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Groundwater resource management facing global changes: from the European Directive to the local action plan for the Crau aquifer (SE France)

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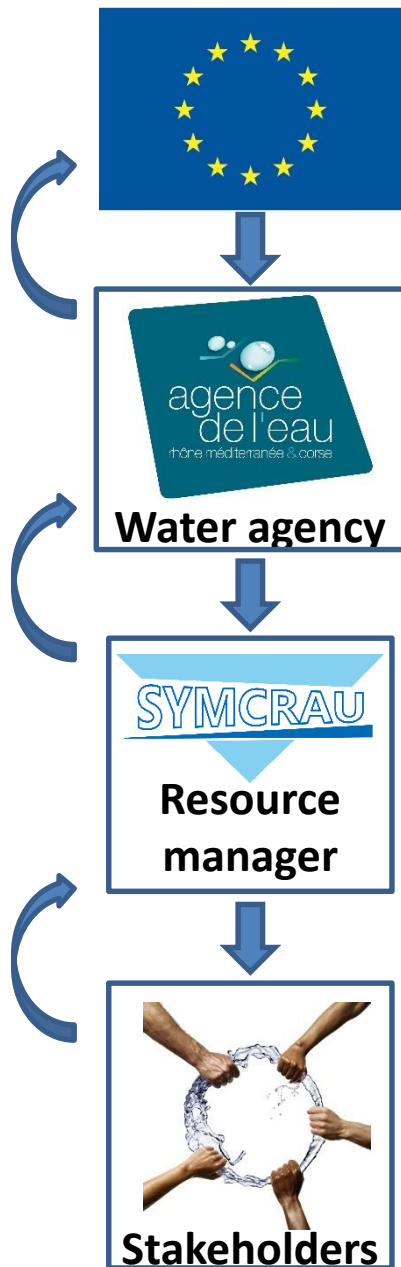


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WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE (2000) GROUNDWATER DIRECTIVE (2006)



WATER DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT MASTER PLANS (SDAGE)

- Sets out the environmental objectives
- Determines the orientations
- Updated every six years

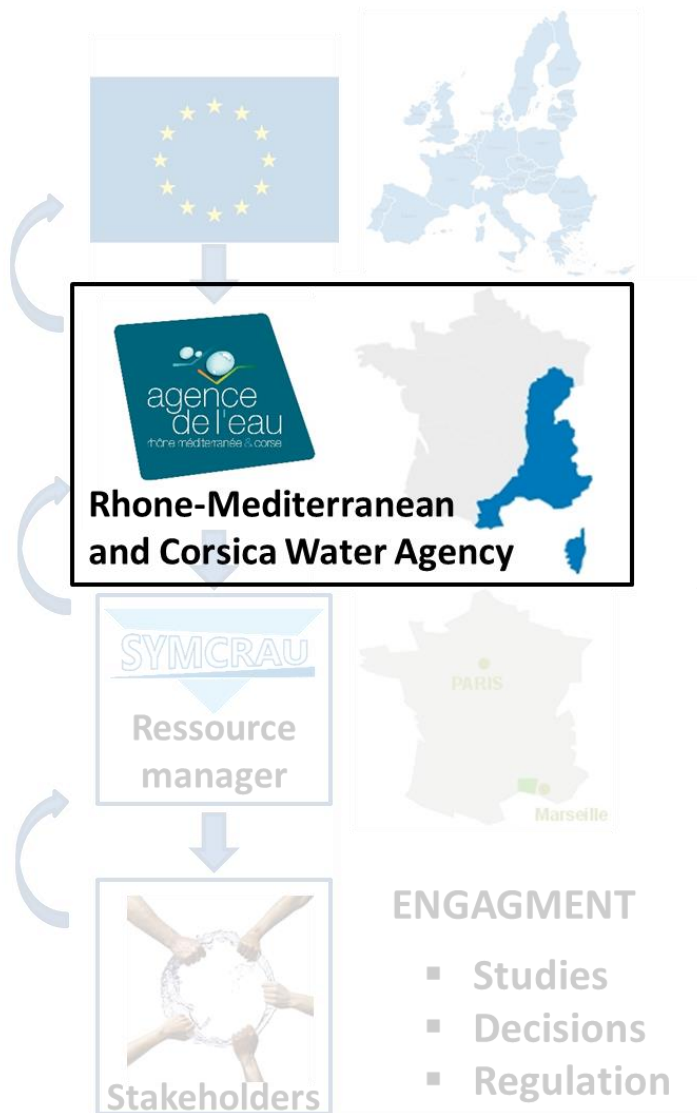


LOCAL ACTION PLAN

- Assess the local actions
- Identifies the project leaders (contract)
- Defines financial means

