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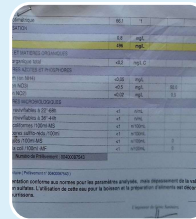
Introduction

- Diffuse pollution from agriculture (nitrates, pesticides)
 - A major threat to the quality of surface and ground waters in the European Union and French contexts
 - Multiple environmental, economic and social impacts



Impact on ecosystems and biodiversity

- Eutrophication



Human health risk

- Regulatory standards for nitrate and pesticide rates (EU Drinking Water Directive)



Extra-costs of drinking water production

- Water treatments, resource substitution/blending



Introduction

- EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) (2000)

- Objective of good status for all water bodies in Europe
- Protection of water bodies used for drinking water production

- “Grenelle” policy in France (2009)

- Identification of 1000 priority water catchments
- Definition and implementation of action programs targeting diffuse pollution
 - Cooperation between water suppliers and agricultural stakeholders (farm organizations, farmers)



Introduction

- “Grenelle” policy in France (2009)
 - Only half of the priority catchments covered by an action program in 2019 (MTE, 2020)
 - No significant improvement in water quality

What are the drivers and barriers to collective action for the achievement of EU water policy objectives in agricultural landscapes ?

Conceptual framework

- Institutional Design Principles (IDP) (Ostrom, 1990; Cox et al., 2010)
 - Shared commonalities of enduring governance systems for collective action involving users of common-pool resources

- 1A • Clearly defined boundaries - resource system
- 1B • Clearly defined boundaries - users
- 2A • Congruence between rules and local conditions
- 2B • Proportional equivalence of benefits and costs
- 3 • Collective-choice arrangements
- 4A • Monitoring users
- 4B • Monitoring the resource
- 5 • Graduated sanctions
- 6 • Conflict-resolution mechanisms
- 7 • Minimal recognition of rights to organize
- 8 • Nested enterprises

Conceptual framework

- Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) principles (Sayer et al., 2013; Mann et al., 2018)
 - Characteristics of management approaches leading to policy solutions to land-use conflicts at the landscape level

1

- Common landscape concern/problem understanding

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- Multiple land-use objectives

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- Multiple stakeholders (private/public; sectors)

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- Multiple scales

5

- Transparency

6

- Clarity of rights and responsibilities assigned to the process

7

- Occurrence of adaptive management and learning

8

- Participatory monitoring and capacity-building activities



Conceptual framework

- Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) principles

- No identification of conditions for the success of cooperation
- The recognition of the multiple and conflicting values and interests regarding land use/natural resource management

- Institutional Design Principles (IDP)

- The characteristics of governance systems leading to successful collective action
- Initially developed in the case of homogeneous groups of users holding similar values/interests



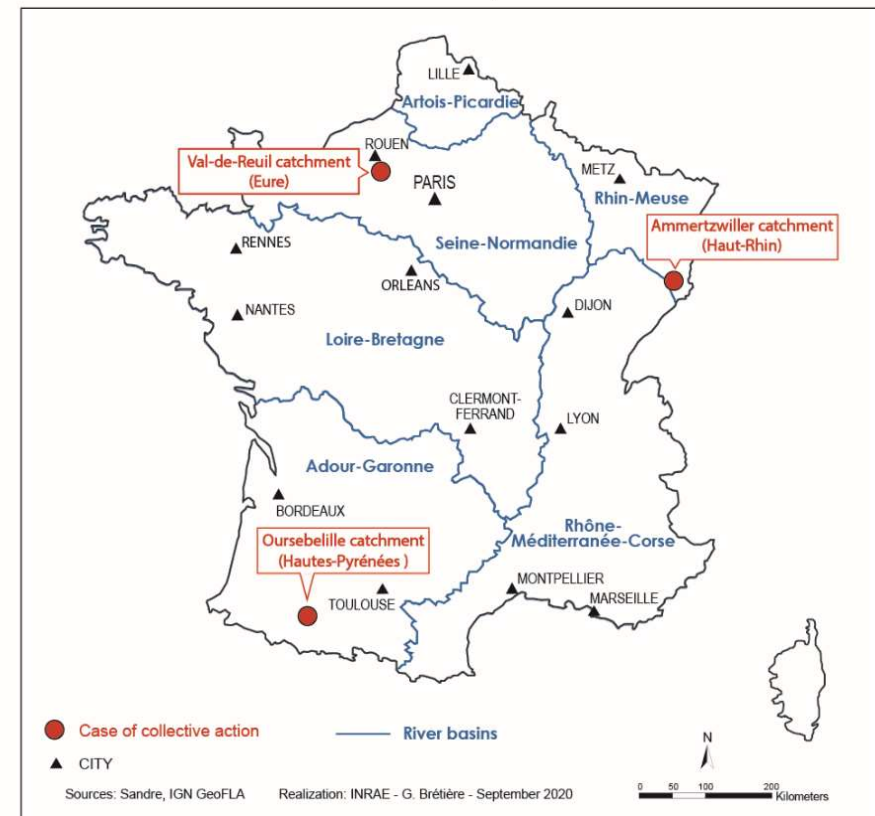


Conceptual framework

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| 11 | • Participatory monitoring and capacity-building activities/monitoring users |
| 12 | • Graduated sanctions |
| 13 | • Conflict-resolution mechanisms |
| 14 | • Recognition of rights to organize |

