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## Security ... Hello stranger!

No other word has been married so many times ... civil security, safety at work, social security, IT security, food safety, ... impossible to list them all, there are so many variations! And yet, it must be said that this term is very little or very poorly known and mastered... This year 2020; this era which has such an impact on our «*security*» has once again shown us that this term is excessively misunderstood, even by the highest levels of our countries!

Security ... Danger ... Risk ... Crisis ... Freedoms ... are all terms that are part of the same «*family*»; in a way they are relatives, if we were to give them a body, a life! To understand one without taking into account the other generates cacophony, hubbub... when they are set to music. Let me explain :

**The risk comes from the presence of a danger which, if it is not controlled or manageable, will lead us to a crisis situation which itself can have serious consequences on everyone's liberties !**

I think that the demonstration is clear, in one sentence ... that the keystone of this whole cascade is the «*famous*» risk! The objectivity necessary for a correct and efficient identification of its level is the starting point of everything ... it could be compared to the source of a waterfall!

What is the flow rate of this spring? Is it adjustable? Can we imagine diverting part of its flow to avoid too great an impact on the elements downstream of the waterfall, trees uprooted, floods, etc.? At this stage, we start what is called the «**risk management plan**»... What can I put in place to limit the impacts of this risk on people (and/or property, taking into account the type of risk faced)?



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If it is not immediately possible to divert the flow ... if it takes time to build the channels that will prevent flooding, downstream ... we will evacuate people downstream of the waterfall ... This is what we call the «**precautionary principle**»! No question of endangering the integrity and/or the lives of people ... «**precautionary measures**» will therefore be quickly put in place to limit the impacts of uncontrolled risk management! This approach is called the «**crisis management plan**» ... We will define how these measures, which will clearly limit the individual liberties of each person, will be communicated, by whom ... For how long will these measures be indispensable, and for what purposes are they taken? Obviously, these measures will have to be taken, taking into account a certain framework and certain elements on which we will have no possibility of influencing ... The management principles and hypotheses will then be known and defined!

Taking into account the fact that these precautionary measures are disrupting the lives of the people downstream of the waterfall ... indeed, they have been relocated, are sheltered in gathering places ... families can no longer go to work, children are out of school during this evacuation ... I will immediately communicate to these families that I am going to work, as of today, with trade experts, to define how and when I am going to be able to effectively give back their liberties to the people downstream ! I am therefore going to work on drawing up plans, on the contractualisation of the companies which will, as soon as possible, work on the construction of structures which will allow the flow of the waterfall to be diverted and thus reduce the risk for the people downstream... I am going to be able to give what we call «**perspectives**» to the families affected! How long will the work last? Which area(s) will first be reintegrated into their homes? Who and how will we check that the risk generated by the flow is at an acceptable level? After many weeks of work, these elements will be communicated to the families who have had to accept (no choice, as a precautionary principle) to leave their home, to see their individual liberties put at risk... They will be



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explained, detailed, motivated... Essential if I want these families to accept to live in a «**downgraded**» way during the time necessary to take an interest in the famous «**risk**»... the flow of the waterfall! There will always be a part of danger, when I live upstream of a high flow waterfall ... the risk will never be zero ... but it will be effectively reduced !

So I managed, overall, the security of these families, of these people! Taking into account the impacts of my crisis management plan, which is essential to preserve the physical integrity of the inhabitants, downstream of my waterfall; time to understand how I can work on managing the risk! It is undeniable that I cannot, without the competent experts (hydrologists, structural architects, ...), imagine managing this risk myself ... it would simply be unrealistic and ineffective! I understood the risk ... I accepted it ... and I developed a plan that allows people impacted by the risk, in a controlled manner and in full respect of their individual liberties, to gradually regain their individual liberties and a normal life!

Two other ways of approaching risk and crisis are possible, in absolute terms ... :

- I relocate all the families downstream of the waterfall, I prevent them from working by giving them subsidies to «*hold out*»; and this for the time necessary for the waterfall to dry up! Several generations will be impacted, but hey ...
- I bring back all the affected families when the torrential rains subside. My hypothesis is that, with this reduced flow, people should be able to be safe! And if this is not the case, I relocate them ... the time it takes for the waterfall to dry out!

As you can see, through this little «*mumble*» ... this famous term of «**security**» is an unknown to many of us ! We talk a lot about it, we hear a lot of truths and untruths, we listen to a noria of specialists of all kinds ... But at no time do we really, globally, effectively understand this term of «**security**» ! We could paste a quote well known in our country which says that «***It is those who know the least***



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*about it who talk about it the most» 😏*

*«Any resemblance to real people and/or situations is completely fortuitous» 😏*

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