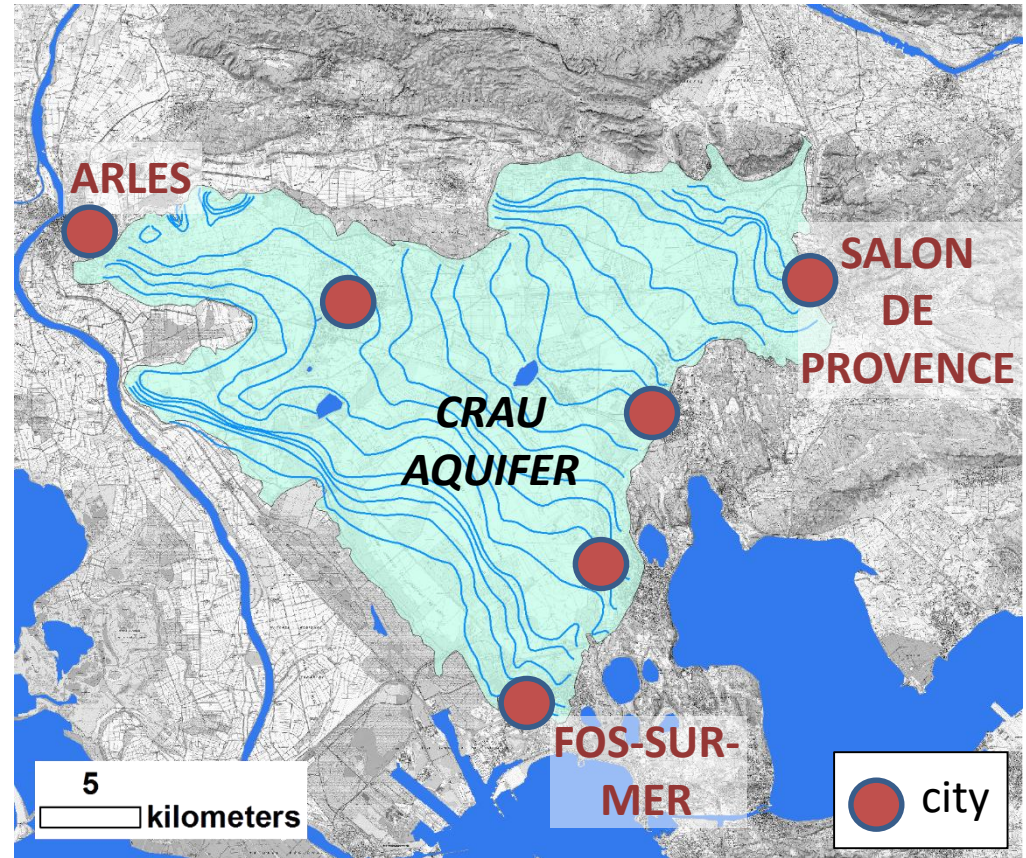
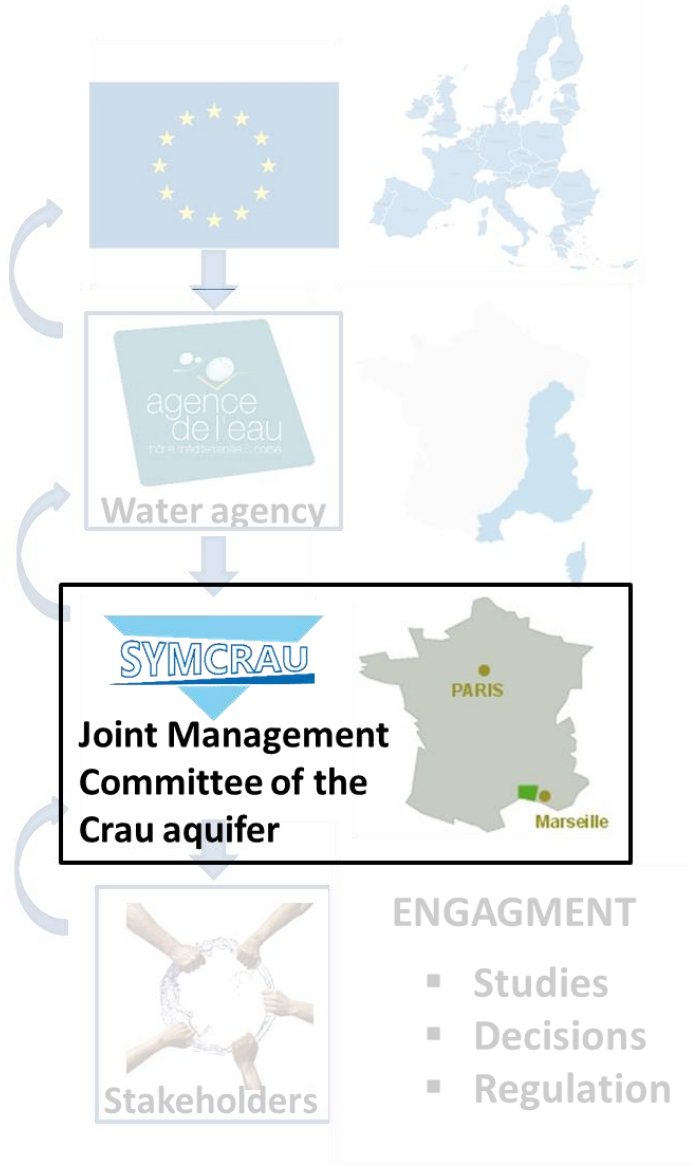
ENGAGEMENT

