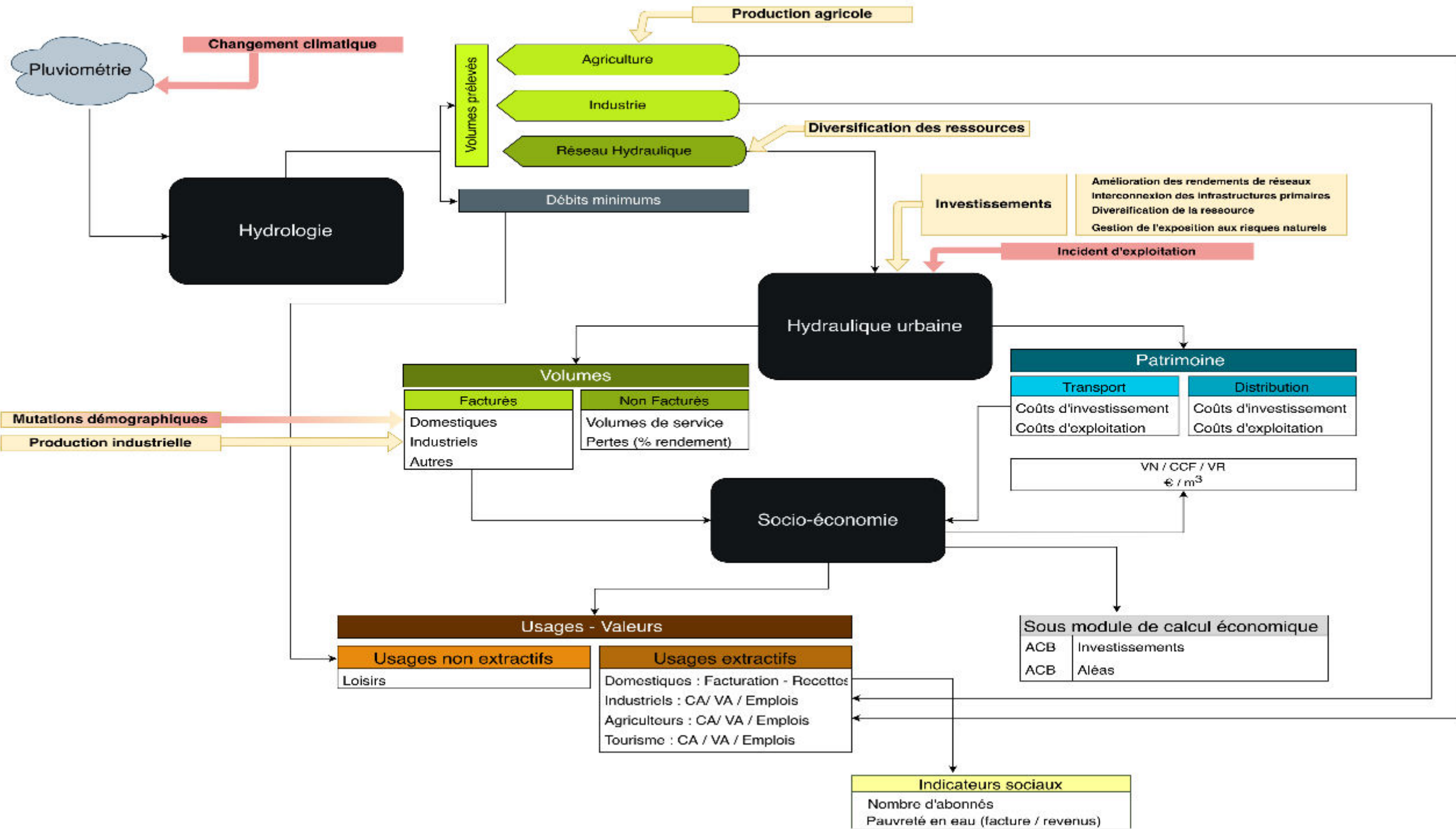
- ↻ Interpretation and analysis of scenario results
- ↻ Formatting these interpretations and analyses
- ↻ Feedback for all

