



The NEXUS Project

Promoting the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in Southeastern Europe, through the use of the Nexus approach

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- The NEXUS Project is financed by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and implemented by Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med) in cooperation with United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).
- Main co-funding is provided by the German Federal Environment Agency and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) IWLEARN Project (International Waters Learning Exchange & Resource Network).
- ~1,7 million Euros in total, provided by ADA, BMUB, GEF/UNDP/UNCESCO-IOC IWLEARN and GWP-Med.
- The Regional Working Group on Environment (RWG Env) established under the RCC SEE 2020 Strategy serves as Steering Committee of the Project.



- **The activities have been designed to:**

- Contribute to the:

- Implementation of the objectives of the SEE2020 Strategy under its Dimension Environment.
- Adopted by seven economies from South East Europe in November 2013 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Direct participants: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- It provides a framework to assist governments in the region to **implement their individual development strategies**, including EU accession related goals, by enhancing national efforts through focused regional cooperation on those specific issues that can benefit from a shared approach.
- Achievement of the goals of the Petersberg Phase II process for the promotion of sustainable transboundary water resources management in SEE.
- The implementation of the UNECE Water Convention.

- Be in line with the:

- ADA strategy: supporting the implementation of the SEE2020 Strategy is among the strategic objectives of ADA.
- GEF IWLEARN project objectives.

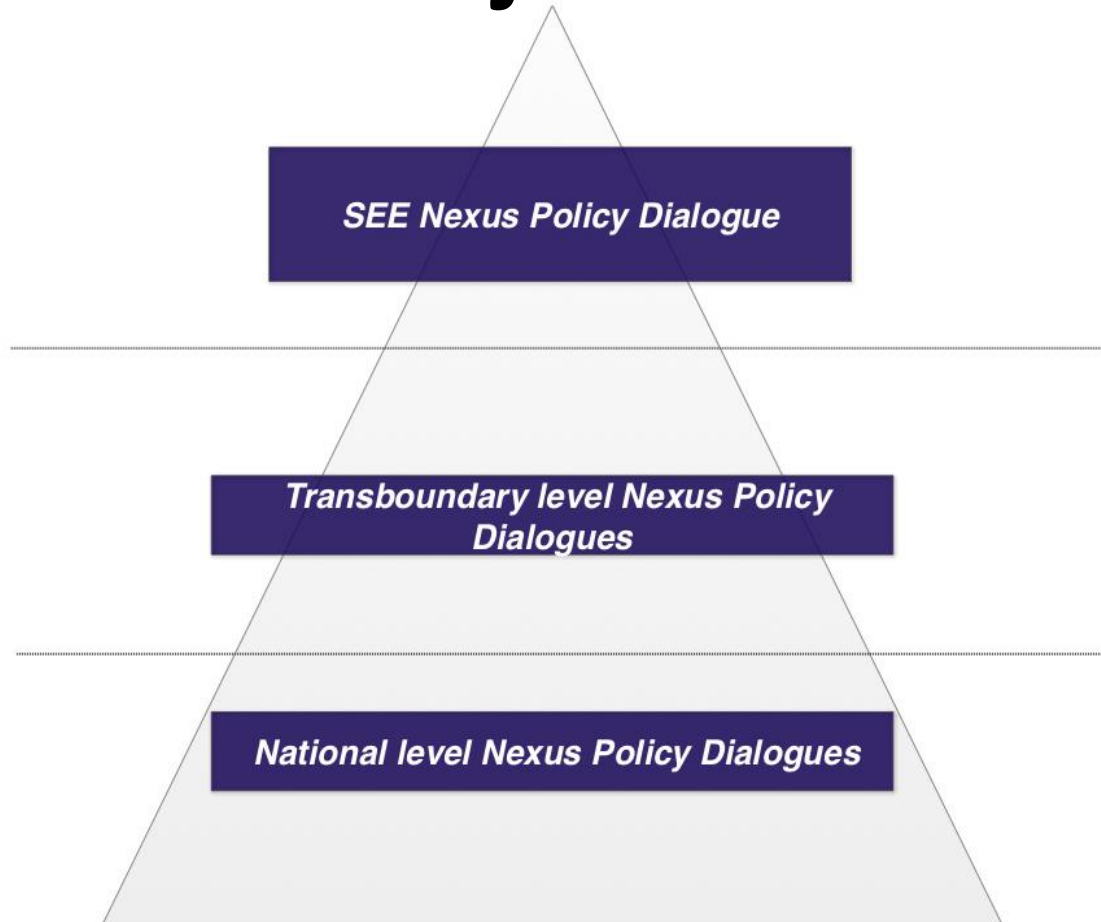


The NEXUS Project – SEE 2020 objectives

- *“Advance Water, Energy and Food nexus approach at national and transboundary levels and investigate opportunities of launching a political process under the RCC for the enhancement of cooperation in the SEE in the field of TWRM”*
- *“Commencement of the Regional Integral Water Management Framework Agreement implementation.”*



