

Authorization procedures in France, and the new unique authorization

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**Authorization procedures and territorial
integration of biogas plants**

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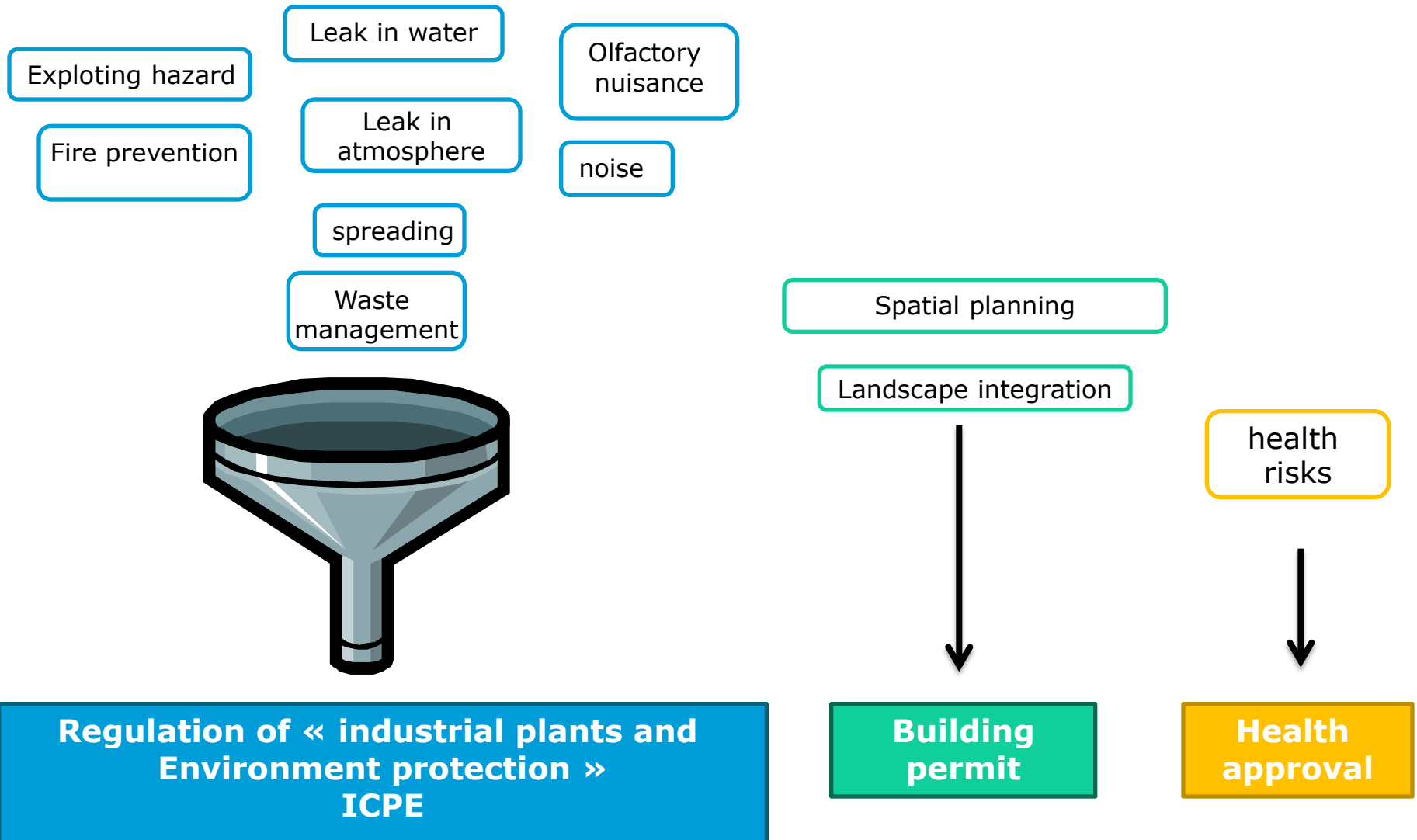
News and perspectives of the sector

