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○ Decentralized cooperation to  
strengthen water and sanitation services  
in southern Mediterranean countries



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## ***What is the role of french local authorities in the progress towards SDG 6?***

The “External Action of Local Authorities” :

- legal competence given by the French regulation
  - legitimacy of a local authority to engage in international activities
- Optional competence
  - depends on a political will

### **✓ Thiollière Law of 2 February 2007**

Local authorities can undertake actions that do not fall within their field of competence.

### **✓ Art L.115-1 to 7 of the CGCT (Code Général des Collectivités Territoriales)**

"The AECT is part of the free administration of local authorities, is optional and voluntary, constitutes a specific competence, conditioned neither by the size nor by the status, not linked to the competences assigned by the law".



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international Involvement in the water and sanitation sector is facilitated for local authorities exercising these competences in France

### **= Law Oudin-Santini :**

- Solidarity between users of water and sanitation services in the North and South
- Partnerships between technical services = **Water Operator Partnership**

#### **✓ Oudin-Santini Law of 6 February 2005**

"Possibility given to local authorities exercising the competences of water and/or sanitation, to dedicate 1% of the annual budget of these services, to international actions concerning these sectors".



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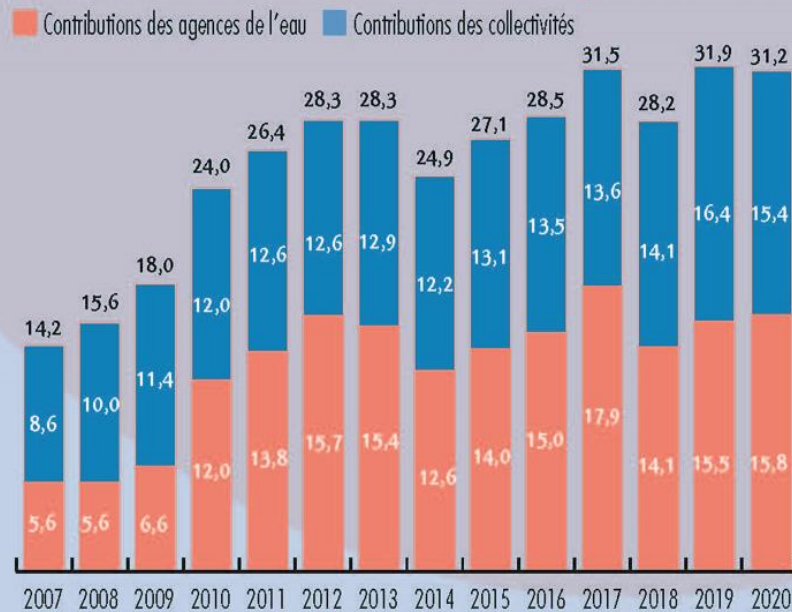
## What is the role of french local authorities in the progress towards SDG 6?

- **In 2020: 15,4 M€**  
including Oudin-Santini : 12,2 M€
- **Since 2005: 190 M€**

Global dynamics: local authorities +  
water agencies

- In 2020: 31,2 M€
- Since 2005: 380 M€

### Évolution des contributions financières depuis 2007 (en M€)





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## ***What is the typology of partnerships and actions?***

- ✓ Several ways for French local authorities to get involved
  - Financial partner
  - Decentralized cooperation partner
    - Involvement of water/sanitation services: **Water Operator Partnership**
  
- ✓ **Multi-actor partnerships** - technical and financial partners:
  - MEAE, AFD, Water Agencies, specialized associations, operator of services (if delegated)
  - Internally: collaboration between International Relations and water/sanitation departments
  
- ✓ A majority of **micro-projects (40% <100 k€) in rural areas (65%)** which are interested in water (60%) and sanitation (50%), with the emergence of IWRM (20%)



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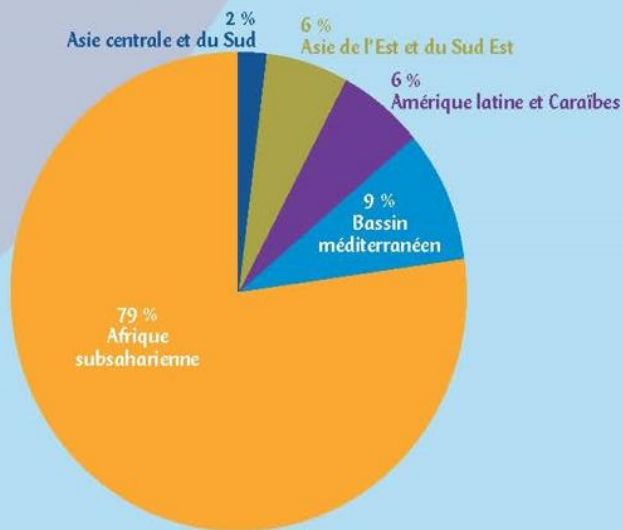