Structure of MGR



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A shared approach



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Monitoring bodies :

- **Steering Comitee** : around water and biodiversity basin committee and the ODE Board of Directors, with local authority elected representatives
- **Technical Comitee**: bringing together all the technical, scientific, institutional and user stakeholders

ODE project owner

Contract awarded to the consortium: IRREED, EGIS, AVISEO, OTHEIS
Study to be carried out between 2019 and 2022
Cost around €340,000

Results : Modelled scenarios



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<i>Satisfying water needs</i>	<i>Quality of the resource</i>	<i>Socio-economic and climate change</i>	<i>Financial and social sustainability of water services</i>
<p>5 scenarios</p> <p>Securing the resource A - Improving network efficiency B- Primary infrastructure interconnections C- Diversification of the resource</p> <p>Service continuity D- Managing exposure to natural hazards E- Operating incidents (various types)</p>	<p>3 scenarios</p> <p>A- Respecting DM in watercourses B - Substitution of chlordecone resources C - Catchment protection perimeter</p>	<p>4 scenarios</p> <p>Impact of climate change A - Response to the increase in the severity of lows Impact of socio-economic change B- Demographic change C - Agricultural production D- Industrial production</p>	<p>2 scenarios</p> <p>A- Reducing water poverty B- Reduction in the billing base</p>

Conclusions



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Results = sheets for each question



FICHE
SCENARIO

Modèle de gestion de la ressource en eau à l'échelle de la Martinique



1 SECURISATION DE LA RESSOURCE

Scénario 1A : Amélioration des rendements de réseaux

Tendances démographiques

Aujourd'hui en Martinique...

Pourquoi réduire les fuites ?

2 QUALITE DE LA RESSOURCE

Scénario 2A : Respect des débits minimums biologiques dans les cours d'eau

Aujourd'hui en Martinique...

En période de carême, 88% des cours d'eau sont surexploités au moins une fois dans l'année.

Sans action, l'accroissement de la sévérité des étiages va exacerber

Pourquoi investir ?

Diversifier les sources de prélèvement, réduire les pertes d'eau sur les réseaux, interconnecter les unités de production... sont autant de levier pour **soulager la pression actuelle sur les milieux aquatiques.**

3 MUTATIONS SOCIO-ECONOMIQUES ET CLIMATIQUES

Tendances démographiques
Scénario 3A : Réponses à l'accroissement de la sévérité des carêmes ou l'adaptation au Changement Climatique

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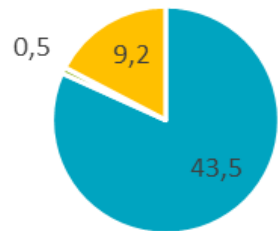
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In 2055 :

- River flows would be reduced by **-26%**.
- Dry seasons will be longer and harsher
- There will be less water in wet years (**-31% of volumes to be collected**) and much less in dry years (**-75%**).

Extractive uses of water in 2022

Répartition des besoins en eau par usages
(Mm3)



**43.5
Mm3**

- Réseau eau potable
- Prél. directs industries
- Prél. directs agriculture

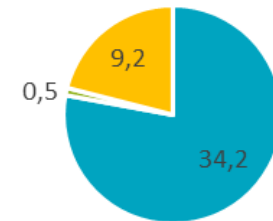


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withdrawable volumes
in **wet years****

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withdrawable volumes
In **dry years****

Extractive uses of water in 2050

Répartition des besoins en eau par usages
(Mm3)



**34.2
Mm3**

- Réseau eau potable
- Prél. directs industries
- Prél. directs agriculture

Conclusions of the studies

The economic costs associated with a dry year in 2055



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Demographic projections	Dry year
	78%

2 Et si on limite les prélèvements pour respecter les DMB ?

La demande en eau potable est satisfaite à **78%**. Le manque d'eau potable (7,5 Mm³) génère des pertes économiques :

Surcoût d'achat
d'eau en bouteille



55 M€

Perte de chiffres d'affaires



41 M€



123 M€

Chômage partiel



107 ETP



1540 ETP

Case in point:

- **Public contract April 2022**
- **Subject of the contract:** Supply and delivery of bottled spring water
- **Brief description of the contract:** Bottled still non-carbonated spring water for the various municipal services and to meet the requirements of the Emergency plan.

