

1. Overall information of the project

Project title	CACG
Localization	France
Date of operation	1959 - 2035
Public partner	2 regions and 13 departments
Private partner	banks, private operators
Project size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 130 000 ha irrigated • Operations and maintenance of 80 dams for a total of 500 Mm³ water annually managed • Water management on more than 3000 km rivers
Cost of the project	€ 250 M
Number of farmers Targeted / Population covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 215 Mm³ withdrawn /year • 10 000 users • 200 000 inhabitants
Short description of production system	50 % maize , 50% seeds (canola, sunflower, sugar beet) fruits and tree crops (melon, prune, hazelnut, vegetables)
Infrastructure / irrigation type	Main conveyance infrastructure : rivers irrigation perimeters pressurized with 80 % travelling guns, 20 % center pivot, sprinklers and drip

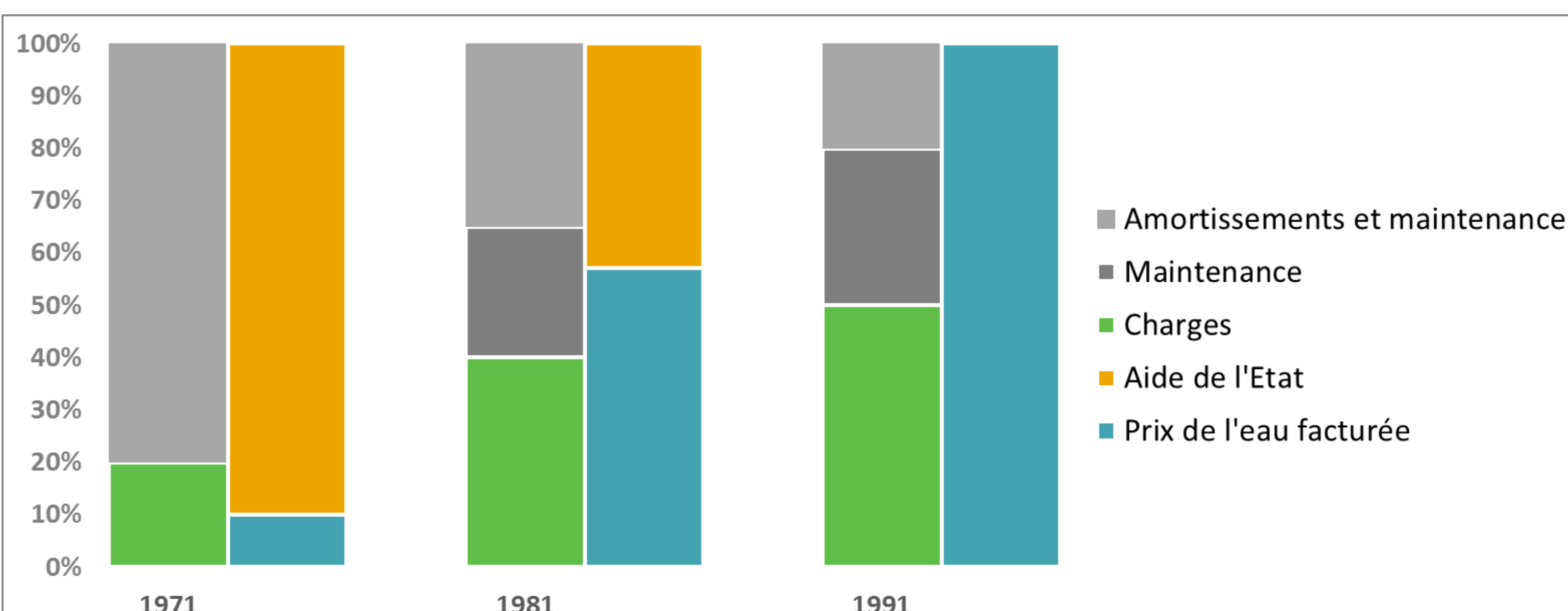
2. Type of contract and term

- Main contract : 75 years concession contract (1960 – 2035)
- Other contracts : public delegations 10 to 30 years

