



***Regional Roundtable
“Water, Food, Energy and Environment Nexus
in Southeastern Europe”***

***Zagreb, Croatia
9-10 December 2014***

Agenda

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**Regional Cooperation Council
Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean
Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe**

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Environment and Security Initiative, SEE Region**



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9 December 2014 - Wednesday

12.00 – 13.00

Registration - light lunch

13.00 – 14.00	OPENING SESSION
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13.00 – 13.40 Welcome Address

- *Mr. Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Secretariat*
- *Mr. Michael Scoullos, Chairman, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)*
- *Ms. Gordana Kozhuharova, Regional Director for South Eastern Europe, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)*
- *Ms. Verena Klinger-Dering, Officer, Division "General, Fundamental, International and European Aspects of Water Management", Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), Germany*
- *Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser on Environment, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*

13.40 – 14.00 South East Europe 2020 Strategy

The SEE 2020 strategy is the main regional framework to foster sustainable growth in the SEE. The content of the Strategy and its linkages with the EU Integration Process as well as the structures and steps used for its implementation were presented to the participants.

- *Ms. Maja Pinjo-Talevska, Senior Policy Analyst, RCC Secretariat*

14.00 – 17.00	SESSION 1: Setting the stage
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A set of presentations introduced the meeting to challenges and efforts in SEE towards integration of the water, food, energy and environment sectors in terms of policies and management tools.

Moderator: *Ms. Verena Klinger-Dering, Officer, Division "General, Fundamental, International and European Aspects of Water Management", BMUB, Germany*

1. *Trade-offs among water, energy, land and environment management*

- Trade-offs among water, energy and environment

Ms. Petra Remeta, Freshwater Policy Officer, World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

- Trade-offs among water, land and environment

Mr. Walter Klemm, Water Resources Engineer, Consultant

- Addressing trade-offs among water, energy and land management at transboundary level

Mr. Venko Curlin, Head of Physical Planning Department, Program Sava d.o.o

- The Drin Basin

Mr. Dejan Panovski, Member of the Drin Core Group

2. *Designing natural resources management policies at the national and the transboundary levels: Coordination among sectors – challenges*

- Experiences from the water sector

Mr. Arduen Karagjozi, Director of Excellence, Technical Secretariat of the National Water Council, Albania

- Experiences from the land management/agriculture sector

Mr. Bojan Durnev, Head of Department for Investment and Project Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee break

- Experiences from the environment sector

Ms. Marija Mijuskovic, Advisor, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro

- Applying the Nexus approach at the national level

Ms. Verena Klinger-Dering, Officer, Division "General, Fundamental, International and European Aspects of Water Management", BMUB, Germany

End of Day 1

20.00

Evening Reception

10 December 2014 - Wednesday

09.00 – 09.05 **Recap of Day 1**

09.05 – 09.20 **Keynote speech**

The Nexus approach – Towards integrated management and sustainable use of natural resources

- *Mr. Andreas Lindstrom, Programme Manager, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)*

09.20 – 13.00	SESSION 2: Integration of water, energy, land and environment management – state and challenges ahead at regional and national levels - World Café Group discussion
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The participants discussed the level of integration of water, energy, land and environment management, including climate variability and change considerations, in terms of designing and implementing regional, national and transboundary policies. They also discussed possible gaps in terms of availability of strategic documents, management tools and processes. They identified what are the actions necessary at the national and transboundary level to foster integration towards the sustainable management of natural resources. A “World Café type interaction” was followed by a plenary discussion.

09.20 – 11.40 **Facilitated “World Café” Group discussion**

The “Water, Food, Energy and Environment Nexus in Southeastern Europe” World Café session followed the World Café method, a meeting process that involves a series of simultaneous conversations around the following clusters: Water, Food, Energy and Environment.

Participants were divided in four groups, each had a facilitator who stayed at the respective working group venue during the entire process and kept the discussion on task. Detailed instructions to participants were provided during the first day.

Moderators:

Ms. Natalia Alexeeva, Senior Networking Officer, Global Water Partnership Organisation (GWPO)

Ms. Katerina Spasovska, Senior Project Manager, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG)

Ms. Irena Brnada, Expert, REC

Ms. Gordana Kozhuharova, Regional Director for South Eastern Europe, REC

11.40 – 12.00 *Coffee break*

12.00 – 13.00 **Plenary session**

The moderators of the four working groups on Water, Food, Energy and Environment presented the results of the discussions. A facilitated discussion followed.

Moderator: Ms. Gordana Kozhuharova, Regional Director for South Eastern Europe, REC

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 – 15.30 **SESSION 3: Mapping the Nexus: identifying and characterizing the water-food-energy-environment interdependencies (and beyond)**

In this session, the approach to assessing water-energy inter-linkages under the UNECE Water Convention — considering also linkages to agriculture, environment and climate change — was presented. The methodology involves developing a conceptual picture of the Nexus, substantiating it with indicators and quantifying selected aspects.

Moderator: Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser on Environment, UNECE

14.00 - 14.10 **Introduction to the assessment under the UNECE Water Convention**

- *Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser on Environment, UNECE*

14.10 - 14.30 **Methodology for assessing the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus in transboundary river basins**

- *Ms. Lucia de Strasser, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden*

14.30 – 14.40 ***Experiences from the Sava Basin Nexus assessment***

- *Mr. Samo Groselj, Deputy Secretary for Protection of Waters and Aquatic Ecosystem, International Sava River Basin Commission*

14.40 – 15.30 **Plenary discussion**

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.00 **SESSION 4: Fostering integration of water, energy, land and environment management – introducing and implementing the nexus approach**

Moderator: Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser on Environment, UNECE

15.45 – 15.55 **The Environment dimension of the South East Europe 2020 Strategy**

The content of the Environment dimension of the SEE 2020 Strategy as well as the structures and steps used for its implementation were presented to the participants.

- *Ms. Gordana Kozuharova, Regional Director for South Eastern Europe, REC*

15.55 – 17.00 **The Regional Programme for the implementation of the Environment dimension of the South East Europe 2020 Strategy “Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in support of Green Growth”**

The organizations coordinating the implementation of the dimension Environment have prepared a Regional Programme of actions to be used for the achievement of the objectives under the dimension. The actions related to the Nexus were presented. The presentations were followed by a facilitated discussion.

15.55 – 16.10 The Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystem Nexus (WEFEN) towards Green Growth

Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Head South Eastern Europe, GWP-Med

16.10 – 17.00 Plenary discussion

17.00 – 17.30

Outcomes and the way forward - Closing remarks

The Rapporteur summed up the discussions and presented the outcomes of the Roundtable. The organizers reflected on these.

- *Brief report of the meeting: Mr. Michael Scoullos, Chairman, GWP-Med*
- *Ms. Maja Pinjo-Talevska, Senior Policy Analyst, RCC Secretariat*
- *Ms. Gordana Kozhuharova, Regional Director for South Eastern Europe, REC*
- *Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser on Environment, UNECE*

End of the International Roundtable

20.00

Dinner