If nothing is done



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Conflicts of use will be exacerbated by increasingly severe water shortages

Water requirements for irrigation will increase

More severe droughts will have a significant impact on compliance with minimum biological flow in Martinique's rivers

If drinking water utilities fail to anticipate the impact of demographic trends, combined with more severe droughts, they will have no alternative but to increase the price of water.

A 2050 water strategy for Martinique should be drawn up at island level

Conclusions



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In the absence of an adaptation strategy :

The **tension** surrounding water resources can be summed up as follows

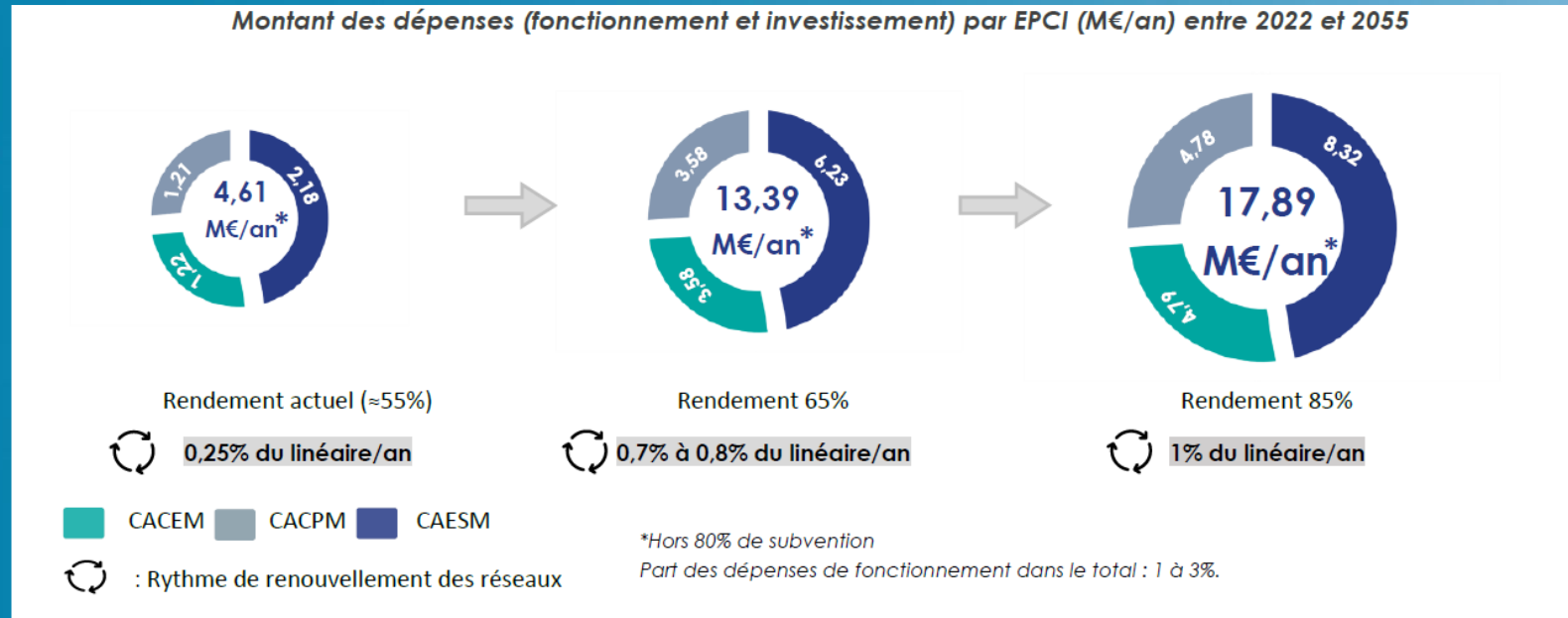
Compliance with minimum biological flow versus water use

