TOPIC 3.1: BASIN MANAGEMENT AND TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

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MARTINIQUE: Caribbean island – French department
1080 km² - 410 000 inhabitants
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Starting with a shared analysis upon:
- Quantity
- Quality
- Water needs and uses

Obstacles to avoid and problems to prevent:
- Conflicts between uses
- Droughts and social distresses linked with water issues
- Population misunderstood

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Some goals to reach:

- Balanced and fair handling between uses
- Upstream/downstream solidarity
- Resources protection
- Involvement of population side by side with institutional stakeholders and water professionals

Water for all, all for water management
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organizing of stakeholder’s involvement: quantity, quality

Institutional response: Basin Committee, River Basin Management Plan

On the ground response:
- inform, educate
- Give a sense of responsibility, ‘polluter pays’
- Build a ‘water culture’

Citizens acting for water management

The political will: a driving force

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*Making a success of stakeholder’s participation, available tools:*

- Legislation frameworks: EWF, Public consultations (blue ambassadors)
- Organized civil society frameworks: education, associations, NGO’s, consular chambers and social groups
- Traditional frameworks:
  - Family (women role to play)
  - Culture links with water, rites and rituals
  - Traditional tales and stories ingrained in the countryside

**Stakeholder’s participation is working…we experimented it!**