

Coop de l'eau 79

Local contract for managing water quantity

Description and key objectives

The Water Agency of Loire-Bretagne and the Chamber of Agriculture established a water management scheme, Coop de l'eau 79, to reduce pressure on the water resources in the Poitou-Charentes region. The project aims to:

- Demonstrate the socio-economic benefits of improved water management.
- Investigate the impact of lowering corn prices and increasing water prices on agricultural margins and farmers' practices, alongside agricultural diversification and support for farmers.
- Carry out comparative trials on a farming plot to measure water savings and explore a range of economic scenarios over a four-year period (2013-2016).

Key achievements

- Control tests carried out on plots of farmed land, identification of 39 water reservoirs and feasibility studies produced for the appraisal and use of 19 of these in the summer months.
- The Nouvelle Aquitaine regional authority, which contains the Poitou-Charentes area, is reviewing its policy on water.
- A new water strategy will be endorsed in 2018.

Total project budget	€1 560 000
EU contribution (EAFRD)	€ 499 200
National/regional contribution	€ 748 800
Private/own funds	€ 312 000

RDP Measure(s): Infrastructure for development & adaptation of agriculture, M125 (2007-2013); Support for investments in agricultural infrastructure, M4.3 (2014-2020)

Timeframe 2012-ongoing

Website <http://www.coopdeleau79.com>