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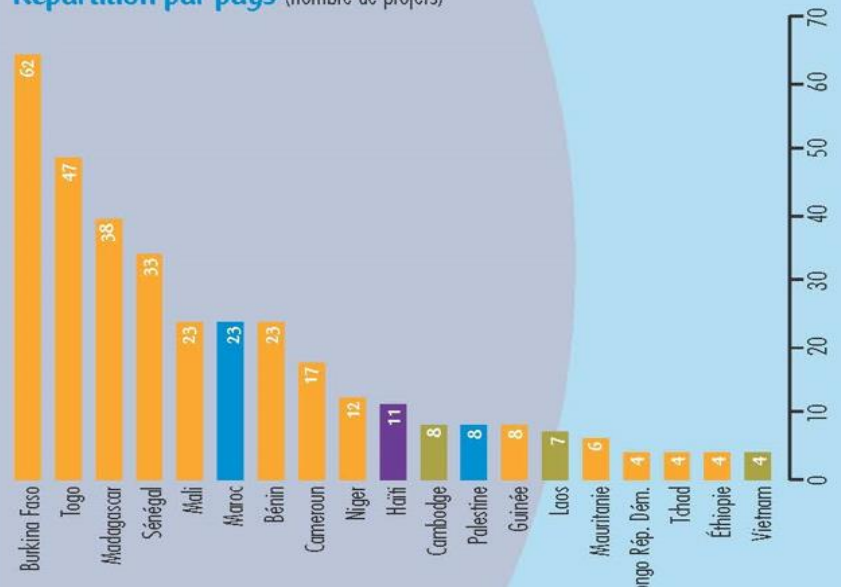
## What are the current projects in 2020 in the Mediterranean basin?

**34** ongoing projects in southern Mediterranean countries in 2020,  
**9%** of the 380 projects

Répartition par zones géographiques (% de projets)



Répartition par pays (nombre de projets)







