Démocratie sanitaire and public participation in health sector decision-making

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What is a *démocratie sanitaire*?

In France, *Démocratie Sanitaire* is a process consisting of gathering a *multiplicity of actors* within the health sector in order to *elaborate and execute* health policies, and to ensure patient rights.
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Social participation in the law

First movements

- Activism
  - 1999 : états généraux de la santé

Institutionalisation

- 2002 : Kouchner Law
- 2009 : Health, Patient and Territories act

Review

- 2016 : Law of Health Systems Modernisation

Perspectives

- 2018-2019 : Bioethic Laws revision
Challenges

● Démocratie sanitaire can become bureaucratic (regional level)
● Silos of stakeholders and necessity to be meaningfully trained
● Improve involvement of all population in need
● Démocratie sanitaire has a cost
Thank you for your attention!

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Healthcare users rights implemented at 3 levels

**National**
- Health National Conference

**Regional**
- Regional health Agencies and Conference
- Ethic spaces in universitary hospitals

**Local**
- Local health council
- Health facilities steering committees

Information, training and promotion of patients’ rights
Organisation and Support of concertation and public debates
Territorial animation
Assessment of the effectiveness of patients’ rights (inc. Claims)