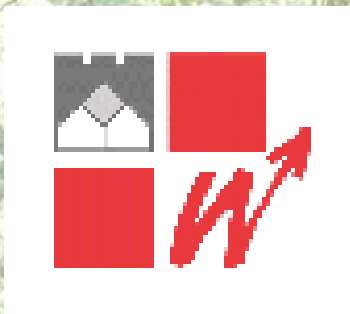




Transboundary river contract on the river Semois/Semoy in France and Wallonia





REGION
CHAMPAGNE ARDENNE



COORDINATORS

Semois



Université de Liège
Campus d'Arlon
Avenue de Longwy, 185 B-6700 ARLON
Tél : 00 32 63 23 08 93

Semoy



Communauté de Communes de Meuse et
Semoy
2 chemin de la fontaine
F 08800 Thilay
Tél : Tel: 03.24.52.66.52

Web site : www.semois-semoy.org

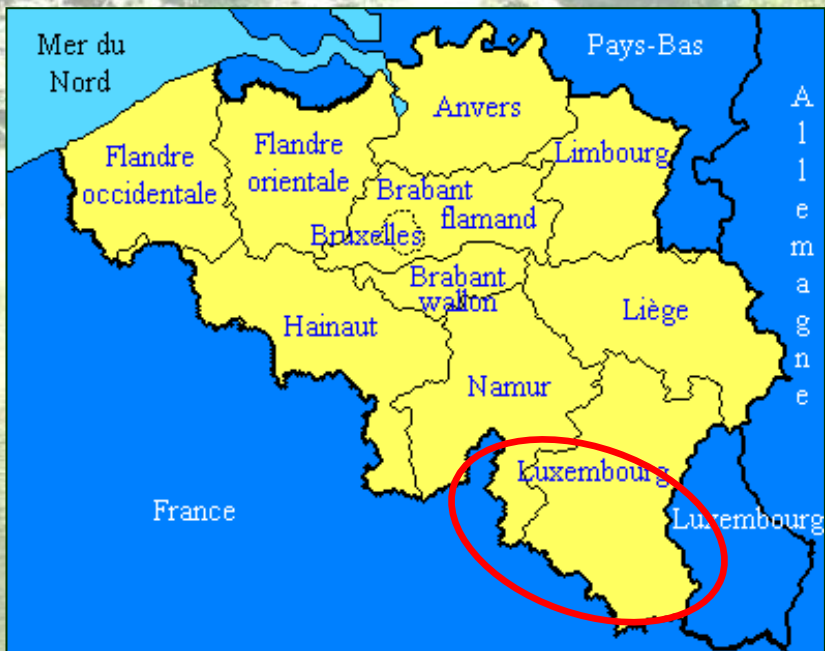


SCHEDULE

- 1. PRESENTATION OF THE CONTEXT**
- 2. METHODOLOGY AND OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS**
- 3. TRANSBOUNDARY ACTIONS - INTERREG II AND III PROGRAMS**
- 4. CONCLUSIONS AND PROSPECTS**

