



Drina River Basin nexus assessment-Phase II

Nexus Assessment Report

Next steps

IMMEDIATE NEXT STEPS

1. draft Nexus Assessment and Roadmap will be finalized
2. you will receive copies for your own use and dissemination

Upon request from the countries, we will be available to discuss future opportunities to sustain and use the results of the past projects and support sustainable development in the Drina countries.

CONTINUING CROSS-SECTORAL COOPERATION IN THE DRINA

UNECE workshop presents recommendations for sustainable future of Drina River Basin

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Ivan Karić: We share not only the beauty of the Drina, but also responsibility

“The Drina is one of our most beautiful rivers, and citizens of Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia are privileged to live by it. However, we also share the responsibility for managing the Drina, and we need to jointly ensure its sustainable future.” – State Secretary at the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia Ivan Karić.



High-Level Workshop “Action across sectors and borders for sustainable future of the Drina River Basin” – Belgrade, Oct 29, 2019

An important first step towards the political commitment to cooperate at transboundary level on the sustainable development of the Drina River Basin

Future political cooperation should be supported by Roadmap and affirmed through a Joint Statement.

ENSURING COHERENCE OF SECTORAL INVESTMENTS

Several strategies and projects at regional and basin levels call for investments in and across water, energy, agriculture, environment:

- Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, and related Action Plan
- SEE 2030 Strategy
- Sava and Drina Integrated Development (SDIP) Project
- ...

A framework like the Nexus Roadmap can be useful to ensure cross-sectoral consistency of investments at the level of the Drina River Basin, bringing together:

- the perspective of multiple sectors
- the priorities of the three riparians
- principles of transboundary cooperation

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NEXUS ASSESSMENT REPORT

Recommendations fall under the following categories:

1. Transboundary cooperation
2. Governance (cross-sectoral coordination)
3. Economic and policy instruments
4. Infrastructure and innovation
5. Monitoring, and data and information exchange
6. Flow regulation and environmental flows
7. Flood management
8. Water quality management
9. Wastewater and solid waste as pressures on water quality
10. Sedimentation / erosion as a pressure on water quality
11. Renewable energy development
12. Agriculture, rural and eco-tourism development

What can be implemented without additional financial support, i.e. through existing projects and activities?

EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION

- Formalizing flow regulation - *Expert Group on E-Flows and Flow Regulation*
- Sustainable energy planning with a nexus approach – *Energy-Water model available for energy and climate planners*
- Sediment management - *Project document «Improving sediment management in the Drina basin»*
- Climate adaptation - *Project document «Outline of a Climate Adaptation Strategy for the Drina basin»*

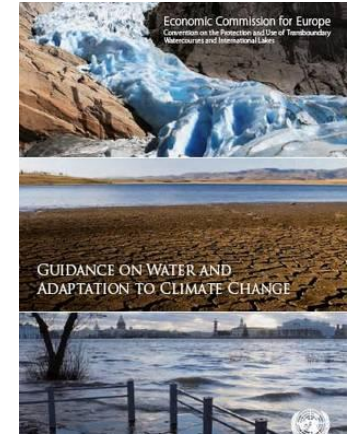
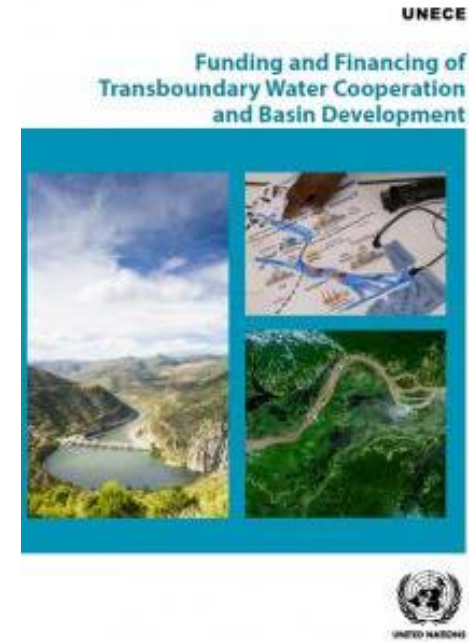
OPPORTUNITY: CLIMATE AND NEXUS

Immediate opportunities (without support from further projects):

- implementation of climate related recommendations from the project
- inclusion of nexus analyses outcomes in NAPs

Possible opportunities (need for discussion with potentially interested partners, including e.g. IFIs, and specific request from the countries):

- climate project proposal to e.g. Adaptation Fund, GCF
- further capacity building on e.g. climate adaptation, water-energy planning for climate resilience, financing transboundary cooperation



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What/which recommendations can be implemented without any further support, e.g. as part of the GEF Project? Or as part other activities, including those of the ISRBC?
2. Flow regulation emerges as an important question: should the EG on E-Flows and Flow Regulation continue to meet? Which process can continue supporting it?
3. Does climate action require more support in the Drina? What should be done at the basin level through cooperation? How can climate finance support further cooperation?