

## Methodological notes

1. **Data source:** the annual statistical survey *Water supply in 2023*
2. **Scope:** The statistical survey is addressed to all units whose main economic activity is water collection, treatment and supply (CANE Rev. 2 division code: 36), to the local government units that supplied water (CANE Rev. 2 class code: 8411) and to the economic operators with abstraction licences for water flows over 100l/s.

### 3. Definitions

The **public water supply network** is the public network for district water supply operated by units that specialise in water collection, treatment and supply.

The **population connected to the public water supply network** means all the persons who are the beneficiaries of a connection to the public network for district water supply.

A **hydrographic basin** is the area of land from which all surface run-off flows through a sequence of streams, rivers and, possibly, lakes into the sea at a single river mouth, estuary or delta.