1. PRESENTATION OF THE CONTEXT

❖ LOCALISATION OF THE RIVER Semois/Semoy

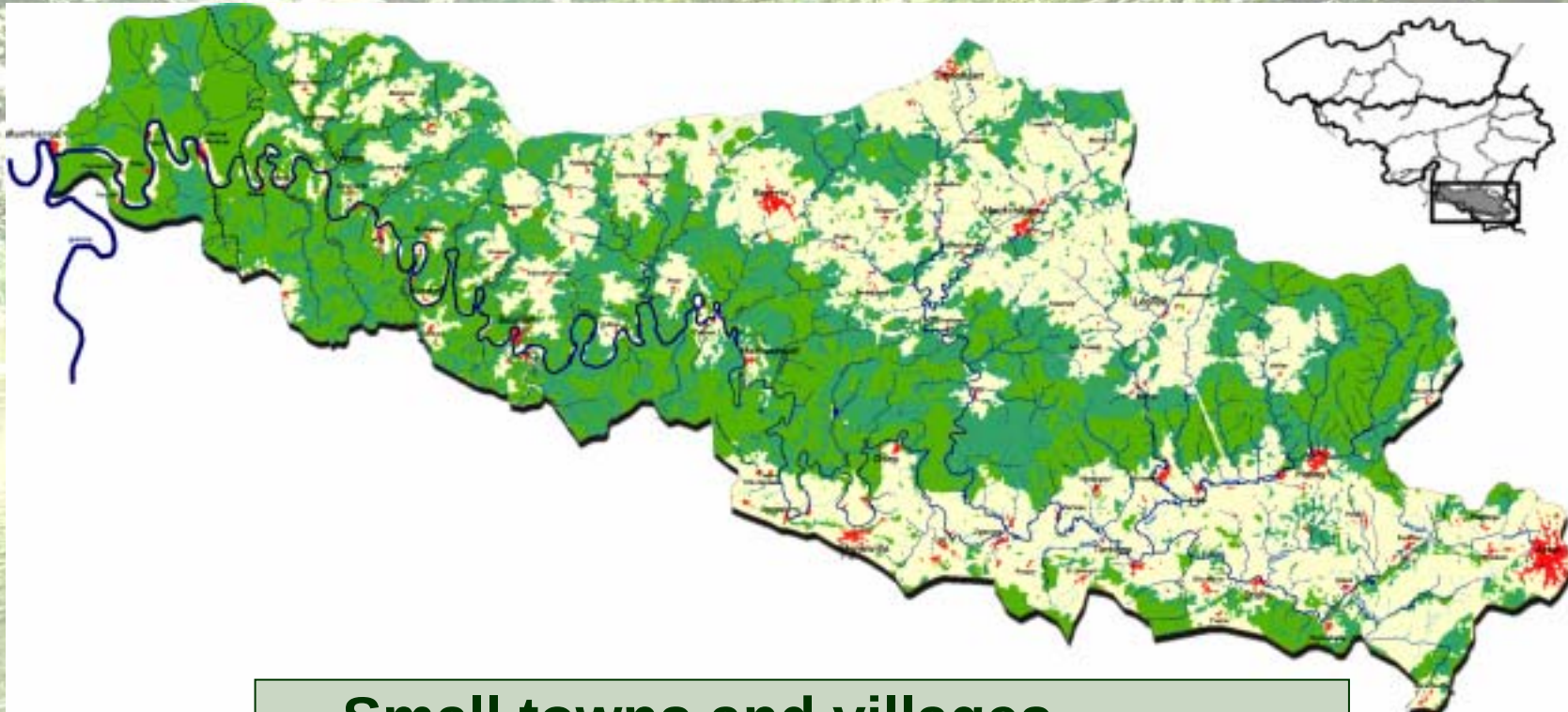




❖ SOME CHARACTERISTICS

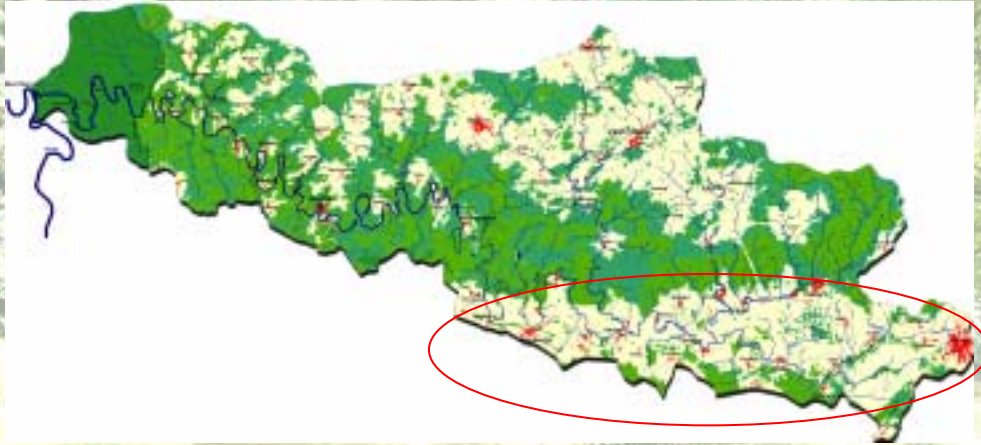
- length from spring to confluence with the Meuse : 210 km
- basin area : 1.329km²
- population : 75.000 residents
- charge of pollution : 125.000 EH

❖ SOIL OCCUPANCY – ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES



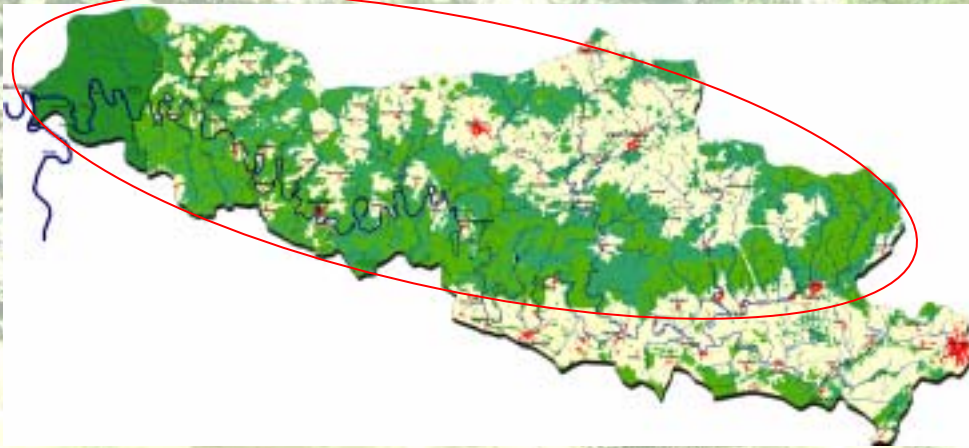
- Small towns and villages
- Forestry
- Agriculture based on breeding
- Tourism
- Leisure activities
- Some familial enterprises

Lorraine's landscape





Ardenne's landscape







SCHEDULE

- 1. PRESENTATION OF THE CONTEXT**
- 2. METHODOLOGY AND OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS**
- 3. TRANSBOUNDARY ACTIONS - INTERREG II AND III PROGRAMS**
- 4. CONCLUSIONS AND PROSPECTS**



3. METHODOLOGY AND OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS

❖ OBJECTIVES

- To integrate water basin management
- To harmony between the different uses of the river
- To an environmental river and basin restoration
- To a sentiment of affiliation in a same basin

❖ 4 PERCEPTION LEVELS

1. Consolidation of the partnership
2. Improvement of knowledges
3. Définition and achievement of actions program
4. Coordination and monitoring

❖ CONCRETE FUNCTIONING

- Twice-yearly assessment within the transboundary river Committee
- Frequent informals contacts





SCHEDULE

- 1. PRESENTATION OF THE CONTEXT**
- 2. METHODOLOGY AND OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS**
- 3. TRANSBOUNDARY ACTIONS - INTERREG II AND III PROGRAMS**
- 4. CONCLUSIONS AND PROSPECTS**



4. TRANSBOUNDARY ACTIONS **INTERREG II AND III PROGRAMS**

Topic

- 1. Coordination**
- 2. Communication / Awareness**
- 3. Knowledges Improvement**
- 4. River and water ressources management**
- 5. Angling - fishes habitats**
- 6. Landscapes**
- 7. Tourism**

❖ COORDINATION

- ✓ Launching of a coordination staff
- ✓ River's Comity organisation



- ✓ Field consultation meeting



❖ COMMUNICATION / AWARENESS



✓ Internet site Création

www.semois-semoy.org

✓ Educational activities



✓ Clean river campaign



❖ KNOWLEDGES IMPROVEMENT

- ✓ Preliminary study of river restaurations
- ✓ Hydrology study



- ✓ floods aspects



❖ RIVER AND WATER RESSOURCES MANAGEMENT

✓ Banks vegetal restauration



- ✓ **Vegetation management**
- ✓ **Tributary valleys restoration**



- ✓ **River and biotopes restauration :
meanders creation**



✓ Watering place creation in the small tributaries



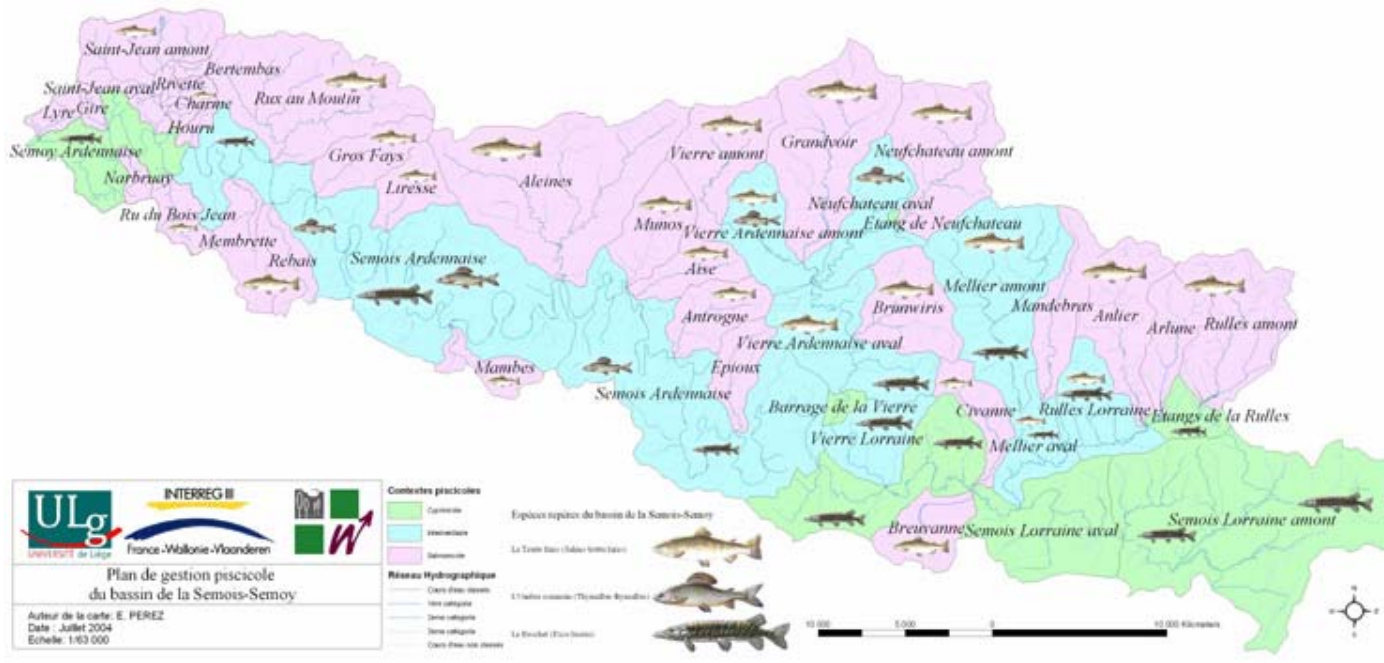
✓ Sewage treatment creation with willow



✓ Sewage treatment in campsite