Technical and legal information

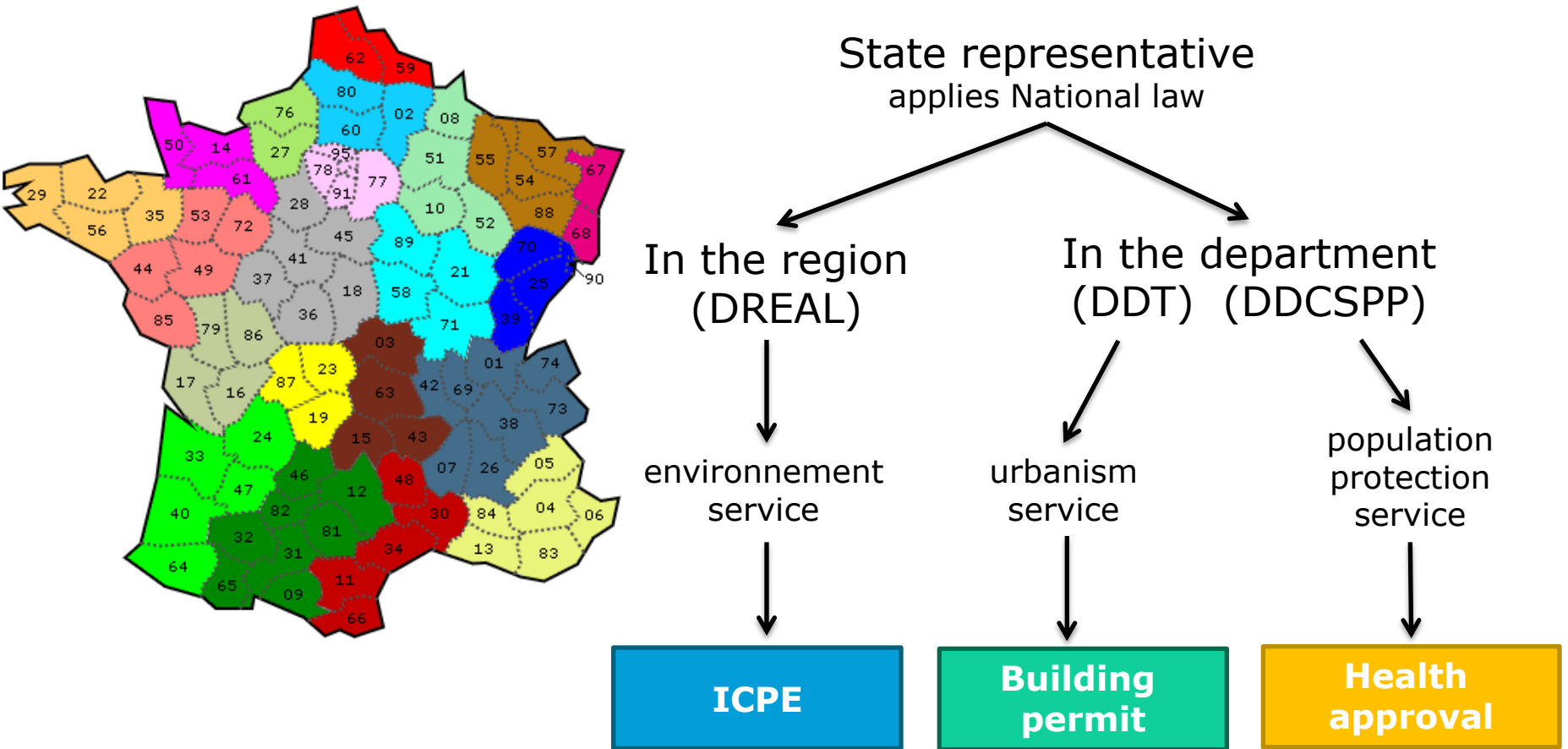
Representation of the sector
- public authorities
- general public

