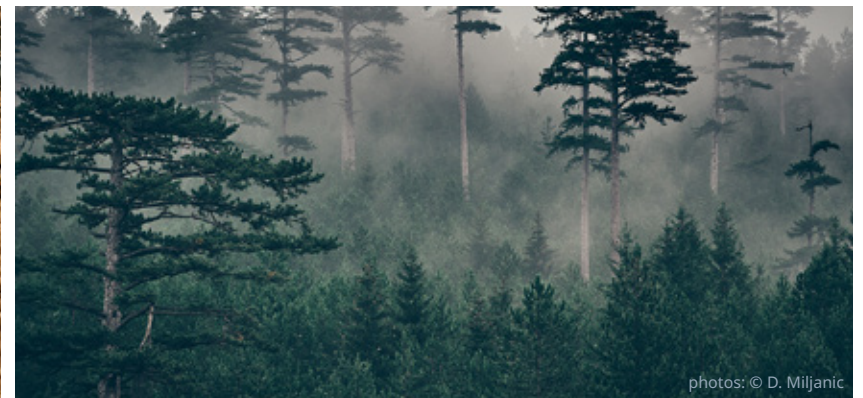


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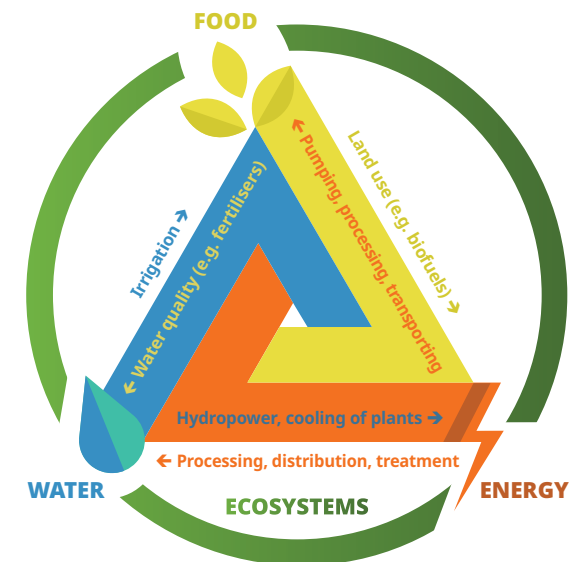




The Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems NEXUS approach

The Nexus approach aims to lay the foundations for **integrated natural resources management**, focusing in particular on **water**, **energy** and **food**, while ensuring the protection of **ecosystems** that support them, with the aim of **guaranteeing security of resources** and **promoting sustainable development** and **social prosperity**.

Advancing the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus approach in South-eastern Europe (SEE) is one of the key strategic actions of the Environment dimension of the **SEE Regional Growth Strategy entitled “SEE 2020 – Jobs and Prosperity in European Perspective”** developed under the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC).



SEE NEXUS project Identity

The Project “*Promoting the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in Southeastern Europe, through the use of Nexus approach*” (SEE Nexus Project), supported by the **Austrian Development Agency (ADA)**, has been designed to serve the SEE2020 Strategy.

It is implemented in **Albania**
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Kosovo¹
Montenegro
North Macedonia
Serbia



¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

The Project’s **overall aim** is to **introduce the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus approach** and **catalyse action for its adoption and implementation** in the Region’s Economies, at the **national** and **transboundary basin levels**. Doing so, the Project will also **enable the identification of priority Nexus-related issues** to be addressed in its geographical areas of focus (transboundary Drin basin, transboundary Drina basin, and Albania), and **enable conditions for financing actions** to address four of these issues.





SEE Nexus project **Strategy & Components: Pursuing Benefits for all**

The SEE Nexus project aims to **introduce the Nexus approach to the relevant Ministries** and **stakeholders** related to the Nexus sectors, **facilitate action for its adoption** and **identify interventions** that will enable water, food, and energy security without jeopardising the well-being of the ecosystems. The Project is structured around **3 Components**:

Component 1 **SEE Regional Nexus Policy Dialogue²**

Activities under **Component 1** include the **development of a Nexus Mapping Study** for the Region and its Economies, the organisation of 3 Regional Roundtables engaging stakeholders from Nexus-related sectors across the Region and eventually the drafting of a “Nexus Roadmap” for the SEE area.

Component 2 **National and transboundary Nexus Policy Dialogues**

Under **Component 2, Nexus Dialogue Processes** will be implemented in the transboundary basins of the Drin and Drina rivers, and in Albania. Each of these 3 Dialogue Processes is structured around **Transboundary and/or National Consultation Meetings** and the development of analytical **technical Nexus Assessments³** as per the methodology developed by UNECE. The findings of the Dialogue Processes and the Assessments will drive the development of respective **Nexus Roadmaps**, identifying lines of action & modalities at institutional, policy and resource management levels, that are necessary for effective cross-sectoral coordination. In each of the 2 transboundary basins, a Nexus-related capacity development workshop will be held targeting staff of relevant institutions. Finally, for four of the priority issues to be identified in the context of the Policy Dialogues, respective Concept Notes / Project Documents will be developed, also exploring financing options by development partners or financing institutions.

Component 3 **Accompanying measures: Participation, Communication and Outreach; Gender**

Component 3 includes the **communications** and **gender-related activities** of the Project. Beyond the implementation of the Project’s **Gender Mainstreaming Strategy** throughout the course of the Project, two workshops for developing gender-related capacities of stakeholders will be implemented. A number of communication and outreach tools will also be produced in order to raise awareness and communicate the project’s milestones.

² Component 1 activities are co-financed by the German Environment Agency and the GEF IW:Learn Project.

³ The Phase I of the Nexus Assessment for the Drin River Basin was co-financed by the GEF/UNDP “Drin Project”.



For more information on the Project’s activities, visit:
<https://www.gwp.org/seenexus>