



Agenda
of the
4th Regional Nexus Roundtable in South-East Europe

26 July 2022

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and online

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Simultaneous interpretation will be available between English and all languages spoken in the Region.

09.30 – 10.00 OPENING SESSION**Welcoming Addresses**

- Ms. Simone Ungersboeck, Head of Tirana Office, Austrian Development Agency (ADA)
- Ms. Gerta Lubonja, General Director, Water Resources Management Agency, Albania
- Mr. Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, Division for Water, Environment and Blue Economy, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UFM)
- Mr. Ilias Mavroeidis Programme Management Officer, UN Environment / Mediterranean Action Plan
- Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor for Environment, UNECE
- Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med

10.00 – 11.20 SESSION 1: Key outputs of the SEE Nexus Project**10.00 -10.10 Overview of the Regional Dialogue on Transboundary WRM and Nexus in SEE**

- Mr. Tassos Krommydas, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med

10.10 – 10.25 The Nexus Assessment Report for Albania – Key findings

- Mr. Mevis Struga, Programme Officer, GWP-Med

10.25 – 10.45 The Nexus Assessment Reports for the Drin and Drina basins – Key findings

- Mr. Yousef Almulla, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm
- Ms. Lucia de Strasser, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE

10.45 – 11.20 Discussion

- Stakeholders to provide comments and share insights

11.20 – 11.30 *Coffee break***11.30 – 13.00 SESSION 2: Nexus experience in the Mediterranean – prospects for replication in SEE**

In this session, representatives of international organisations will share their experience from related initiatives in the broader Region.

11.30-11.40 Nexus Assessment for the North-Western Sahara aquifer System

- Mr. Yousef Almulla, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm
- Ms. Lucia de Strasser, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE

11.40-11.50 The Nexus Child Project under the GEF UNEP/MAP MedProgramme

- Ms. Barbara Tomassini, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med

11.50-12.00 Nexus activities in the Mediterranean under the PRIMA Programme

- Prof. Ali Rhouma, PRIMA Project officer

12.00-12.10 Partnering for Nexus in the MENA region: lessons from UfM/Sida/GWP-Med Matchmaker-II and other agendas

- Mr. Ghazi Abu Rumman, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med

12.10 – 13.00 Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00 – 15.30 SESSION 3: Nexus solutions and investments demonstrating cross-sectoral benefits
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In the framework of the SEE Nexus Project, full Project Documents for 6 Nexus-related interventions are being developed and will be presented during this session.

14.00 – 14.10 **Intervention for water-energy-irrigation synergies at the Gjanci reservoir in Korca**

- Mr. Evan Rroco, Agriculture expert, IDRA

14.10 – 14.20 **Wastewater Treatment Plants using Nature-based Solutions in 2 rural locations in the Drin basin**

- Mr. Fabio Masi, Technical Director, IRIDRA

14.20 – 14.30 **Implementation of Precision Agriculture practices in Albania**

- Prof. Endrit Kullaj, Head of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Dpt, Agricultural Uni. of Tirana

14.30 – 14.40 **Modern biomass and sustainable forest management in the Drin basin**

- Mr. Voislav Todorov, Forestry Advisor, Reford Centre

14.40 – 14.50 **Set of interventions for improving sediment management in the Drina basin**

- Mr. Danco Uzunov, Principal and Practice Leader, PointPro Consulting

14.50 – 15.00 **The preparation of an Outline of a Climate Adaptation Strategy for the Drina basin**

- Mr. Thomas Dworak, Fresh Thoughts Consulting

15.00 – 15.30 **Discussion**

- Stakeholders to provide comments and share insights

15.30 – 15.40 *Coffee break*

15.40 – 16.15 SESSION 4: Gender and the sustainable management of natural resources in SEE
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15.40 – 15.45 **Gender activities in the framework of the Project – Challenges and good practices from SEE**

- Ms. Fiorela Shalsi, Senior Gender Advisor, GWP-Med

15.45 – 16.15 **Discussion**

Intervention from:

- Dr. Liza Debevec, Senior Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist, GWP

16.15 – 17.00	SESSION 5: Perspectives and priorities for advancing the Nexus approach in South-East Europe – Outline of a Nexus Roadmap
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National representatives and other stakeholders to share experiences, perspectives and priorities for advancing the Nexus approach in South-East Europe

16.15 -16.25 Introduction

- Mr. Tassos Krommydas, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med

16.25 -17.00 Tour de table

17.00	Closing and recap of the Meeting
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