15 years experience – 240 members

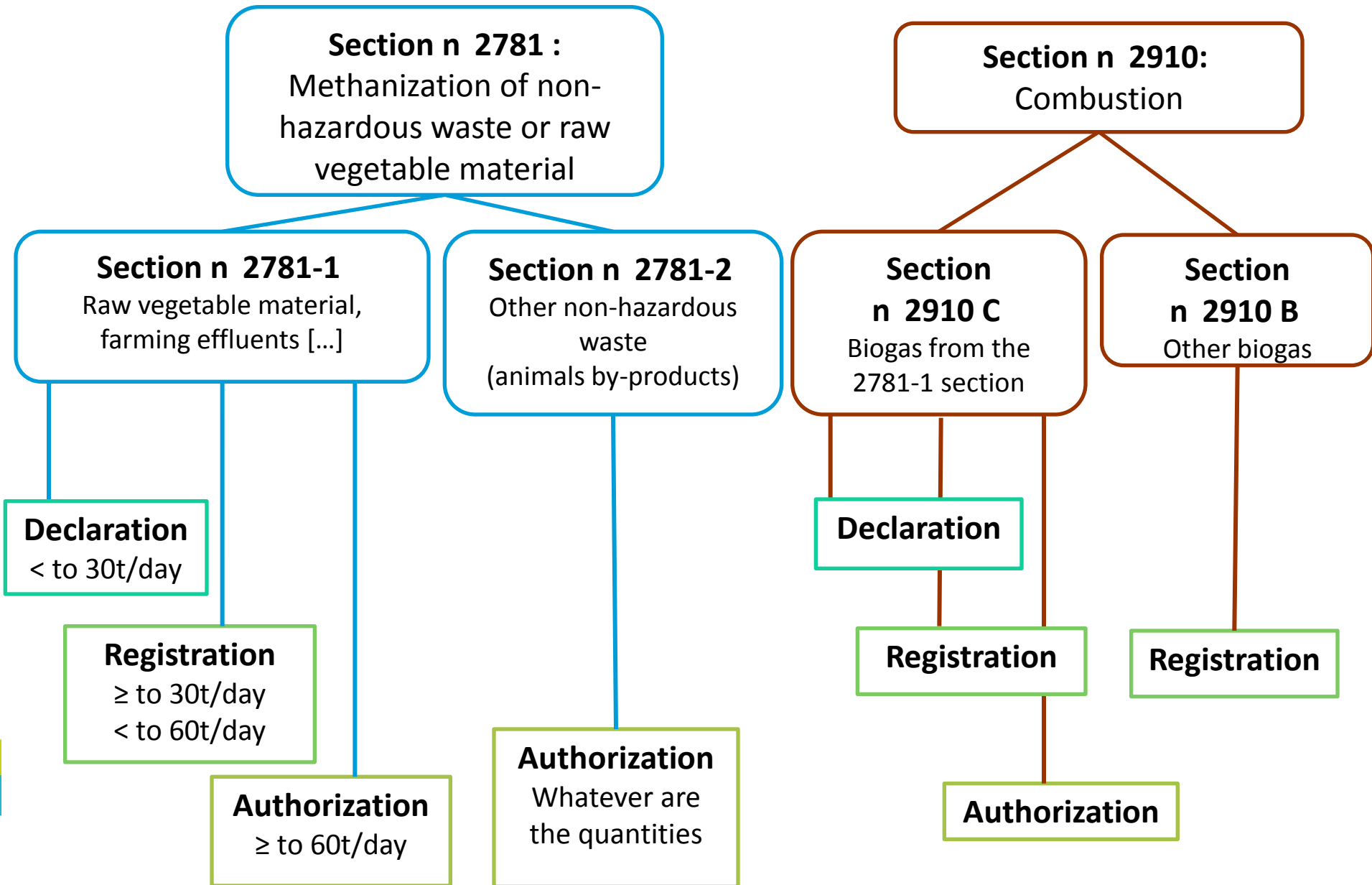
The 3 milestone procedures for the authorisation of a biogas project in France



