



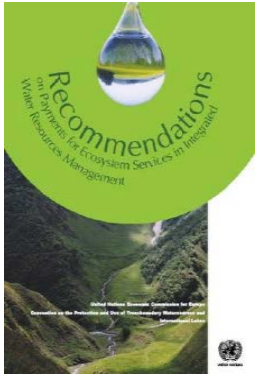
Water Convention 7th Meeting of the Parties

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Outcomes of the MOP7

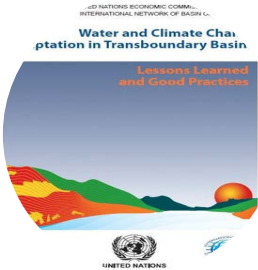
- Attended by 350 delegates from more than 70 countries
- Underlined relevance of Convention for water-related issues of Sendai, SDGs, COP21
- Took decision on implementation as proposed by Implementation Committee
- Took decisions on global opening, partnerships
- Decided to introduce reporting (by basin) under the Convention with pilot reporting in 2016-2017
- Adopted new publications on benefits and the nexus
- Adopted programme of work for 2016-2018 incl. Neman project

UNECE WATER CONVENTION: PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2016-2018

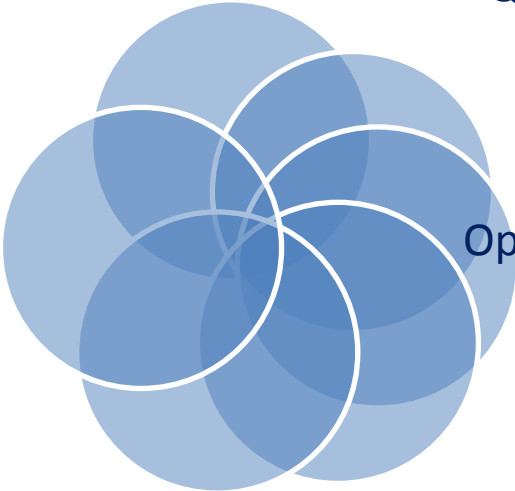


Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus

Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins



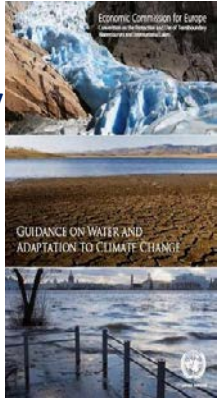
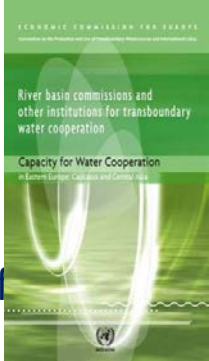
Support to implementation and accession



Quantifying the benefits of transboundary cooperation

Opening, promotion and partnerships

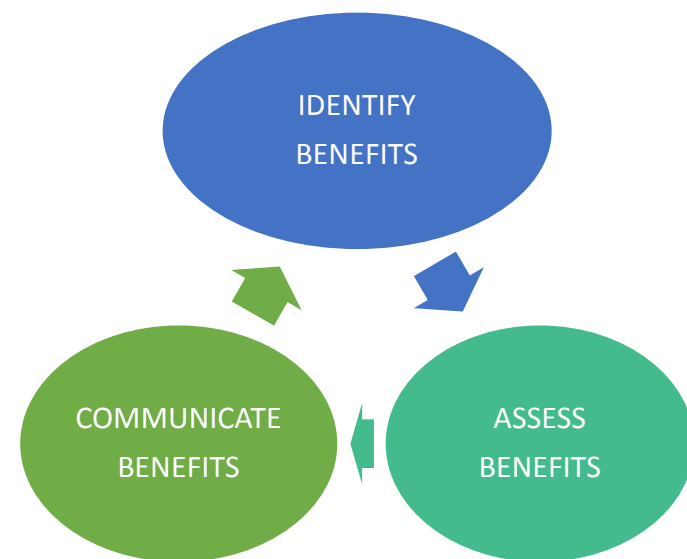
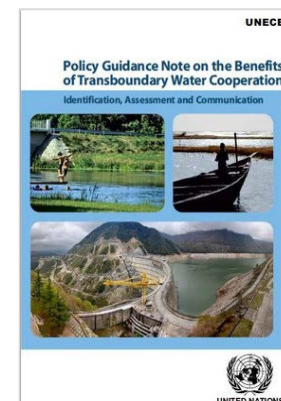
EU Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues





Benefit assessment exercises: rationale and elements

- **Aim:** to support governments and other actors in realizing the potential benefits of transboundary water cooperation
- Provide fact-based argument for starting up cooperation or developing stronger cooperation
- Broaden the scope of cooperation by defining a “benefit cluster”
- Attract financial resources to implement water cooperation solutions



Origin of benefits	Benefits for economic activities	Benefits beyond economic activities
Improved water management	<p>Economic benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded activity and productivity in economic sectors • Reduced cost of carrying out productive activities • Reduced economic impacts of water-related hazards (floods, droughts) • Increased value of property 	<p>Social and environmental benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health impacts • Employment and reduced poverty impacts • Improved access to services (electricity, water supply) • Improved satisfaction due to preservation of cultural resources or recreational opportunities • Increased ecological integrity and reduced habitat degradation and biodiversity loss
Enhanced trust	<p>Regional economic cooperation benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of regional markets for goods, services and labour • Increase in cross-border investments • Development of transnational infrastructure networks 	<p>Peace and security benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening of international law • Increased geopolitical stability and strengthened diplomatic relations • New opportunities from increased trust • Reduced risk and avoided cost of conflict • Creation of a shared basin identity

Future work on water and climate

- Pilot projects on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins: moving towards implementation, scaling up and mainstreaming
 - ▶ Possibly: thematic twinning between the basins of the global network
- Regular thematic global workshops and meetings of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins
 - ▶ Providing inputs to and promoting importance of water and transboundary cooperation in global processes relating to CC

