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1. Overall information of the project

Project title	BRL
Localization	France (region Languedoc Roussillon)
Date of operation	1955 – 2051
Public partner	Local Authorities: Regional Council, 5 Department Councils
Private partner	Banks, Smallholders (users)
Project size	130 000 ha command area
Cost of the project	# € 2.2 billions
Number of farmers Targeted / Population covered	8 000 farmers 20 000 urban 10 000 others (parks and gardens)
Short description of production system	 Diversified agriculture. Main productions are: fruits, vegetables, cereals and vineyards Urban and industrial water
Infrastructure /	River intake, dams, conveyance canal,

2. Type of contract and term:

irrigation type

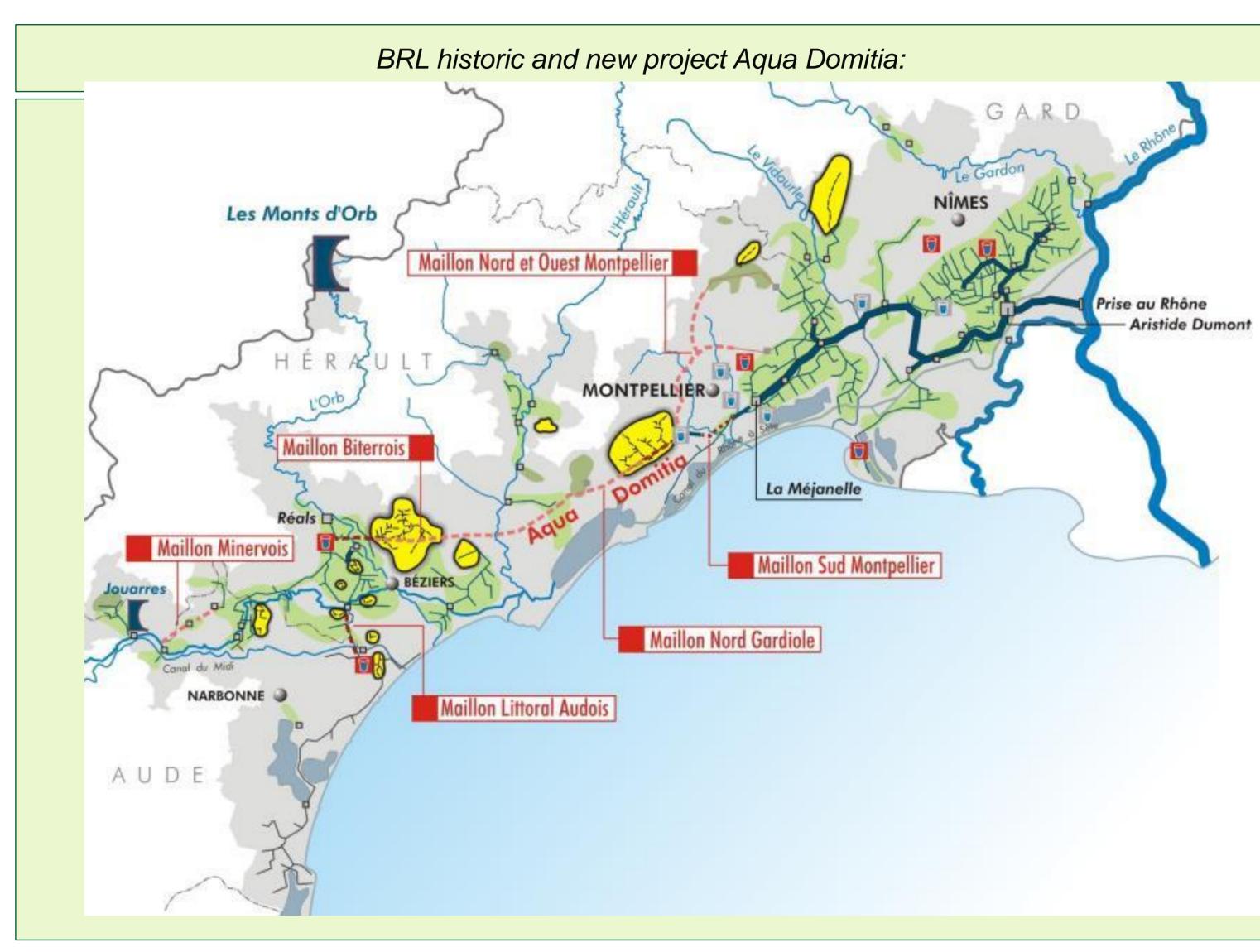
75 years concession contract which has been recently extended to 95 years for geographical extension purpose and new investment.