1. The **number of water cuts is likely to increase and the associated economic costs will be greater.**
2. Demographic changes will reduce the revenue of drinking water utilities, which will be forced to **raise water prices** to maintain their financial equilibrium.
3. The population will find it increasingly difficult to pay its water bill: **the water poverty rate will be higher**

Scenario: Meeting minimum biological flow rates by increasing network efficiency



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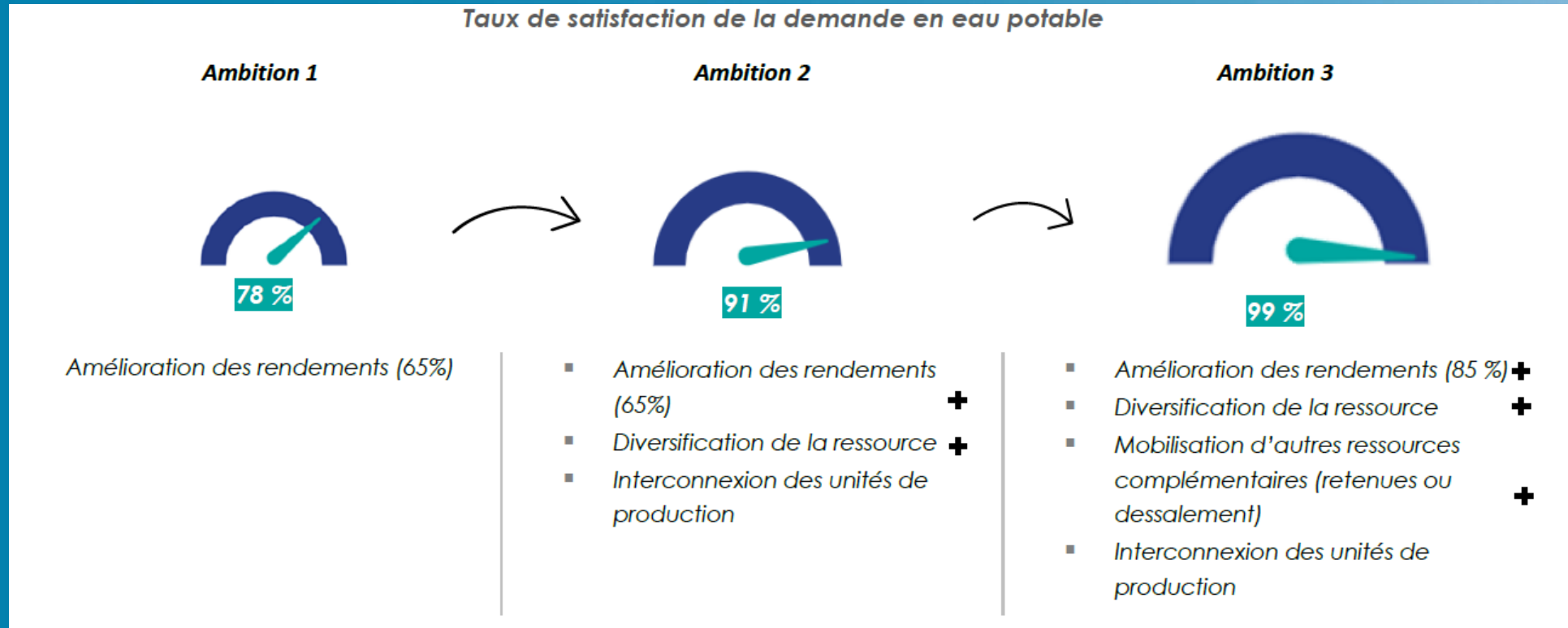
Diminution des dépenses - La réduction des volumes produits génère des économies de coûts de traitement :

PARAMETRES :	Renewal Expenses (Dépenses de renouvellement des réseaux)	Volume Reduction (Réduction des volumes produits)	Treatment Cost Savings (Economie de coûts de traitement associés)
Rendements actuels	4,6 M€/an	-23% (-9,35Mm ³ entre 2025-2055)	2,2 M €
Rendements 85%	17,9 M€/an	-48% (-19,65 Mm ³ entre 2025-2055)	4,6 M €