- Studies
- Decisions
- Regulation



WATER MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN FOR THE RHONE-MEDITERRANEAN DISTRICT (2016-2021)

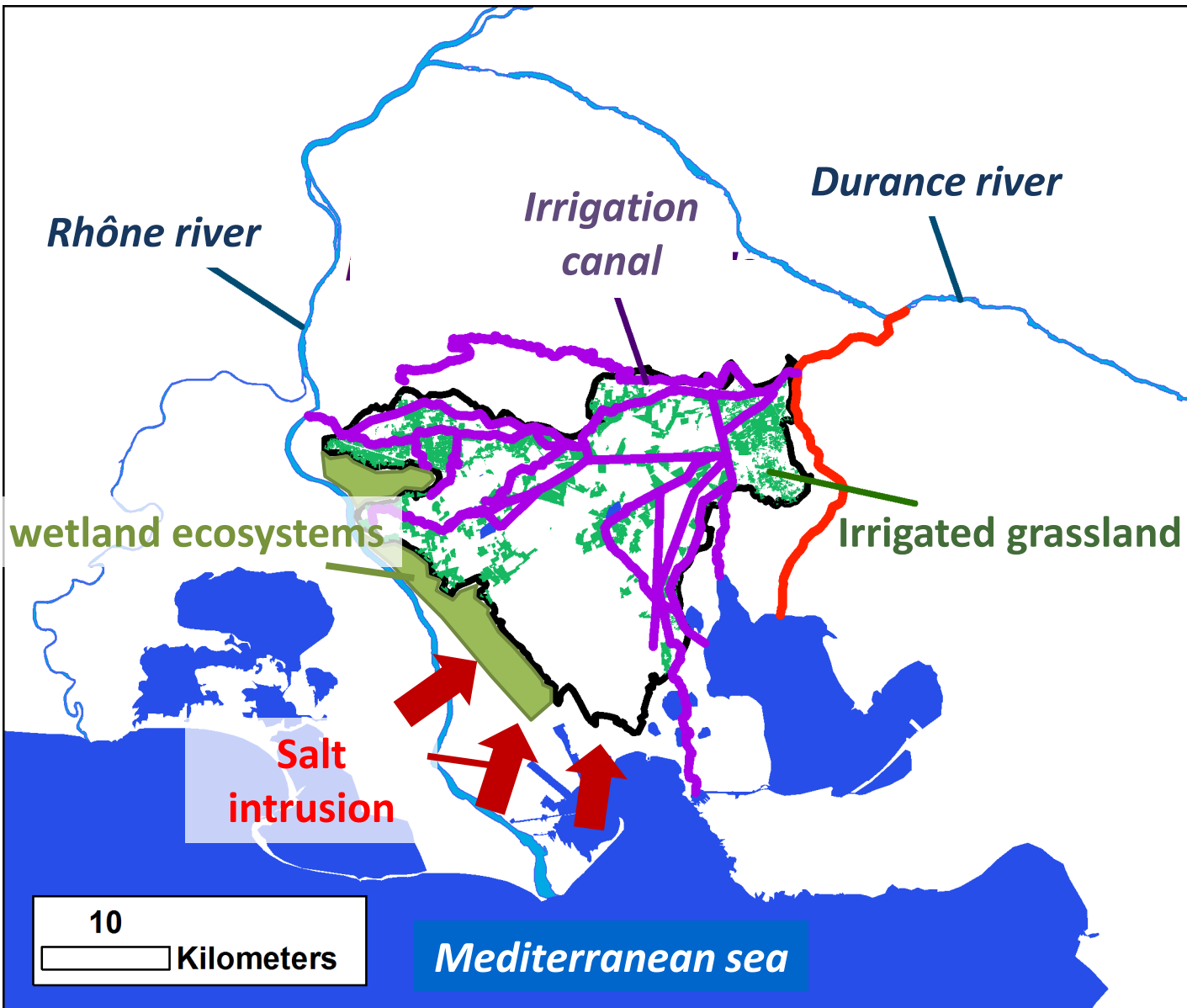
GROUNDWATER RESOURCE OF THE CRAU PLAIN



SYMCRAU = committee of stakeholders in charge of the groundwater resource management

How are **global change issues**
taken into account
in the **action plan** for the **Crau aquifer**?

SITUATION OF THE CRAU AQUIFER



Recharge with irrigation water from Durance river

Supplies water for 300 000 inhabitants

Main source of water for protected wetland ecosystems

Threatened by urban sprawl, salt intrusion and irrigation water availability

SITUATION OF THE CRAU AQUIFER



How agricultural practices can face global changes?

