



THE DRAFT NEXUS ROADMAP

FOR THE DRINA RIVER BASIN

(and Suggested Draft Joint Statement)

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Drina Nexus Roadmap - Background

- ✓ Envisaged in the framework of the SEE Nexus Project
- ✓ Aim: assist countries towards sustainable and climate resilient management of natural resources
- ✓ Capturing experience and recommendations of recent related activities in the basin
- ✓ Introduced in 1st SC Meeting (October 2020) and subsequent Ntl consultations (Dec 2020 – Mar 2021)
- ✓ Discussed in 2nd SC Meeting (July 2021) and virtual exchanges



Drina Nexus Roadmap - Scope

- ✓ Framework to facilitate planning and coordination of nexus activities
 - ❖ identifying lines of action and modalities for effective and coherent cross-sectoral coordination at institutional, policy and management levels
 - ❖ maximising the use of existing cooperation platforms and resources
- ✓ A “living” document that the countries can adjust as needed
- ✓ Stemming from a situation analysis
 - ❖ Drawing from previous & current analyses
 - ❖ Linked to other Initiatives (e.g. by WB, GEF)



Drina Nexus Roadmap - Structure

- ✓ 10 objectives and suggested main lines of action to achieve them
 - ❖ No timeline or budget requirements or responsibilities
- ✓ Objectives 1-4: of general nature, common for all types of “Nexus issues”
- ✓ Objectives 5-10: pertain to specific Nexus issues identified



Drina Nexus Roadmap – Objectives 1-2

1. Strengthening cross-sectoral cooperation on transboundary level

- ❖ Planning and implementation of Nexus activities
- ❖ Development of bilateral or multilateral agreements related to the management of natural resources

2. Improve cross-sectoral governance

- ❖ Improved coordination b/n sectors within each country,
- ❖ Improved monitoring, and data and information sharing
- ❖ Broader engagement of stakeholders
- ❖ Compliance with international legal instruments.



Drina Nexus Roadmap – Objectives 3-4

3. **Improve cross-sectoral policy instruments**
 - ❖ Stronger and more coherent national policies
 - ❖ Strengthening of multi-sector and TB planning (eg RBMP)
4. **Boost sustainable infrastructure investments**
 - ❖ Draft basin strategy for green investments with financing component & assessment methodology
 - ❖ Consultations to agree on strategy & undertake fundraising activities



Drina Nexus Roadmap – Objectives 5-6

5. Improve monitoring, and data & info exchange

- ❖ Improve exchange of water quantity data and information
- ❖ Enhance monitoring of water quality
- ❖ Long-term, harmonized program of water status monitoring
- ❖ Comprehensive water information system

6. Coordination & co-optimization of flow regulation

- ❖ Harmonized methodology for environmental flows
- ❖ Dialogue between utilities and authorities leading to Agreement on coordination of HPP operation rules and flow regulation, including e-flows



Drina Nexus Roadmap – Objectives 7-8

7. Improve management of wastewater and solid waste
 - ❖ Strengthen transboundary cooperation
 - ❖ Improve governance - policy framework - infrastructure
8. Reduce erosion- and sedimentation-related pressures on water quality
 - ❖ Develop and update erosion maps
 - ❖ Apply and monitor appropriate erosion control measures
 - ❖ Raise awareness, promote and exchange good practices
 - ❖ Establish a sediment monitoring system in the basin



Drina Nexus Roadmap – Objectives 9-10

9. Foster sustainable renewable energy development

- ❖ SEE-wide and transboundary cooperation
- ❖ Improve governance for sustainable RE deployment, addressing trade-offs and facilitating synergies
- ❖ Coordinated planning for RE infrastructure investments
- ❖ Multi-stakeholder, cross-sectoral dialogue
- ❖ Enhance sustainability of the biomass value chain

10. Agricultural, rural, and eco-tourism development

- ❖ Transboundary cooperation
- ❖ Improved governance - policy framework - infrastructure



Drina Nexus Roadmap - Framework

- Technical coordination & planning:
Project-based (or process-based) cross-sectoral Drina Group
- Overall institutional framework: ISRBC
- Use of existing ISRBC expert groups as theme-specific platforms
- Linkages with SEE-wide processes coordinated by RCC (Green Agenda for WBs, SEE 2030 Strategy)
- Links to other relevant cooperation mechanisms (Energy Community, ICPDR, RRD SWG)



Drina Nexus Roadmap – Joint Statement

- Contribution under the SEE Nexus Project - For the potential use by riparian countries
- Accompanying the Roadmap – From recommendations to political commitments
- Demonstrate political will to strengthen regional cooperation and inter-sectoral coordination
 - ❖ Supporting approach behind the Roadmap
 - ❖ Endorsing the Roadmap as a framework
 - ❖ Welcoming proposed planning & coordination framework
 - ❖ Calling to donors to support the Roadmap implementation



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Thank you for your attention!

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