1. Overall information of the project

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<th>Project title</th>
<th>BRL</th>
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<td>Localization</td>
<td>France (region Languedoc Roussillon)</td>
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<td>Date of operation</td>
<td>1955 – 2051</td>
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<td>Public partner</td>
<td>Local Authorities: Regional Council, 5 Department Councils</td>
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<td>Private partner</td>
<td>Banks, Smallholders (users)</td>
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<td>Project size</td>
<td>130 000 ha command area</td>
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<td>Cost of the project</td>
<td>€2.2 billions</td>
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<td>Number of farmers</td>
<td>8 000</td>
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<td>Targeted / Population covered</td>
<td>20 000 urban, 10 000 others (parks and gardens)</td>
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<td>Short description of production system</td>
<td>Diversified agriculture. Main productions are: fruits, vegetables, cereals and vineyards. Urban and industrial water</td>
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<td>Infrastructure / irrigation type</td>
<td>River intake, dams, conveyance canal, pressurized network</td>
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2. Type of contract and term:
75 years concession contract which has been recently extended to 95 years for geographical extension purpose and new investment.

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
Les ouvrages hydrauliques gérés par BRL

France

International

Références par pays