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Paris's sewers museum renovation project for 2020

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The museum history

- **The first guided tour in 1867**

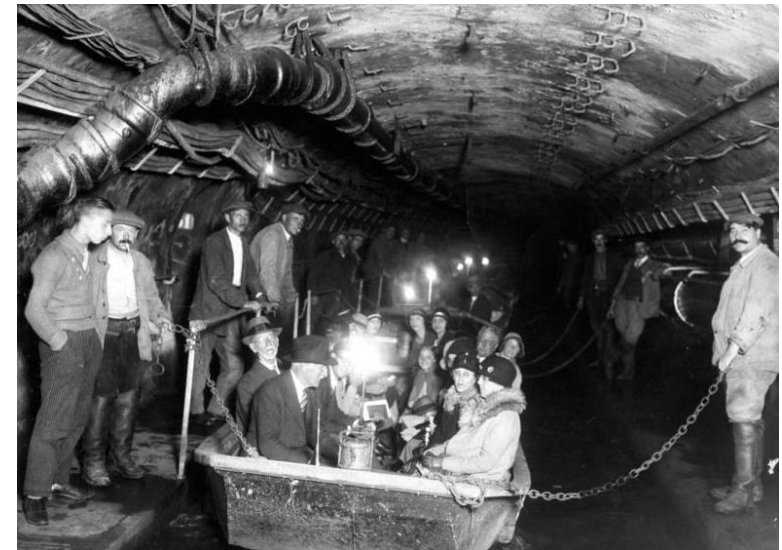
The first tour of the sewers was in 1867 during the Universal Exhibition.

- **Visit by train or by small boat**

The first sewers' visits were only for privileged people and it was first done by train, and then by small boat.

- **A real museum in 1975 with a first renovation in 1990**

Since 1975, everybody can visit sewers by walking in the sewer parts near the Alma bridge.



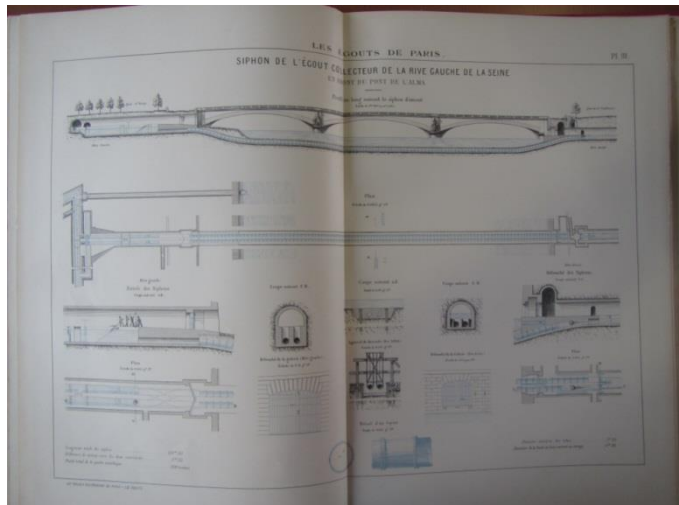
The objectives of the project

- **A new visibility :**
visibility in the city and on the internet
- **Being accessible for everybody :**
for disabled people, old people and family with pushchair
- **Becoming a modern museum :**
with a new sewers tour and multimedia equipment
- **Communication and teaching :**
a discovery for school, families, Parisians or tourists

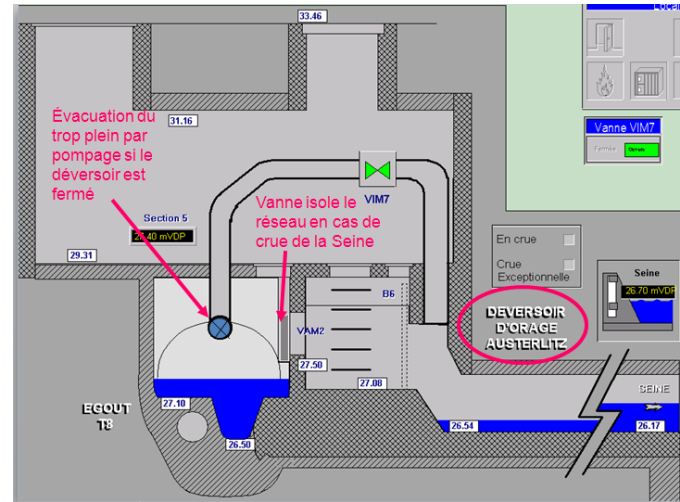


The challenges

- **Sharing the history** of the sewers and water about the city of Paris
- **Providing information** about the water and environmental projects of the Mayorship of Paris
- **Sharing the knowledge** about water management
- **Making sure** the hygiene and environments challenges are understood



