



The SEE Nexus Project

Supporting the preparation of Project Documents
for Nexus priority interventions in the Drin and Drina basins

Nexus Solutions and Investments in the Western Balkans

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Project Brief

- Financed by ADA – Implemented by GWP-Med in partnership with UNECE
- SEE-wide Regional Component 2017-2019
- Focused activities in:
 - Transboundary basins of Drin and Drina rivers
 - Albania
- Promote the Nexus approach in SEE – catalyse related actions
 - Enhanced capacities and raised awareness
 - Assessments to identify interlinkages across sectors and investigate key ones
 - Policy Documents (“Nexus Roadmaps”)
 - ***Development of Project Documents for identified priority interventions***
 - ***Based on findings of Assessments, SAPs, related Strategic Documents***



Nexus Assessment in the Drin basin

- Under the Drin Coordinated Action Process – Guided by the Drin Core Group
- Following up on Drin TDA – Assisting implementation of SAP
- The (Phase II) Nexus Assessment :
 - Integrated water-energy model to explore scenarios on the impact of HPPs' operation on floods management and comparison of related damages
 - Sustainable biomass and forestry: mapping of uses, interlinkages and related indicators leading to suggested solutions, in line with SAP



Nexus Assessment in the Drina basin

- Following-up on UNECE-led Nexus activities
 - (Phase I) Drina Nexus Assessment (2016-2017)
 - Drina Nexus Follow-Up Project (2018-2019): information exchange; sediments and erosion; flow regulation & environmental flows; sustainable energy
- The (Phase II) Nexus Assessment :
 - multi-country integrated water-energy model to explore developmental scenarios on the future of RES, and hydro in particular
 - key aspects of flow regulation in the basin - progress towards formalizing some of these aspects
- Guided by ad-hoc SC – representatives of key related institutions across sectors and borders



The Drin Strategic Action Programme (SAP)

- Endorsed by Riparians' Authorities in April 2020
- 7 Goals resulting from Drin MoU:
 1. Access to data to understand state of environment
 2. Sustainable use of water and supported ecosystems
 3. Cooperation to minimise risks of disasters
 4. Improved solid waste management
 5. Decrease pollution from wastewater and agriculture
 6. Decrease pollution from hazardous substances
 7. Minimize effects of interventions on hydrologic system and supported ecosystems



The Drina Strategic Action Programme (SAP)

- In draft form, anticipated to be endorsed
 - prepared under the GEF “West Balkans DRBM Project”
- Structured around 4 Priority Areas:
 1. Water Quantity Management
 2. Water Quality Management
 3. Biodiversity
 4. Adaptation to Climate Change



Open discussion

- Representatives of Public Institutions, Development Organisations and Financing Institutions to kindly share insights on challenges of cross-sectoral and transboundary relevance, and suggestions for concrete solutions and investments to address them



Thank you for your attention!

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