

How did Paris remunicipalise its water services ?

The benefits of public ownership.

(31 August 2010) Anne Le Strat, Deputy Mayor of Paris and President of the Eau de Paris, (the city's new public water company) has contributed a chapter to the upcoming French edition of the Reclaiming Public Water book. The chapter, titled "Paris an example of how Local Authorities can regain control of water management", is now available online in English, Spanish and French. The water services of Paris were remunicipalised in January 2010.

The operations of the private companies (Suez and Veolia) were transformed into a single public operator, Eau de Paris.

In her article Le Strat argues that public management has significant advantages, such as transparency and reinvestment of profits. She details which cost savings have been made.

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