Sewers construction maps of 1850



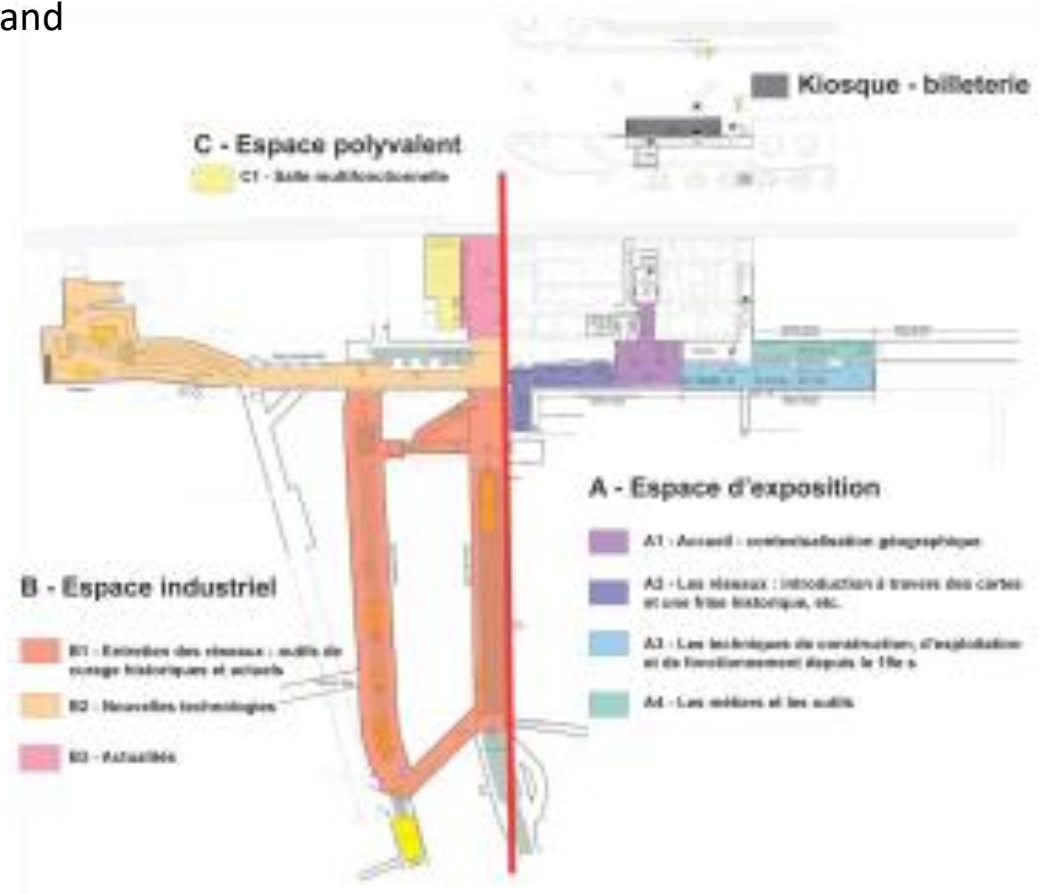
The screenshot showing the sewers management network in 1990



The future virtual representation of sewers in 3D

The architectural and scenography choice

- **A new reception house** larger than today, with an industrial design and more visibility
- **A new sewers tour for a better immersive experience** with 3 main areas :
 - a museum room with exhibits
 - an authentic sewers tour in large tunnels
 - a room for pedagogical workshops or for conferences



A new museography

- **Further message :**
We want to show our sewers network in the water global management for a large city such Paris.
- **A new mediations :**
We will create new multimedia interactive supports to complete the tour.

The sewers visit should not be a simple Paris curiosity
but a real instructive experience in an industrial site.



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Thank you

