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10 general principals about "how to decide" and the NEB modernization

1. Strong, neutral and accessible **information**: the NEB as a neutral, expert and reflexive body open to citizens. A capacity challenge, a new role, **less on decision, more on information**, open consultation and **creator of expertise**.
2. Beyond the NEB role, in general, a long term approach. A culture of **Strategic environmental assessment** to develop for policies. Beyond the silo's departmental responsibilities, and integrative approach planned on a decade. Quebec's experiences as examples.
3. The regulators: a **nomination process** that guarantee the neutrality, the expertise and the diversity of today's issues and a **limited mandate**. Fighting the regulation capture and the turning doors appearances.
4. **Co-construction** of policies and projects should be an ideal to follow in a frame where **rules are clear and known** in advance.
5. The pertinence to develop a **diversity of consultation and participation tools** to favor inclusiveness, credibility and legitimacy at different steps for different actors
6. A new **Social Acceptance** norm? The necessary meeting of participatory democracy and representative democracy in a concrete decision process. If representative democracy still have a sense and our elected people still are accountable, it is the role of the later to decide at the end of the road. **Sustainable development** as a concrete expression of **Public interest**.
7. **Financing** the civil society for a real and pertinent participation
8. Assuring the **traceability** of the deliberation to allow a real transparency of the process and to appreciate the effects or participation
9. **Multi authority's initiatives** (efficiency and legitimacy) and **multi-level Governance**: common frame for large projects and policies. Working together, agreements between governments for a unified procedure.
10. The importance to fix a **robust delay limit**. A major issue to reduce incertitude for proponents