How much water from the Durance river can be used for irrigation?

What volume of recharge / withdrawals is compatible with a balanced management?

How ecosystems and salt intrusions are linked to groundwater management?

Which areas to protect in priority against urban sprawl and pollutions?

Recharge with irrigation water from Durance

source of water for protected

water availability

Global changes issues are complex to deal with for local water resource managers and their traditional partners (publics services and consulting offices)



Need to collaborate with research institutes to improve knowledge and to develop operational tools

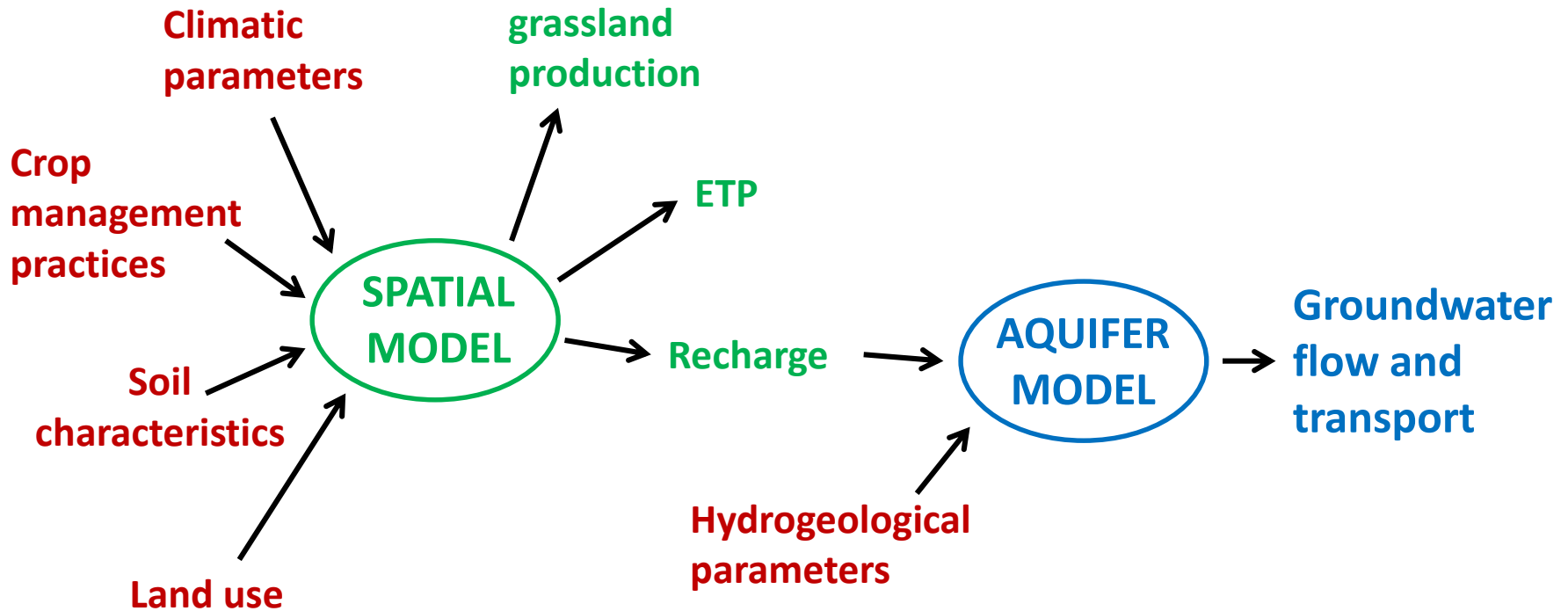
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MODEL DESIGN