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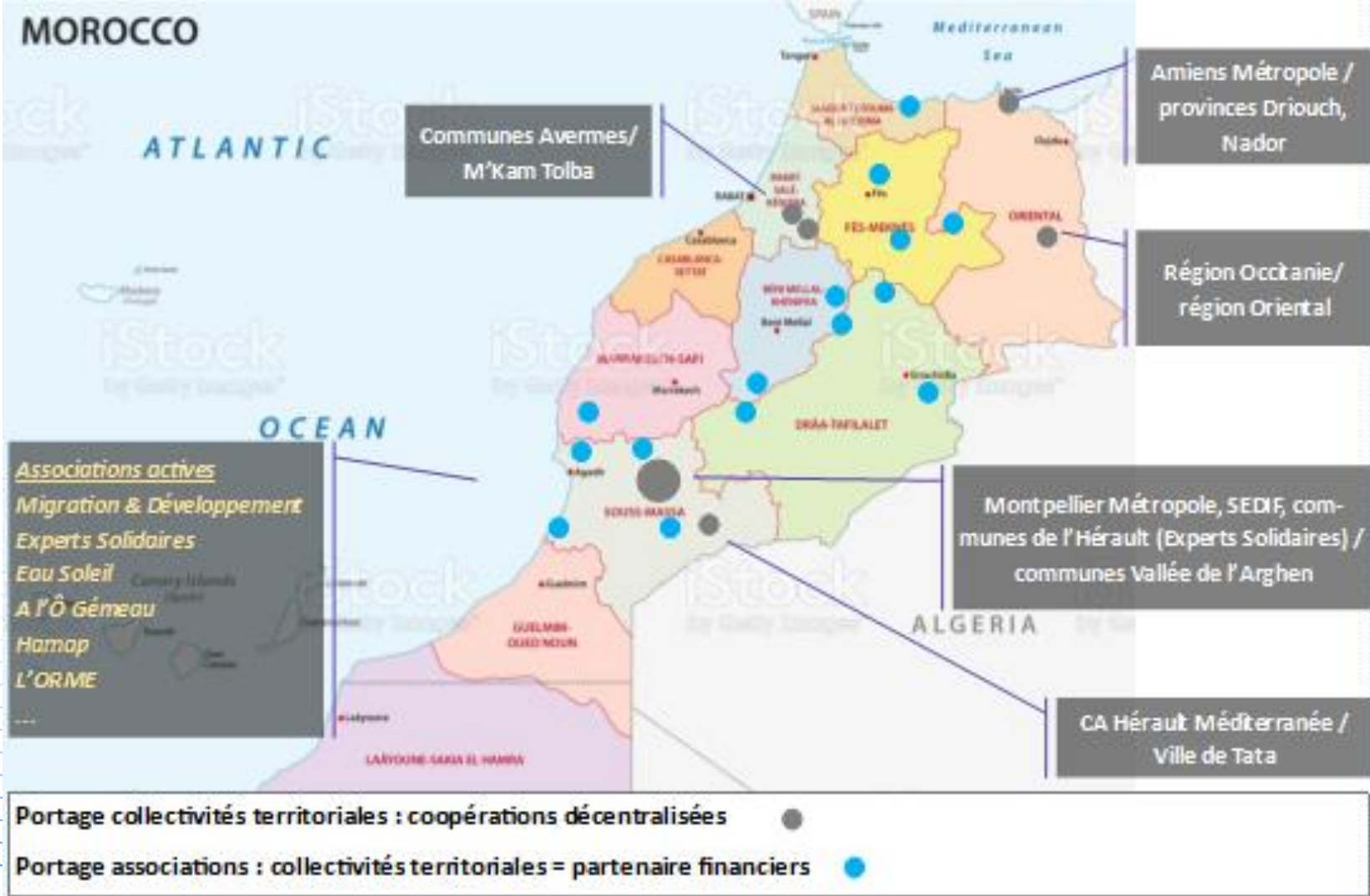
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## ***What needs of the Mediterranean basin countries can decentralized cooperation contribute to?***

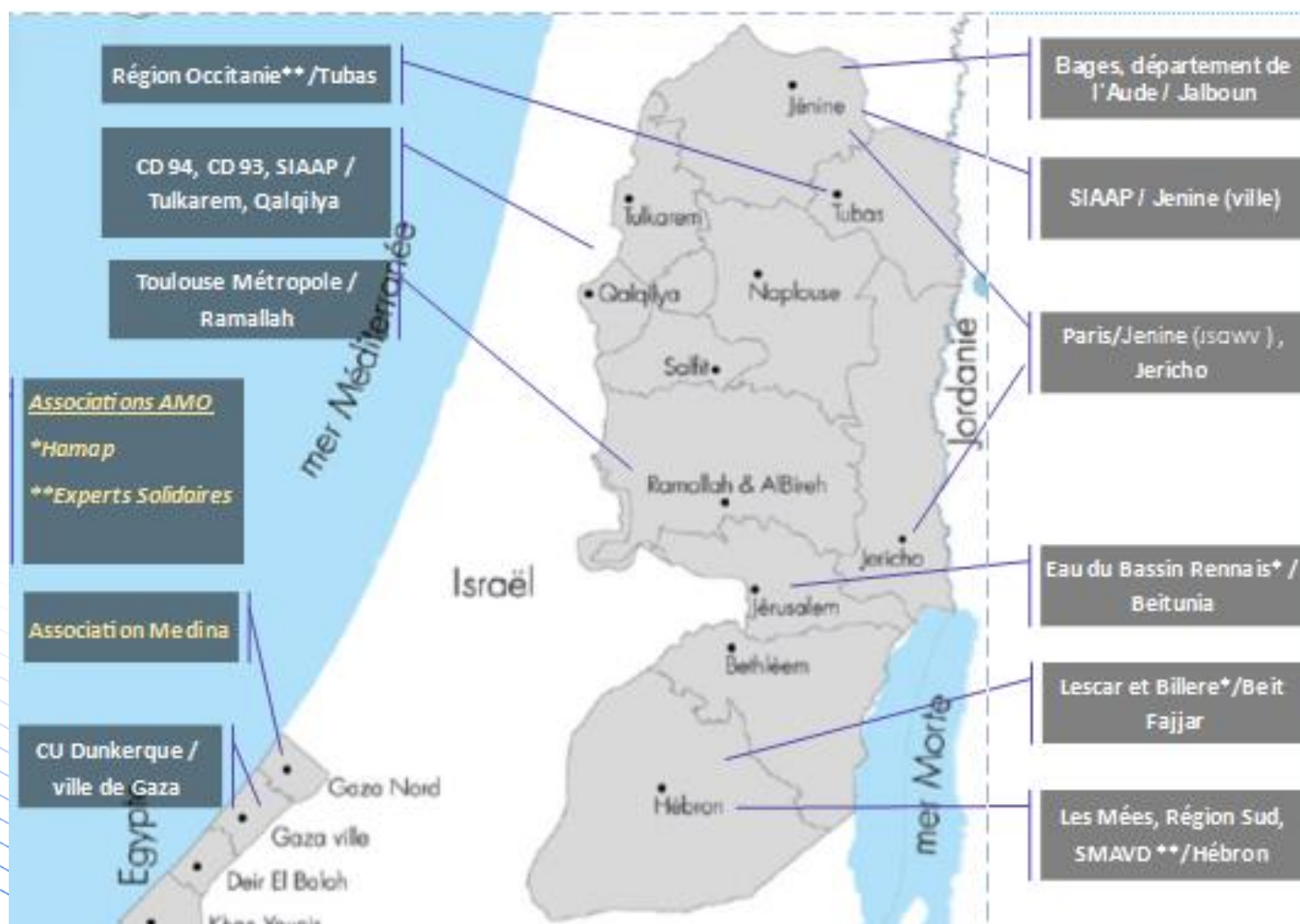
- ✓ Overall good access rates to water and sanitation services, but **urban/rural disparities**
- ✓ **Decentralization processes**
- ✓ **Resource scarcity issues** - Southern Mediterranean countries in the front line of climate change
- Needs for access to basic services remain in rural areas, particularly for sanitation
- Needs for **capacity building** to ensure management of services
- Needs for **integrated water resources management initiatives**, including at local scales

