



NEXUS ASSESSMENT OF THE DRINA RIVER BASIN (Phase II)

Draft Agenda for the Nexus consultation meeting in Serbia

Wednesday 17 February 2021, 9:00–13:30

In the framework of the project

“Promoting the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in Southeastern Europe, through the use of the Nexus approach”

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Participants will receive connection guidelines for the Zoom platform ahead of the meeting.

Simultaneous interpretation will be available between English and Serbian

Objective: Introduce the project and its scope and focus. Get stakeholder feedback for further development of the activities. Identify relevant processes and initiatives which the project can inform and synergize with.

Participants: Key stakeholders for the nexus issues in focus in Serbia from water management, energy, rural development/agro-forestry, environment protection, identified in cooperation with the Ministry of Mining and Energy, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Republic Water Directorate, and the Ministry of Environment Protection.

Format: The meeting will be held virtually via the Zoom platform. The link to the meeting will be provided by the Global Water Partnership Mediterranean. Simultaneous translation from/to English and Serbian will be available.

- 9:00 Welcome and introduction (Jovanka Atanacković, State Secretary - Ministry of Mining and Energy, Ivan Karić (TBC), State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection; Nataša Milić (TBC), Acting Director in Republic Water Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management)
- 9:15 ADA Nexus Project (Tassos Krommydas, GWP-Med)
- 9:25 Background on the work on the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus on the Sava and the Drina, and the Drina Nexus Assessment Phase II Concept Note (Annukka Lipponen, UNECE)
- 9:40 Questions and answers (invited intervention: Dušan Dobričić, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Republic Water Directorate, for the GEF-SCCF Drina project)
- 9:50 Sustainable Energy Deployment in the Drina and the integrated model of the Drina River Basin (Emir Fejzić, KTH Royal Institute of Technology)
- 10:05 Questions and answers (including interventions from power companies, regulators, etc.)
- 10:20 Flow regulation in the Drina (Annukka Lipponen, UNECE)
- 10:35 Questions and answers
- 10:50 – 11:15
- 11:15 Invited interventions from key stakeholders on the project and relevant initiatives (Radisav Matić EPS DLHE Bajina Bašta, International Sava River Basin Commission; pilot project(s) supported by the Drina GEF-SCCF Project and other relevant WM activities in the DRB– Darko Janjić, Manager of technical sector PWMC; Djordje Stafanović, WWF Adria; others - TBC)
- 12:00 A framework for identifying Nexus solutions and investments (Annukka Lipponen, UNECE); Priority interventions/projects to address nexus issues: concept(s) to be developed (Tassos Krommydas, GWP-Med)
- 12:15 Discussion (including about ideas for nexus interventions and possible funding sources related to e.g. climate change, green economy; sustainable development: National Designated Authority for the Green Climate Fund/ Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management; the European Union *acquis* and climate related activities – Filip Abramović, Assistant Minister, Ministry of



Environmental Protection; Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, Ministry of Environmental Protection; ongoing and future relevant projects - Miroslav Tadić, UNDP; International Finance Institutions (TBC))

13:15 Next steps (Annukka Lipponen, UNECE)

13:30 End of the virtual meeting