



NEXUS ASSESSMENT OF THE DRINA RIVER BASIN (Phase II)

Draft Agenda for the 3rd Meeting of the Steering Committee for Nexus activities in the Drina basin

Wednesday 4 May 2022

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In the framework of the project

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Simultaneous interpretation from/to English will be available.

Meeting Documents:

In the framework of the SEE Nexus Project's activities in the Drina basin, the following documents have been prepared as final drafts:

- (Phase II) Nexus Assessment for the Drina basin

The Assessment includes:

- Background on the nexus issues and opportunities that emerged from previous projects with focus on water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus cooperation in the basin;
 - Scenarios of renewable energy development - in the basin and the riparian countries, analysed through integrated energy-water modelling, with a specific focus on the role of the basin's hydropower in the broader electricity system;
 - Options towards formalising aspects of flow regulation in the basin, based on international experience;
 - Consolidated recommendations from Nexus-related activities and assessments.
- Nexus Roadmap for the Drina basin (accompanied by a draft Joint Statement for its potential endorsement by the riparian countries)

The Roadmap identifies lines of action and modalities for effective and coherent cross-sectoral coordination at institutional, policy and management levels in the Nexus-related sectors (water resources, energy, land/agriculture, environment). The aim of the Roadmap is to improve cross-sectoral coherence and sustainability in the implementation of the different strategies and investment plans that have some sort of impact on the basin.

Objective of the Meeting:

The SC to discuss and provide feedback and guidance on the above documents and potentially validate them.

Further activities implemented in the Drina basin in the framework of the Project will also be recalled or introduced, namely:

- A training workshop on integrated Climate-Land-Energy-Water modelling and its application in the basin (8-9 July 2021)
- A workshop on the gender dimensions of sustainable development in the basin (23 June 2021)
- The (ongoing) preparation of:
 - A Project Document for an intervention on improving sediment management in the basin (see the call [here](#))
 - An Outline of a Climate Adaptation Strategy for the basin (see the call [here](#))

Participants:

The Drina Nexus Steering Committee members are representatives of:

- *from Bosnia and Herzegovina:*
 - Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations (water management, energy and environment);
- *from Montenegro:*
 - Directorate for Water Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water,
 - Ministry of Capital Investments,
 - Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Urbanism
- *from Serbia:*
 - Republic Water Directorate,
 - Ministry of Mining and Energy,
 - Ministry of Environmental Protection.

Representatives of the ISRBC Secretariat will also participate in the Meeting.

The experts who developed the Assessment and Roadmap will be available to respond to any technical comments.

Format: The meeting will be held virtually via the Zoom platform. Simultaneous interpretation from/to English will be available during the Meeting. To register for and connect to the Meeting please click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpcuCgrDsoGdFpiXJoSIJCKom0bfrwmFhD>

AGENDA

9:30-9:40 - **Welcome and introduction**

- Ms Francesca Bernardini, Chief of Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE

9:40-10:00 – **Introductory remarks by country representatives on the Project and related expectations**

Setting the scene: Countries' perspectives on progress achieved so far and vision for next steps.

- Mr Mirza Hujic, Assistant Minister in the sector of water resources, tourism and environmental protection, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr Željko Furtula, General Director, Water Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Montenegro
- Ms Natalija Lukovic, Assistant Minister responsible for Green Energy, Ministry of Mining and Energy, Serbia

Tour de table (each SC member introduces him or herself).

10:00 – 10:30 **Reporting on activities in the Drina basin in the framework of the SEE Nexus Project**

- Presentation by Mr Tassos Krommydas, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med

10:30-11:15 - **Presentation of the Phase II Nexus Assessment Report for the Drina basin (Drina Process, Flow Regulation, Water-Energy model) *final draft***

- Presentation by Ms Lucia de Strasser, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE
- Discussion and feedback with the authors
 - Mr Francesco Gardumi and Mr Emir Fejjic, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
 - Mr Stephen Stec, Central European University CEU
 - Mr Dejan Komatina, International Consultant

11:15-12:00- **Presentation of the draft Nexus Roadmap for the Drina basin (and Joint Statement) *final draft***

- Presentation by Mr Tassos Krommydas, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med
- Discussion and feedback with the author
 - Mr Dejan Komatina, International Consultant

12:00-12:30 – **Opportunities for Next Steps**

- Presentation by Ms Lucia de Strasser, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE
- Brief presentations by the consultants developing Project Documents on:
 - Improving sediment management in the Drina basin (POINT PRO Consulting)
 - Outline of a Climate Adaptation Strategy for the Drina basin (Fresh Thoughts Consulting)

12:30-13:25 - **Open discussion with SC members**

13:25-13:30 - **Closure of the Meeting**

- Ms Francesca Bernardini, Chief of Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE