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Since the end of the 80's environment issues are taken into account in almost every domain of public action (energy, industry, agriculture, regional development, strategies for sustainable development...). Environment is not any more only related to narrow "green" issues (e.g. waste management, nature and wildlife conservation...). On the other hand, environmental issues have long been promoted by local groups and NGOs representing alternative social movements.

As public action for environment is now acknowledged or presented as a necessity by almost every institutional actor, social movements involved in environmental issues are being put in front of new challenges and particularly participation in public decision-making and institutionalisation.

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