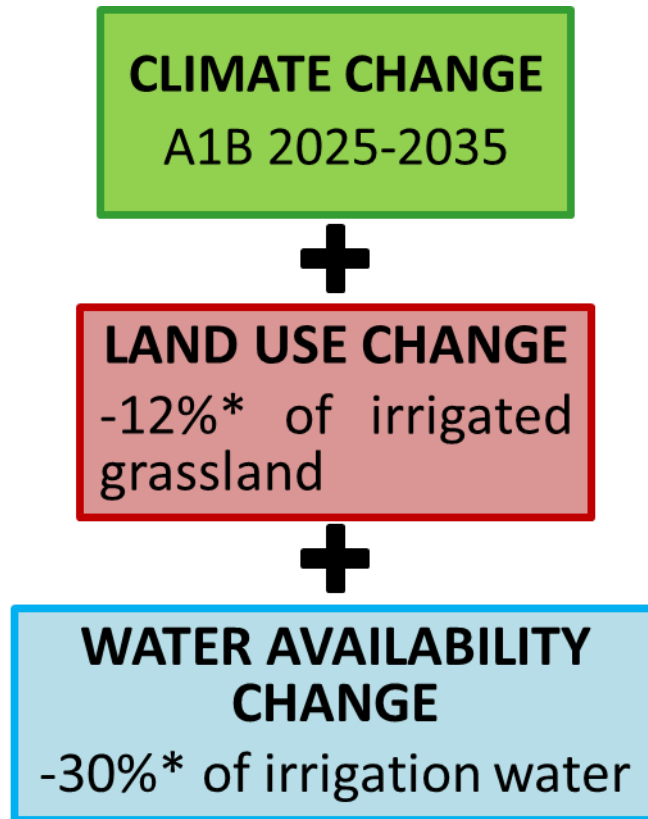
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GLOBAL CHANGE SCENARIOS FOR 2030