3. Investment funding source and sharing of the cost

French state, local governments, Europe : 70 to 80%
CACG : 20 to 30%

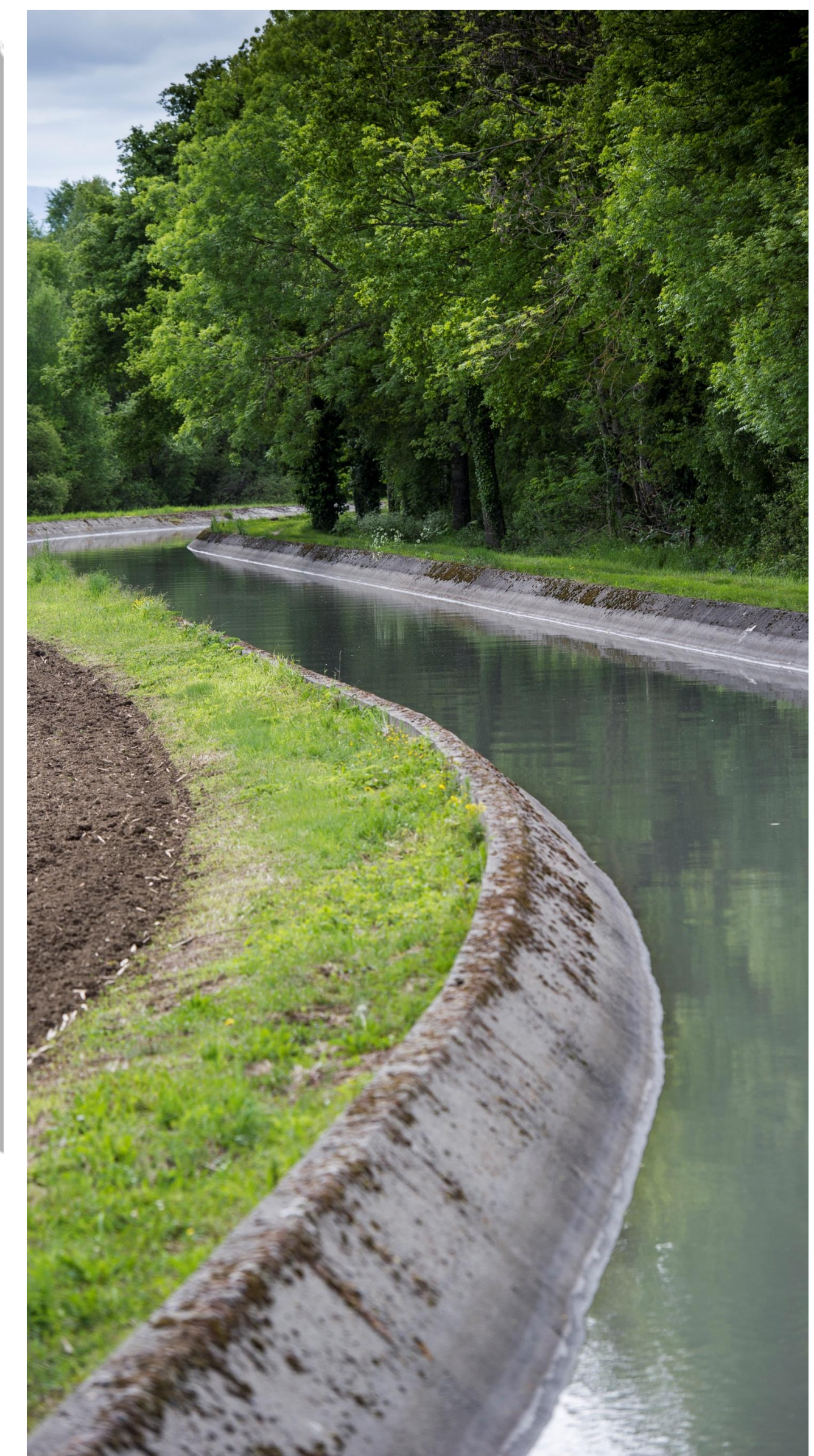
Costs sharing



Intervention area in France



Neste Canal



4. Payment of the fees

Users pay for 100% of sustainable cost (O&M + long term maintenance)

5. Risk management

- Infrastructure risk : 100% CACG
- Water availability risk : shared between CACG and users
- Crops risks : users

6. Performance evaluation

In spite of low fees and high risk on water availability, system is financially balanced and allows CACG to develop the company activities by making new investments and improving the existing infrastructures

7. Key lessons learnt

- Long term contract in secured conditions
- Governance by the stakeholders
- Legal statute (public / private)
- In house high technical and management skills (institutional, engineering, O&M)