Methodology

- A comparative case analysis
 - Three cases of collective action for drinking water catchment protection
- Data collection
 - Semi-structured interviews with local stakeholders involved in cooperation (18)
 - Water suppliers, farm organizations, public agencies, farmers
 - Review of documentary analysis



Methodology

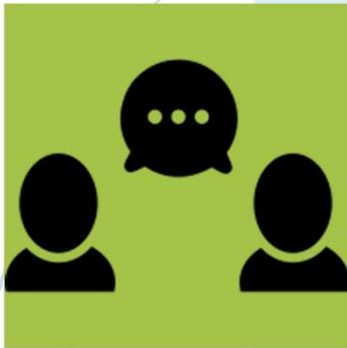
	Ammertzviller	Oursbellile	Val de Reuil
Water resource			
Type of pollution	Nitrates/pesticides	Nitrates	-
Level of contamination	High	High	Good water quality
Agriculture			
Catchment area	363 ha	396 ha	127 ha
Agricultural area	64,5 %	82 %	86,6 %
Number of farms	30	19	7
Farming systems	Field crops	Field crops	Field crops
Arable crops (% agricultural area)	Corn: 59% Cereals: 35%	Corn: 88% Cereals: 21%	Cereals: 91%
Grassland (% agricultural area)	6%	3%	9%

Methodology

	Ammertzviller	Oursbellile	Val de Reuil
Governance			
Main stakeholders involved	Public water supplier- Agricultural Chamber- Farmers	Public/private water suppliers – Agricultural Chamber-Regional Development Agency	Metropolitan water service department – Organic farming associations - Farmers
Operational rules (contracts)	EU AES Supply contracts	EU AES	Environmental land leases
Measures	Reduction in input use Low-input energy crop	Reduction in input use	Organic farming
Outcomes			
Farm participation	16/30	7/19	4/7
Area covered	34 %	18 %	87 %
Water quality trend	Improvement	No improvement	Maintenance of good quality

Results

- Common landscape concern/problem understanding



- In two cases, different perceptions of stakeholders (water suppliers vs. farmers) regarding the water quality problem
 - Oursbellile : agricultural versus non-agricultural source of pollution
 - Val-de-Reuil : the maintenance of good water quality as an issue

- Clearly defined boundaries



- Uncertainty regarding the boundaries of the drinking water catchment (Oursbellile)
 - Low predictability of resource dynamics/lack of knowledge

Results

■ Multiple land-use objectives

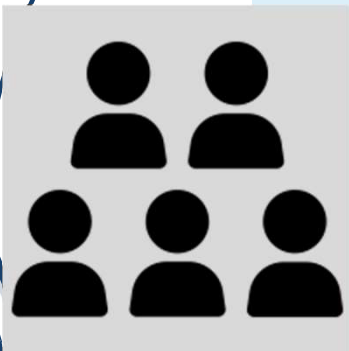
■ In all cases, integration of multiple land-use objectives

- Maintenance of agricultural incomes (Oursbellile)
- Development of sustainable energy production (Ammertzwiller)
- Creation of local food supply chains (Val-de-Reuil)



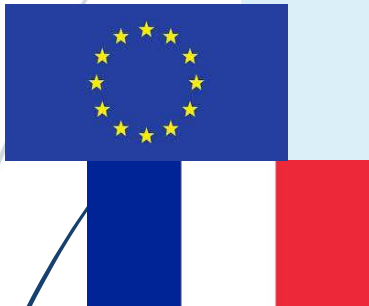
■ Multiple stakeholders/scales

- ### ■ In all cases, involvement of public/private actors from different sectors at different scales (local, departmental, regional, water basin)
- Trade-off resource pooling/transaction costs



Results

- Recognition of rights to organize
 - Autonomy of local stakeholders
 - EU agri-environmental policy tools and their implementation in France
 - ✓ Measures and financial compensations pre-defined at the national and regional levels
 - Impact on proportional equivalence between benefits and costs/congruence between rules and local conditions



Results

- Collective-choice arrangements/transparency

- A positive effect of farmers' participation to the decision-making process

Clarity of rights and responsibilities

- The role of the formal basis of cooperation (Ammertzwiler, Oursbellile versus Val-de-Reuil)

- Conflict-resolution mechanisms

- Collective-choice forums (steering committees) (Oursbellile)
- Trust/social capital (Ammertzwiler)



Results

- Occurrence of adaptive management/monitoring the resource

- The adaptation of actions/long-term involvement of farmers

Participatory monitoring-capacity building activities/monitoring the users

- Technical advice and follow up of farming practices
- Formal monitoring/sanctioning systems (EU AES; organic label)





Conclusion

- ILM/IDP as a frame for understanding collective action for drinking water management in agricultural landscapes
- Interdependency of principles in their effect on collective action
- Effect of principles contingent upon other variables
 - The characteristics of the water resource (predictability of the resource dynamics)
 - Actors (perception of the problem, knowledge, trust and social capital)
 - Policy context (EU and French rural development policy)



Conclusion

- The factors influencing the implementation of EU water policy at the landscape level
- Interactions between variables at the local, national and EU levels
- Role played by the materiality and the representations of ecosystems
- Hybrid modes of governance combining regulatory and participatory instruments

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