*compared to reference year 2009



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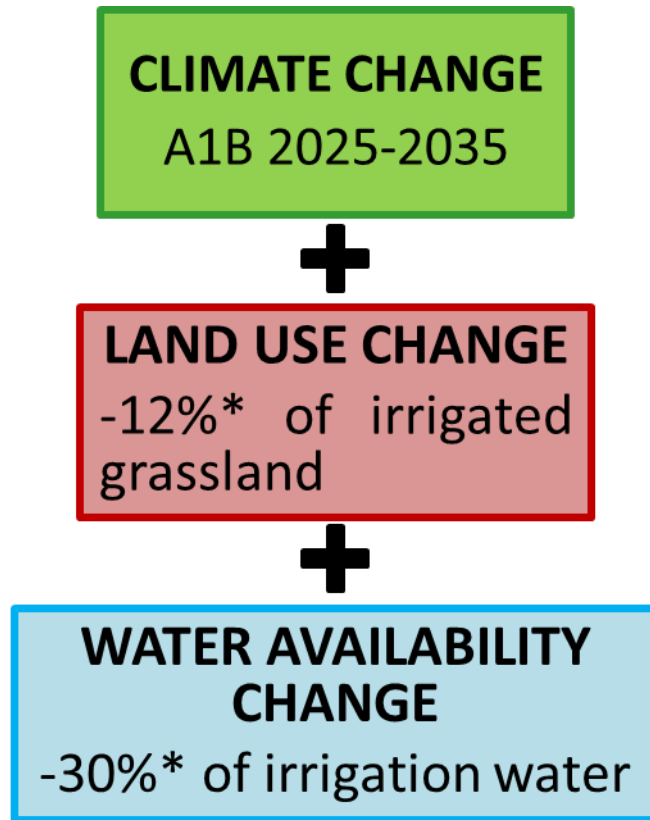
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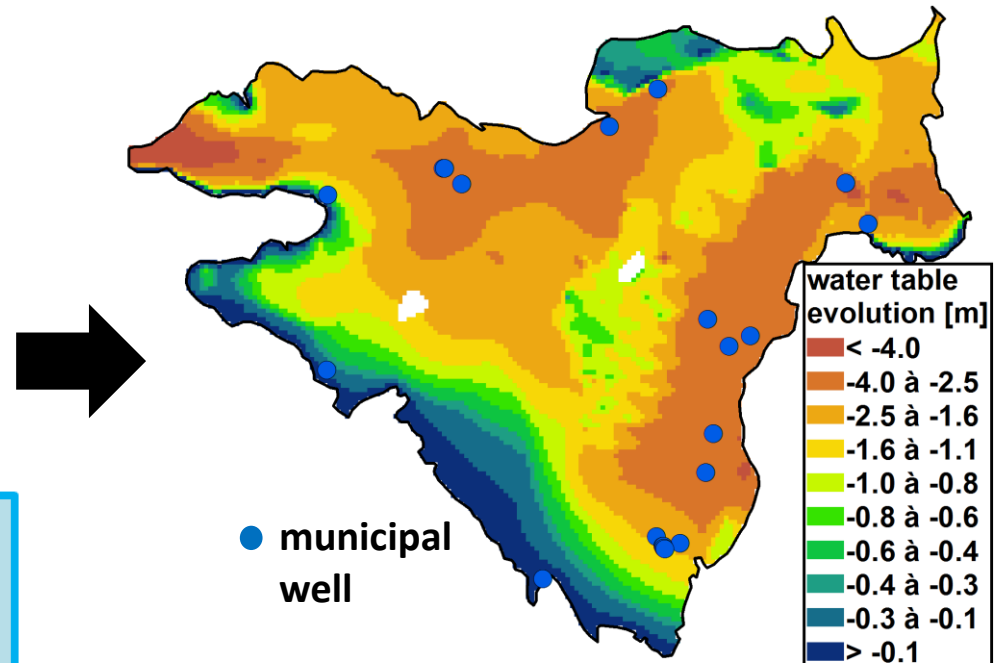


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MAIN RESULTS



Groundwater table evolution in 2030 compared to reference year 2009



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MAIN RESULTS

This study confirms the links between several compartments (water, agriculture, urbanism) that were a priori disconnected

Irrigated grasslands play a major role in the aquifer recharge (68% - 80%)

Decrease in drainage, due to global changes, may lead to a significant decrease of the aquifer storage

This project highlights the benefit of a cooperation between the resource managers and the researchers



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Identification of special protection areas to protect future of drinking water supply (project ERS)



FUTURE COLLABORATIONS

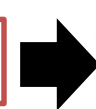
Sensitivity of groundwater to recharge and withdrawals variations & water crisis management (project SINERGI)



Sustainable adaption of irrigation practices to global changes



Monitoring and control of salt water intrusions (SIMBA)