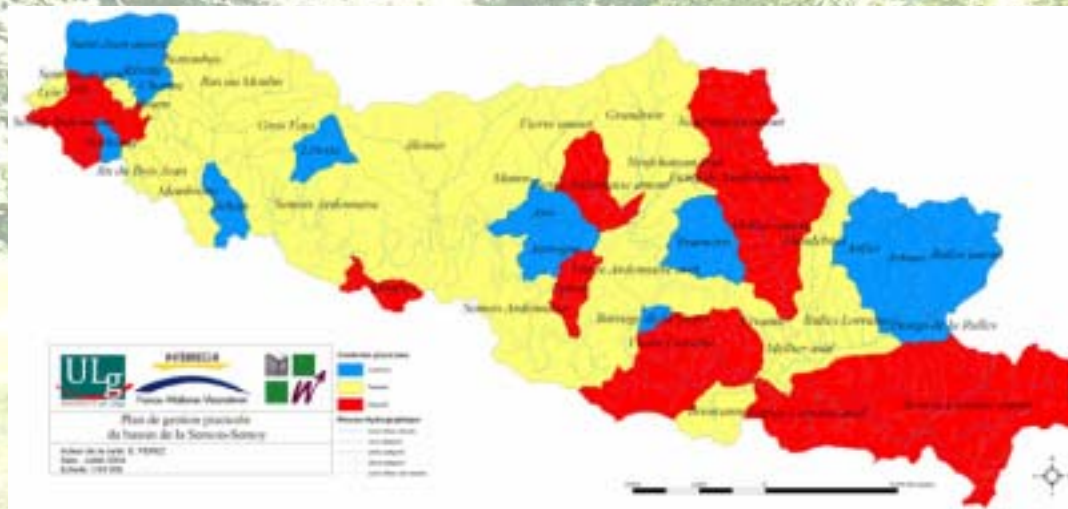
❖ ANGLING – FISHES HABITATS

✓ Fish management program

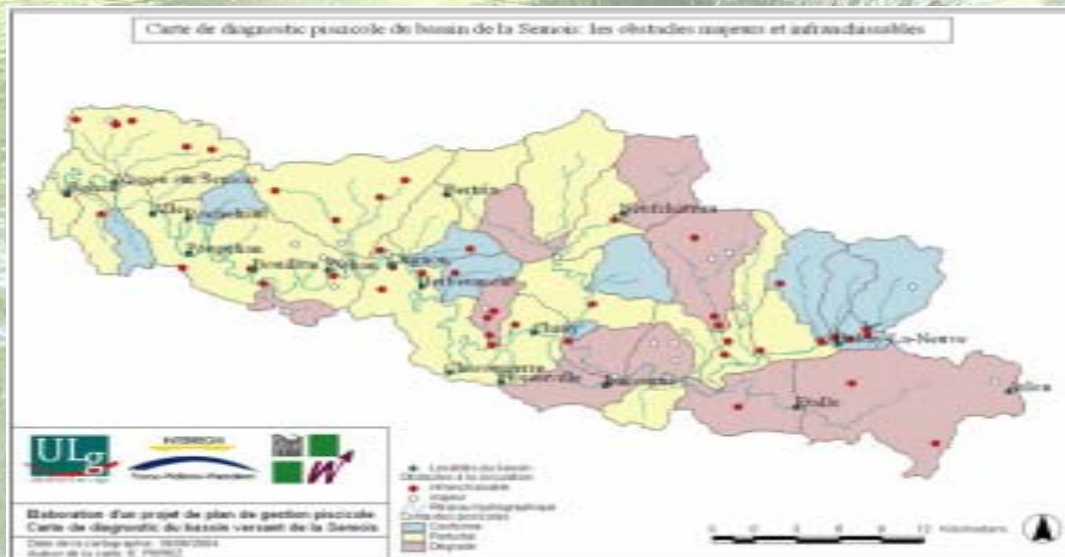


Species contexts

❖ ANGLING – FISHES HABITATS

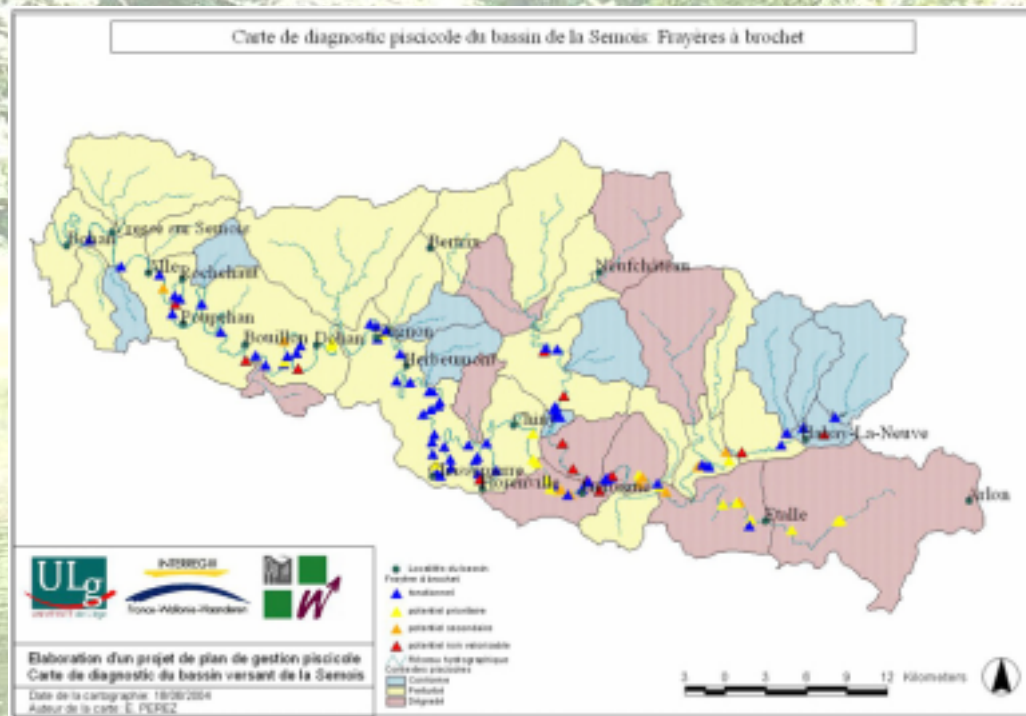


Contexts evaluation



Obstacle inventory

❖ ANGLING – FISHES HABITATS



Spround places inventory
and restauration



❖ LANDSCAPES

✓ Leaflet to landscape management assistance



✓ Panorama management

✓ Landscape observatory



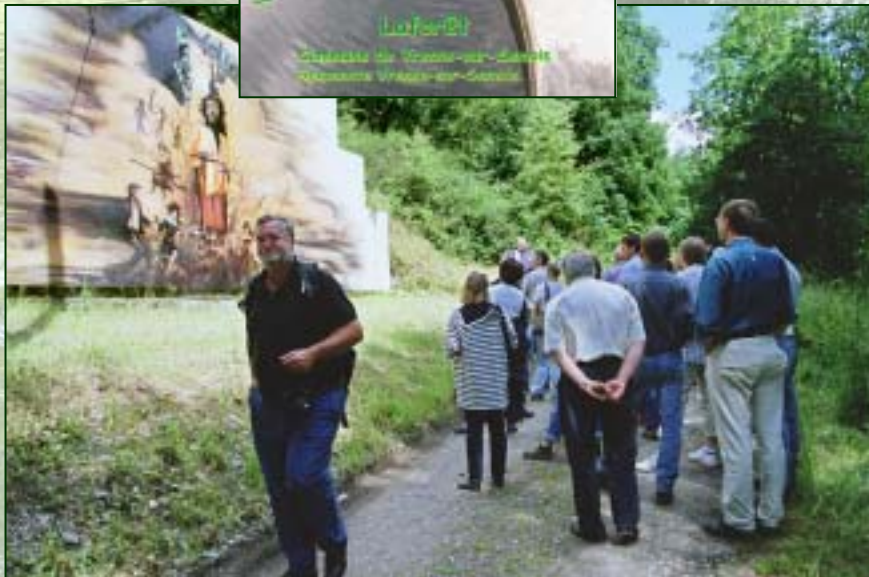






❖ TOURISM

✓ Forestry museum



✓ Legend walking

- ✓ Maps
- ✓ Guides
- ✓ Leaflet

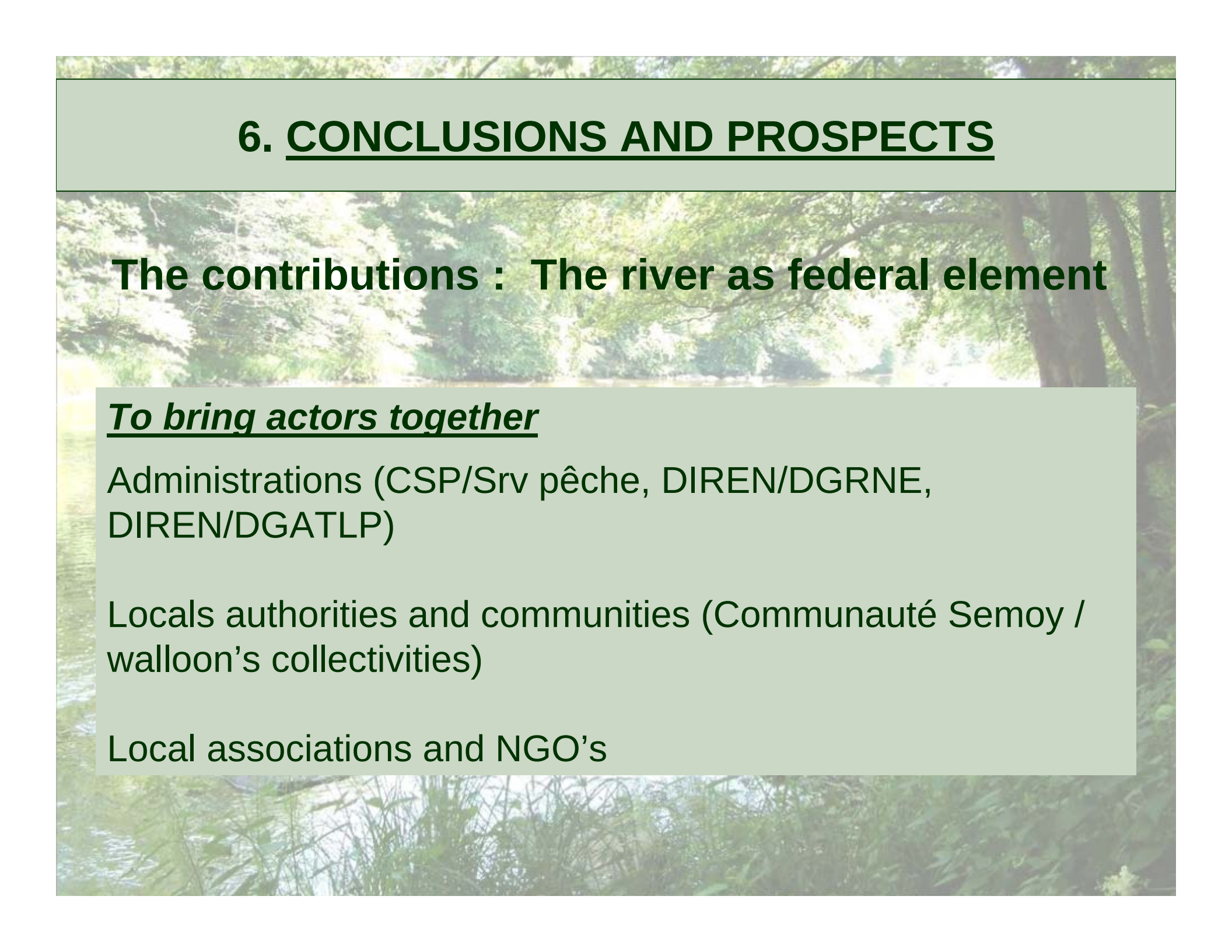


- ✓ Trekking from spring to the Meuse confluence



SCHEDULE

- 1. PRESENTATION OF THE CONTEXT**
