



**COLLECTIF EAU QUÉBEC**  
**QUÉBEC WATER COLLECTIVE**

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# MEMBERS'

# CHARTER

TOGETHER FOR PARTICIPATORY WATER SCIENCE!

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By becoming a member of the *Québec Water Collective*, our group commits to participating in the *Collective's* efforts to promote participatory water science in Québec and contribute to the realization of the *Collective's* action plan, according to our abilities.

To do this, we will designate a person to represent us within the *Collective*. We will also designate a substitute person, in the event that our representative can no longer continue to be involved.

In addition, our group is committed to acting according to the **operating principles** and **values** of the *Collective*.

## OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- **The *Collective* carries out the action plan, not just G3E or the strategic committee.** G3E coordinates the *Collective* to support members in advancing the action plan. Each member has a shared opportunity, but also a shared responsibility to support the *Collective*.
- **Within the *Collective*, no one works alone.** The *Collective* will support members in carrying out the action plan and will ensure that a member who wishes to work on a specific task is connected to other members to complete it.
- **The *Collective* considers the needs of its members.** If a task in the action plan attracts no or very few members, it is possible to set it aside to favor actions that members consider as having more value.
- **The *Collective's* information and decision-making process are open and transparent** to promote members' trust in the network and stimulate their collaboration.
- **The *Collective's* plans are flexible.** As collaborative work takes time and members' needs can evolve, the action plan will be flexible to promote the *Collective's* resilience. Priorities will be evaluated annually to maintain the interest, commitment and collaboration of members in carrying out the action plan, in addition to encouraging the emergence of new ideas and actions.

## MISSION, VISION & VALUES

### Mission

Mobilize the knowledge of participatory water science stakeholders in Québec and encourage their commitment, in an innovative and inclusive way, by offering members of the *Collective* opportunities to network, learn and work together.

### Vision

A participatory science network for water health, recognized for the sustainable commitment of communities, the diversity of actors as well as for scientific and traditional knowledge sharing.





## Values

**Inclusive vision** – Ensure that all members agree on a direction, a common goal to achieve before taking specific actions to resolve other issues.

**Engagement** – Ensure lasting commitment from all stakeholders involved in participatory water science in Québec.

**Sustainability** – Sustain this network in terms of finances, human resources, and commitment of all the actors involved in participatory water science in Québec.

**Data credibility** – Recognize the practice of participatory science as well as the acceptance of the data acquired by its actors.

**Knowledge sharing** – Implement solutions for data inventory and knowledge sharing, so that all this monitoring and data collection work is used for decision-making and, ultimately, for the protection and conservation of ecosystems aquatic.

## Recognition of Indigenous Nations

The *Collective* is an initiative resulting from discussions during the [\*2022 Participatory Water Science Forum\*](#). Indigenous organizations had been invited to participate in the forum, but unfortunately, they were unable to attend. The *Collective* was therefore born from non-indigenous organizations' thoughts and points of view.

The *Collective* is committed to recognizing the realities of Indigenous Nations on the unceded territory occupied by Québec. In this sense, the members of the *Collective* recognize that traditional indigenous knowledge about water is essential to the protection of this resource. Additionally, members commit to learning from Indigenous partners and maintaining lasting relationships anchored in respect, openness, listening and humility.