Groundwater management for wetland ecosystems protection



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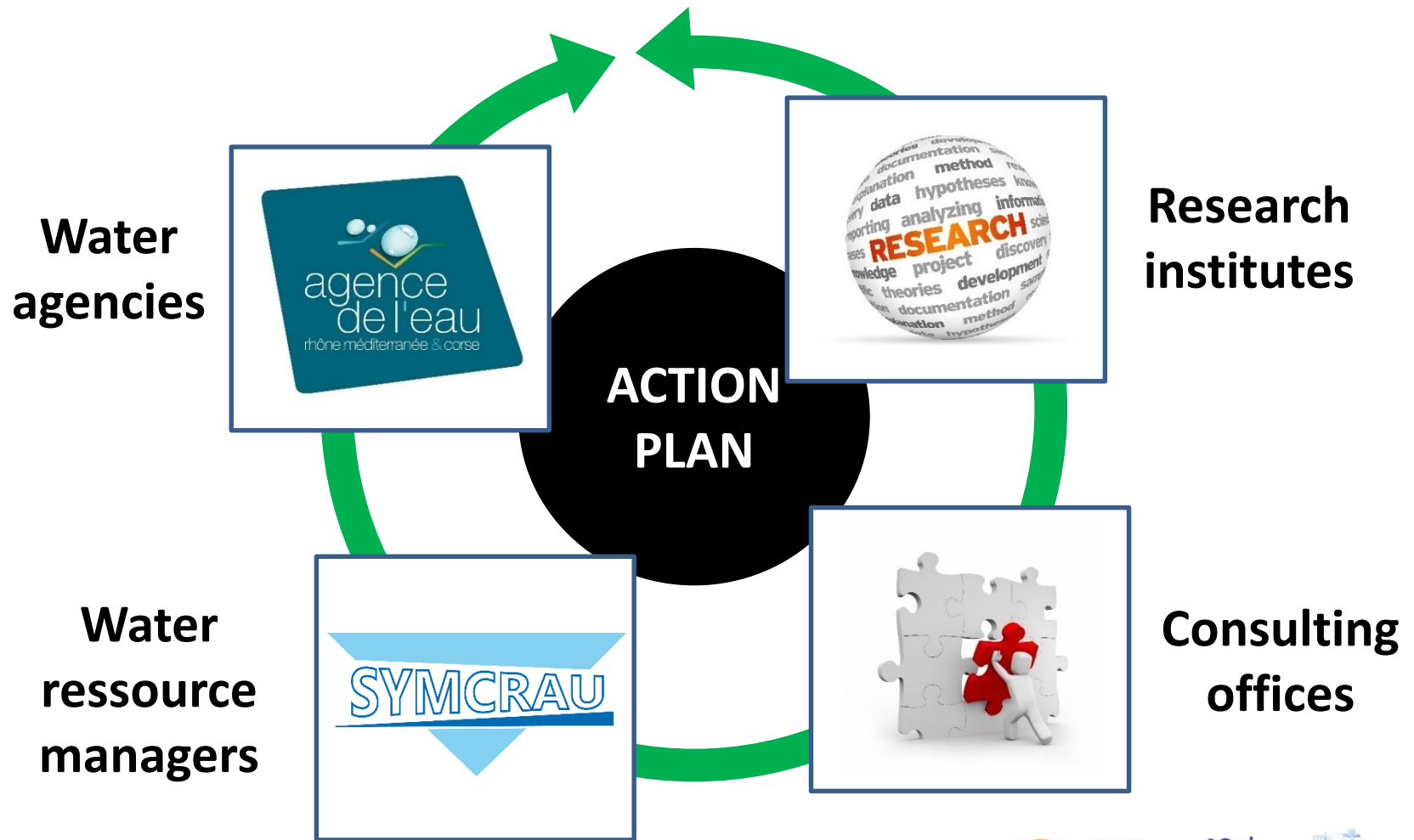
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CONCLUSION

Global changes issues require reinforcing links between **research fields** and **operational programs**



CONCLUSION

Local water
resource
managers

Research
institutes

CONTRIBUTIONS

Field knowledge
Coordination with stakeholders
“legitimacy” for local actions
Funding for operational projects

CONTRIBUTIONS

Multiple skills
Time for method development
“Neutrality” of results
Funding for research projects

NEEDS

knowledge
suitable tools
Transdisciplinary skills
New fund sources

NEEDS

Case study
Field problematic
Coordination with actors
New fund sources