Scenario: Compliance with biological minimum flows with several areas for improvement



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85% improvement in performance without further action: only 81% satisfaction with usage

The only satisfactory solution is composite

MGR's main conclusions

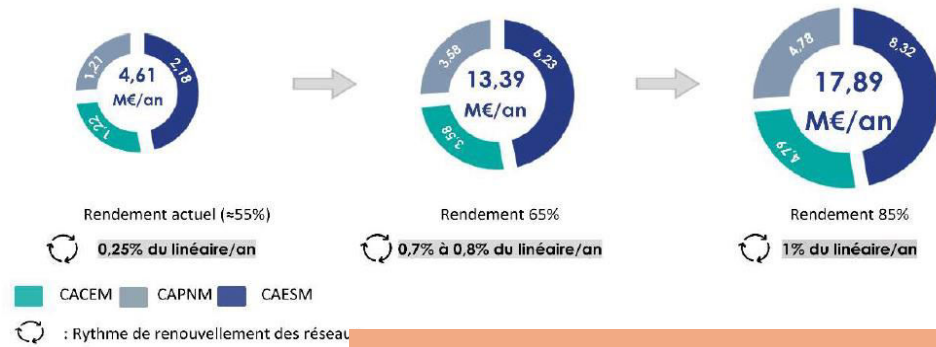


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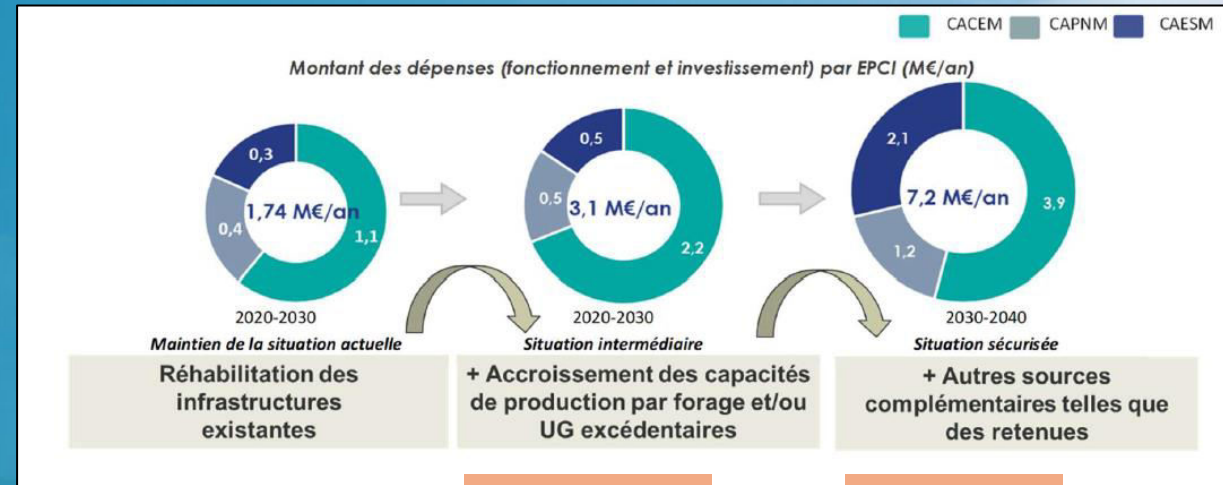
Constat : 44% des eaux prélevées et traitées n'arrivent pas au robinet.

Actions évaluées :

Trois niveaux d'ambition en termes d'objectif de rendement (55%, 65% et 85%) ont été envisagés. La figure ci-dessous présente le coût annuel de chaque objectif par EPCI.



Improvement in the satisfaction rate for uses of only 3% in Lent



+12c€/m3

+25c€/m3



Situation sécurisée

Toutes les usines de production sont interconnectées

Nouvelles interconnexions : 1,2 M€/an

Renforcement des interconnexions existantes : 0,4 M€/an

Nouvel ouvrage : 0,7 M€/an

L'impact financier sur les finances des services d'eau potable reste marginal

+2c€/m3

→ Need a COMPOSITE STRATEGY



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