GEF IW:LEARN 5 project and its Nexus activities

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Project Objectives

**Strengthen** knowledge management capacity

**Promote** scaled-up learning of disseminated experiences, tools and methodologies

**Improve** the effectiveness of GEF IW portfolio and partner projects

**Implementation period:** 2022-2026

**Budget:** USD 5.9M
GEF IW:LEARN 5

Supporting Portfolio Coordination
Within and Beyond the International Waters Focal Area,
particularly in Small Island Developing States,
Through Knowledge Sharing, Information Management, Partnership Building
and Programmatic Guidance Services
IW:LEARN Service Line

Knowledge Sharing and Partnership Building
- International Waters Conference
- Regional Training Workshops
- Twinning
- Global Dialogue Participation

Information Management
- Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis
- Strategic Action Programme
- Experience Notes
- Results Notes

Programmatic Support
- Synthesis Notes
- Portfolio Results Archive
- Newsletter
- Website Toolkit

- Visualization Tool
- Manuals and E-books
- Online thematic courses
- Learning Exchange Service Center
Nexus Supporting Activities in GEF IW:LEARN 4 (2016-2020)

GEF IW:LEARN 4 supported activities in support of addressing Nexus trade-offs both globally (UNECE) and in the South-Eastern European region (GWP)

Cooperation with the Water Convention
• Synthesis documents on the nexus assessment methodology (2020) and experience from its application in transboundary basins (2021)
• GEF IW participation in UNECE Nexus Working Group Meetings (Water Allocation Workshop 2017, Global Stocktaking 2016, Nexus Working Group Meeting 2020)

Cooperation with Global Water Partnership
• Regional policymaker roundtables in South-Eastern Europe (SEE) on Nexus considerations
• SEE regional nexus mapping

Other GEF IW:LEARN Activities
• Short training sessions conducted at the GEF International Waters Conference (IWC), including nexus simulation game
Component 1: Provide Targeted Knowledge Sharing and Results Showcasing Across Projects and Development Partners

Component 2: Support the Communication and Replication of Portfolio Results and Experiences

Component 3: Deliver Intra and Inter-Regional Knowledge Management Across Focal Areas in Small Island Developing States to Improve Portfolio Performance

Component 4: Deliver Support to Surface Freshwater, Groundwater and Large Marine Ecosystem Subsets in Support of Portfolio Strategic Priorities

Component 5: Mobilize Public and Private Partnership to Enhance Long-term Sustainability of Project Interventions

Sub-component 4.1: Knowledge exchanges on Water, Food, Energy and Environmental Security in transboundary basins
GEF IW:LEARN Component 4

Deliver Support to Surface Freshwater, Groundwater and LME Subsets in Support of Portfolio Strategic

4.1 Knowledge exchanges on Water, Food, Energy and Environmental Security in transboundary basins

4.1.1: Development of a toolbox platform identifying water-energy-food-ecosystem models, tools and case studies

4.1.2: Development of guidance on how to use Nexus investments to reinforce SAP

4.1.3: Dissemination of results of the Integrated Solutions for Water, Energy, and Land (ISWEL) project approaches and other approaches through targeted workshops in all GEF regions and IWCs

4.1.4: Support Nexus Roundtables in 3 project contexts

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4.1 Knowledge exchanges on Water, Food, Energy and Environmental Security in transboundary basins

- Raise awareness and capacity of GEF IW project coordinators and partners to address Nexus inter-sectoral trade-offs
- Improve the TDA-SAP Methodology by incorporating Nexus issues more explicitly

4.1.1: Development of a toolbox platform identifying water-energy-food-ecosystem models, tools and case studies
- Development of Nexus hub & integrate in IW:LEARN.net
- Possibly connect to existing ones
- PCU with GWP, SIWI & UNECE

4.1.2: Development of guidance on how to use Nexus investments to reinforce SAP as part of TDA-SAP methodology
- Links to Component 5
- Consult Task Force as a platform
- PCU with UNECE, GWP and University of New South Wales Global Water Institute

4.1.3: Dissemination of results of ISWEL project approaches through targeted workshops in all GEF regions and IWCs
- Presentation of Integrated Solutions for Water, Energy, and Land (ISWEL) project and Nexus simulation at IWC 10 and regional training workshops
- IIASA

4.1.4: Support Nexus Roundtables in 3 project contexts
- Deployment of simulation exercises, utilizing e.g. Nexus Simulation Game (IIASA & CRS)
- Plans to have an online narrative Nexus simulation
- CRS, GWP, OAS, UNECE, IDB and MedProgramme