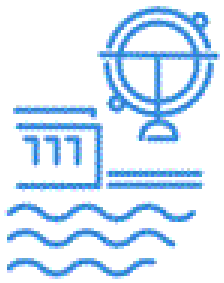


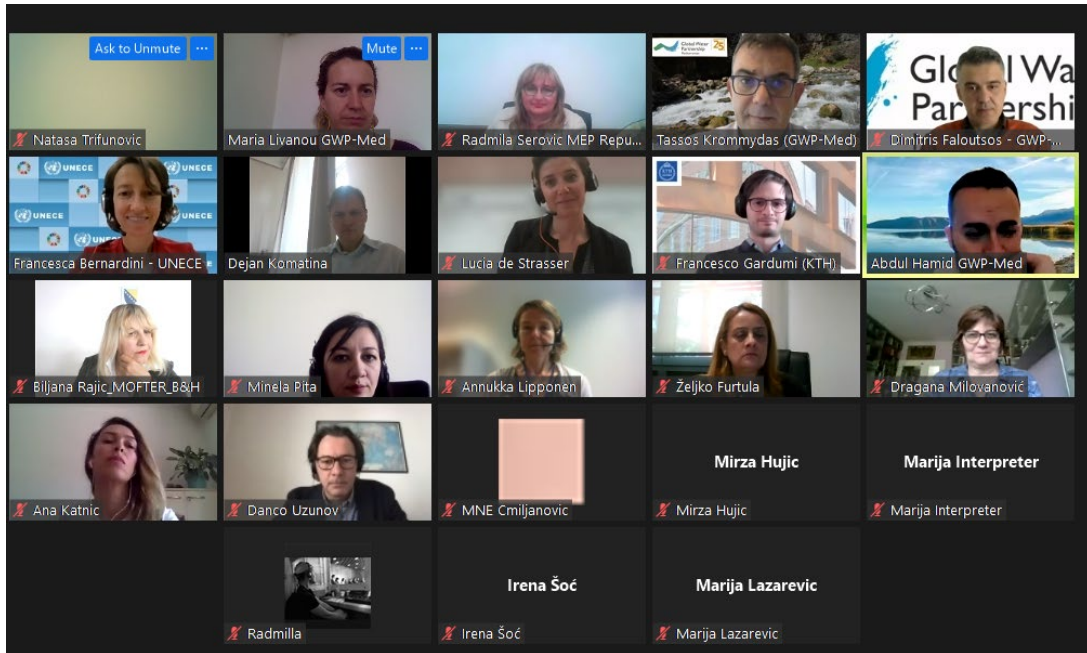
# A Nexus Roadmap for the Drina River Basin

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# What is the Drina Roadmap?



- 10 key objectives and lines of action in the basin to:
  - unlock solutions in infrastructure, information, flow regulation, wastewater, sediment management, renewable energy, agricultural development.
  - assist/guide the implementation of EU's Green Agenda for the Western Balkans at the Drina level
- A “living” document for the riparians to adapt and detail
- Includes the recommendations **from eight years** of UNECE-supported **nexus work in the basin**
- Reflects the **priorities** of the countries (as discussed at the high-level workshop “Action across sectors and borders for the sustainable future of the Drina River Basin” - Belgrade, 2019)
- Includes a **Joint Statement** that demonstrates political will of riparians (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia)



# Benefits of the Nexus Roadmap



- Roadmap can bring economic benefits such as expanded activity and productivity (synergetic opportunities), reduced impacts of water-related hazards, regional market developments and cross-border investments...
- Can guide the consideration of cross-sectoral issues in strategic documents currently being developed (e.g. BiH's new Strategy of Environmental Protection with Action plan (ESAP 2030+)) considers water issues in detail with guidance from Roadmap)
- Further development and implementation of the Roadmap can be enhanced in synergy with other regional activities, notably:
  - The Green Agenda for the Western Balkans (EU and Regional Cooperation Council)
  - The GEF Sava and Drina Rivers corridors integrated development program's regional components (International Sava River Basin Commission and all interested parties)
- Needs a realistic and feasible plan for implementation, in coordination with all parties and all countries



# Possible next steps



Tackle persisting obstacles to countries' initiatives of prioritization and benefit sharing: lack of confidence, limited availability of data and analytical tools

Tackle key pending issues, such as the ratification of border agreement between B&H and Republic of Serbia and others related water, environment, and fees

Institutional development and capacity building on water management, tools and instruments to strengthen / develop:

- national hydrometeorological monitoring system
- national and cross-border mechanisms (institutional, technical, and regulatory)
- data protocols to improve the compatibility of data between the three countries

Establish a kind of coordination body for the Drina

Develop and implement the Nexus Projects proposed for the Drina, i.e. Climate Adaptation Strategy; Sediment Management – also mobilizing resources from global/regional environmental and climate funding sources

Strengthen capacity for climate change resilience at the basin level

Pilot investments for resilience to climate change



### 3. Challenges and lessons learned



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- [www.gwp.org/seenexus](http://www.gwp.org/seenexus)