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3. Investment funding source and sharing of the cost

BRL: 20% (loans, farmers connection fee), covered by the water tariff

Subsidies: 80% (Regional Council as owner and Departmental councils, cities, basin agency, Europe according to their policies and objectives)



4. Payment of the fees

- . Water fee : €0.20 (farmers) to 1€ (urban)
- . Fee collection: 97 to 100%

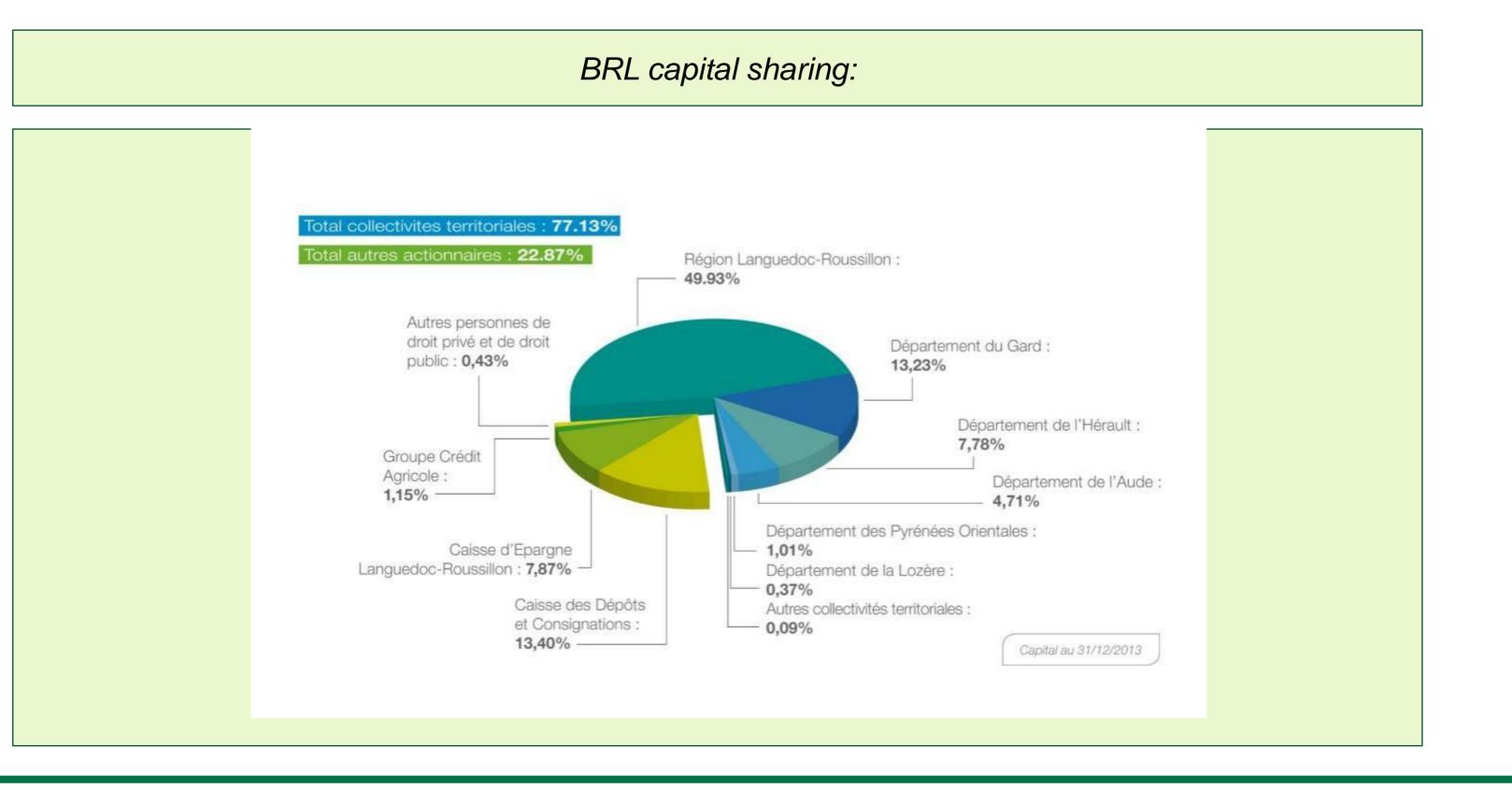
5. Risk management:

All risks covered by BRL:

- . Investment
- . Technical,
- . Commercial

6. Performance evaluation: Economic efficiency:

- Extensions of irrigation infrastructures
- Benefits which allows renovation, modernization and new investments
- More than 1 M€ invested in innovations



Key lessons learnt: factors of success

- Integration of 3 main functions : ownership, engineering and operation
- Decentralized governance
- Status of private company
- commercial management of water services based on contractual relationship
- pricing policy of water service
- Technical solutions implemented

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