

Methodological explanations

1. **Data source:** the annual statistical survey "*Water Supply in 2018*"
2. **Coverage:** The statistical survey covers all the units having water collection, treatment and supply as their main economic activity (NACE Rev. 2 division code: 36), the local public administration units that supplied water (NACE Rev. 2 class code: 8411) and the economic operators with water abstraction licences for flow rates higher than 100l/s.

3. Definitions

The **public water supply system** relates to the public network of centralised water supply, operated by units specialising in water collection, treatment and supply.

The **population connected to the public water supply system** includes all the persons that are connected to the public network of centralised 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.