The NEXUS Project – structure (1)



The NEXUS Project – structure (2)

Component 1. SEE2020 Nexus Policy Dialogue

- 1.1 Three annual Regional Roundtables on the Nexus (First held in Belgrade 21-22 June 2017, second in Skopje 23-24 October 2018)
- 1.2 Organization of three SEE Nexus Group Meetings (First held in Belgrade 20 June 2017)
- 1.3 Development of a Regional Nexus mapping study and a SEE2020 Strategy/Roadmap

Component 2. Structured national (economies) and transboundary Nexus Policy Dialogues

- 2.1. Nexus Policy Dialogues in one economy, including the:
 - development of **Nexus assessment Phase 1**;
 - Stakeholders Analysis;
 - consultation meetings;
 - Steering committee meetings;
 - development of a **Strategy/Roadmap**.



The NEXUS Project – structure (3)

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2.2 Nexus Policy Dialogues in two transboundary basins, including

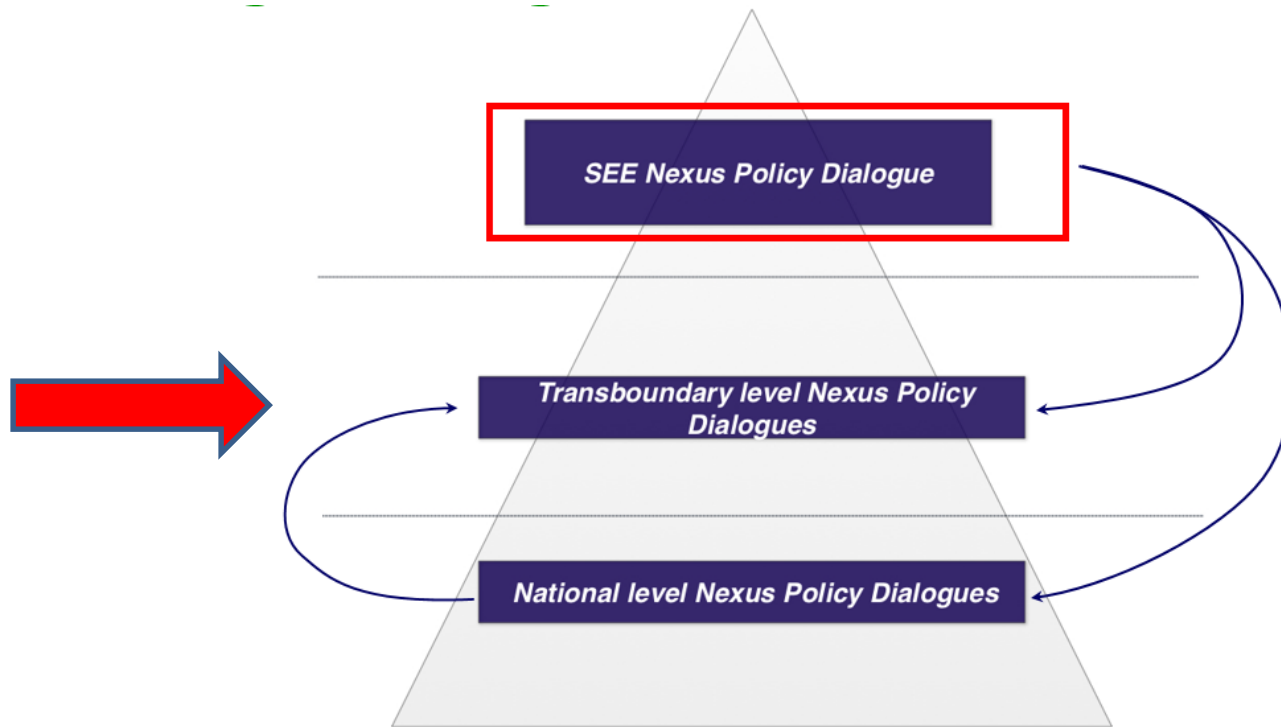
- development of **Nexus assessment Phase 1 and Phase 2**;
- Stakeholders Analysis;
- participatory process through **one economy and two regional meetings per dialogue**;
- Steering Committees' meetings;
- development of two **Roadmaps/Strategies** (one for each dialogue);
- **Capacity Building workshops**;
- development of **Concept Notes and Project Documents for Priority Interventions**.

Component 3. Cross-cutting issues: Participation, Communication and Outreach, Gender

- Information, Communication and Outreach Strategy;
- Publications (nexus reports) and project brochure;
- Press Releases on the occasion of projects milestones;
- Publicly accessible summaries of Technical Reports and four Fact sheets;
- Gender mainstreaming Strategy;
- Two (2) regional capacity building workshops on gender.



The NEXUS Project – interconnection of activities



Policy Dialogues:

- Multi-stakeholders Consultation Process
- Informed by technical assistance