A different administrative service for each step



ICPE regulations and methanization

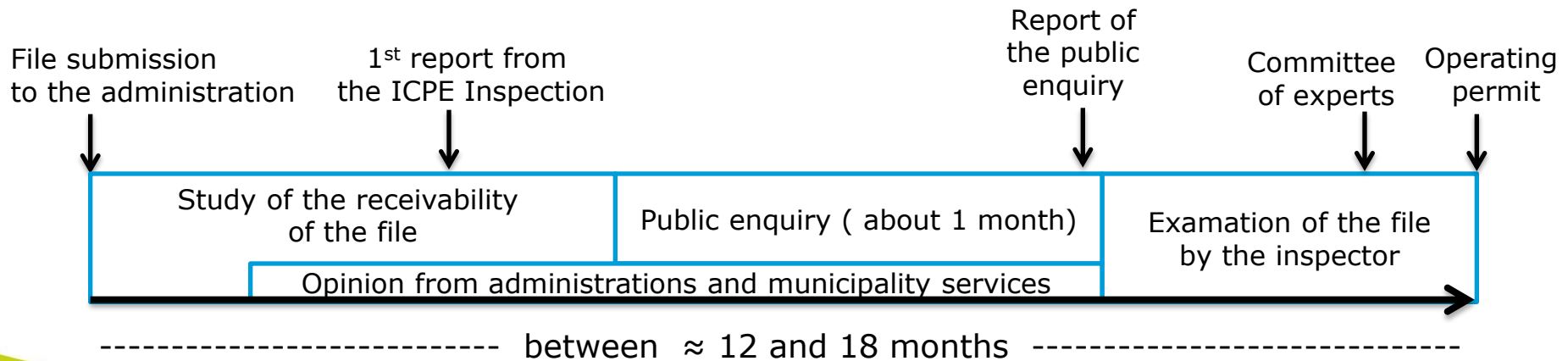


Details of ICPE procedure

➤ Content of "**authorization**" application

- Informations on the applicant
- Description of the site
- Description of the future activity
- Technical and financial abilities of the manager
- Environmental impact study and risk assessment study

➤ Calendar for an "**authorization**" application



Public consultation and judicial appeal

- Public consultation:
 - Compulsory for projects with authorization procedure
 - Optional for « in declaration » projects or « in registration » projects

- Judicial appeal **for all biogaz projects**:
 - During a year from the publication of the decision
 - **AND** 6 months after the implementation of the project

- Work to raise awareness of Project Managers on dialogue and public consultation
 - Among the abandoned projects, 5% stops due to local opposition
 - Main fears of the neighbours: unpleasant odours, noise, explosions, traffic because of the transport of waste, risks of fire, etc.

A process that enables to monitor, control, and favour consultation

- Installations monitoring :
 - Before : settlement of basic rules to abide by
 - After : to compile a feedback

- Information and consultation of residents

Building permit

- Beginning of the process in the same time as ICPE application
- Has to fit the PLU : Local Urbanism Plan
- Some aspects on the filling with landscapes and site accesses

Health approval

- European obligation
- French special features
 - Co-digestion with industrial food-process waste
 - Co-digestion with canteen waste
 - No sites that centralize waste sanitization

The unique authorization

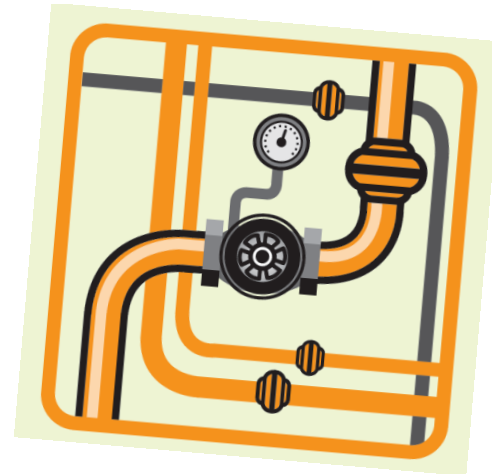
Existing procedures	Test in 7 French regions
<p>3 procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- some pieces have to be provided twice or more- increase the administrative period	<p>Fusion in a unique file of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ICPE authorization- building permit- 3 other potential authorizations
<p>Multiple contact in the administrations for the same project</p>	<p>Unique person in the administration in charge of the project</p>
<p>Huge investigation period (between 12 and 18 months)</p>	<p>Announced goal : everything in 10 months</p>
<p>Contentious risk :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1 year after receiving the operating permit- 6 months after the commissioning of the installation	<p>Reduction of the period for bringing an action against that decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2 months after receiving the operating permit

First feedback on the unique authorization

- First projects are in the investigation period (the decree has been edited in last May)
- How to reduce administrative time?
 - Internal reorganization of administrations
 - Meeting between project managers and administration BEFORE the file submission
 - ⇒ Expression of administration expectations
- For project managers
 - Some changes in the file form
 - ⇒ Globally felt as positive

Optimize the unique authorization

- Create a methodological guide for the impact study and the risk one
- Obtain an opinion from the administration on the health approval. WHEN ? During ICPE investigation and not after construction.
- Associate all these processes with authorizations needed to some gas network companies



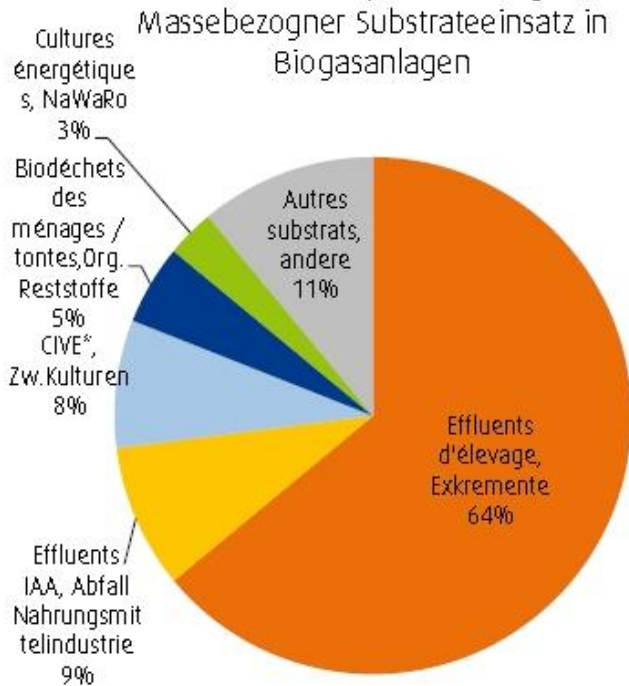
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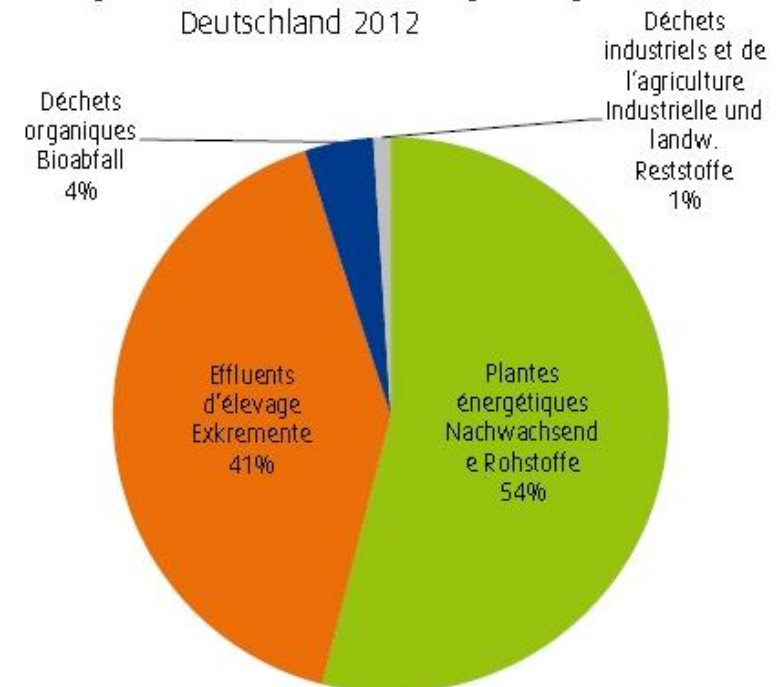
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Approvisionnement moyen du parc d'unités de méthanisation à la ferme identifié en France (% du tonnage total)



Source: ADEME, [Bilan national des projets biogaz](#), 2013

Approvisionnement moyen du parc d'unités de méthanisation à la ferme identifié en Allemagne; Massebezogener Substrateinsatz in Biogasanlagen in Deutschland 2012



Quelle: DBFZ-Betreiberumfrage, 2013