*Municipalities, users' associations in Morocco; GDA in Tunisia, regional establishments in Palestine, water establishments in Lebanon*

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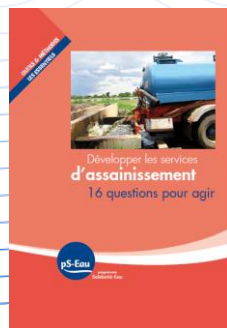
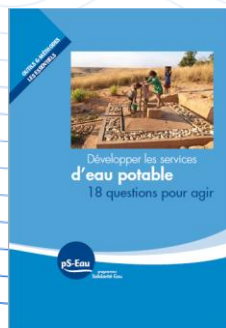
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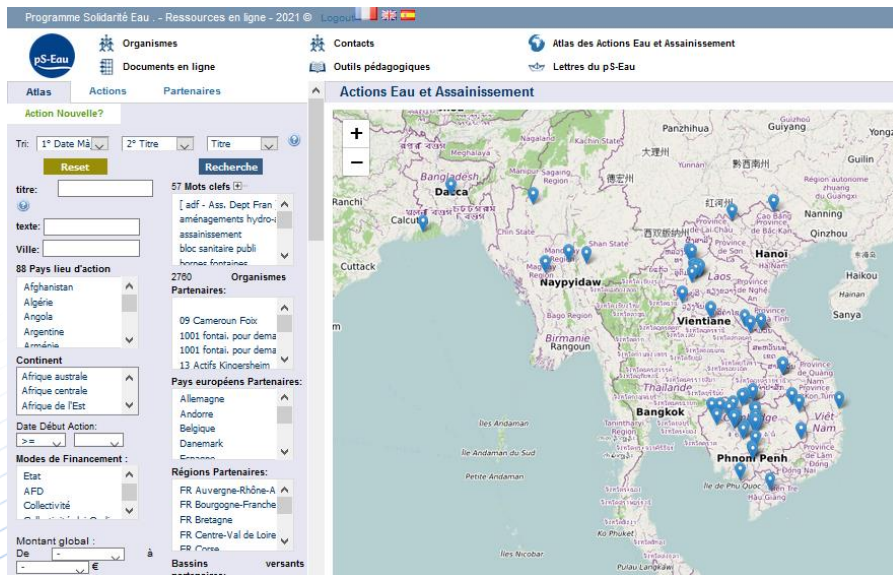
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