



Created by organizing four “departments” and 180 districts of Ile-de-France (Greater Paris) into an interdepartmental authority, SIAAP has a public service mission: treating the wastewater of more than 8 million people.

As the major sanitation authority for the Greater Paris area, one of the largest metropolitan areas in Europe, SIAAP has a dual challenge to meet – qualitative and quantitative – every single day. SIAAP is responsible for transporting and treating municipal and industrial wastewater and storm water as well. We have made public health, environmental protection and the preservation of neighboring communities our top priorities. SIAAP has cumulative experience and expertise in these areas that we wanted to put to work to serve a wider public.

We have come to Mexico City to show that our mode of operation – having a strong public service organization in which local officials are the ones who set water policy – produces good results. It also guarantees that the public interest will be served through dialogue and consensus building. With joint decision-making included as part of the water treatment business, SIAAP has managed to build a culture of responsibility and solidarity.

As a regional public-sector agency in France, SIAAP has committed itself in the same spirit to helping achieve millennial goals on a global scale. Because we are in solidarity with the people in developing countries, we have chosen decentralized cooperation as the way to take the principles that guide our daily work into the international arena.

The purpose of our involvement with groups who need it is to share our knowledge in a way that is in touch with local people and their needs, so that they can take ownership of the finished projects. This is a commitment to protecting the environment and in our view, a public health priority and a measure to promote the dignity of all people: imperatives that SIAAP wishes to bring to the forefront in Mexico City.

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