- 2. METHODOLOGY AND OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS**
- 3. TRANSBOUNDARY ACTIONS - INTERREG II AND III PROGRAMS**
- 4. CONCLUSIONS AND PROSPECTS**



6. CONCLUSIONS AND PROSPECTS

The contributions : The river as federal element

To bring actors together

Administrations (CSP/Srv pêche, DIREN/DGRNE, DIREN/DGATLP)

Locals authorities and communities (Communauté Semoy / walloon's collectivities)

Local associations and NGO's



A exchange of know-how

- The river basin management methodology
- Thematics approach (fishing, landscape, awareness, ...)
- River management (with vegetals) and valleys management
- The « trekking » concept

Solidarity and a sentiment of affiliation in a same basin

- Uphill/downhill management (water quality, floods)
- Fish – landscape management
- Arlon-Monthermé tour
- Free movement of the information

Cooperations networks creation

Costs sharing

- 
- **More than 10 years experience of river contract in Wallonia, more than 20 years in France**
 - **From a sectorial management, (based on the resource) to a ecosystemic environmental management**
 - **On the legal aspect : voluntary and moral involvement from partners**
 - **Cultural and social acceptance of the approach**
 - **Benefits of a transboundary approach**
 - **The opportunity to use a participative water management tool on a local scale (the basin)**
 - **Assistance to implement the WFD**
 - **A tool based on sustainable development in water management**

The SEMOIS CONTRACT

