

Allow me to give a brief overview of the UfM's experience in the application of the WEFE nexus approach.

This approach is within the The UfM Water Agenda which is the region's first agreed document on water, providing the UfM with a framework to mobilize collective efforts in the region to advance the implementation of the recommendations agreed upon by the Ministers in the Ministerial Declaration on Water in 2017.

The UfM Water Agenda has four thematic areas, among which the WEFE NEXUS.

The Financial Strategy forms an intrinsic part of the UfM Water Agenda, supporting its implementation, promoting the progressive deployment of financial resources and facilitating access to the existing financial resources across the UfM region in order to put the Mediterranean water sector on a financial sustainable footing.

The UfM has undertaken alongside its partners many initiatives and projects to introduce and/or promote the WEFE Nexus approach, and to catalyse action for its mainstreaming, financing and implementation in UfM Member States, at the national and local (basin) levels as well as in the UfM region.

Due to time limitations, I will mention only one project, which is (MENA Water Matchmaker 2) funded by Sweden's government agency for development SIDA , facilitated by the UfM and implemented by GWP-Med. The project consists of the implementation of two demonstrable and scalable technical WEFE Nexus interventions using treated wastewater combined with employability/entrepreneurship capacitation activities, benefiting Jordan and Palestine. The project offers measurable and scalable contributions for further application in MENA countries.

Also the UfM was part of the 1st Regional (WEFE) Nexus Roundtable in the Mediterranean held on June 7th in Rabat. The roundtable served as platform for different stakeholders to share views on how to advance Nexus integrated policy making, upscaled action and innovation as well as financing, in a coherent and impact-oriented approach. The Nexus Community of Practice was launched during the Roundtable.

As per the UfM's experience in promoting a nexus approach to water sector financing and in the framework of advancing the implementation of the UfM Financial strategy , the UfM has been organizing jointly with the EU delegation in Cairo in the margin of the Cairo Water Week a series of fora on water investment and financing in the med region and this year's edition will have a special focus on financing the WEFE Nexus related projects.

The UfM is willing to work with you and to participate in the next Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (Geneva, 7–8 December 2023) as this activity is aligned with the UfM water agenda objectives and its thematic area on WEFE Nexus.

Bangladesh. Mangrove forests are also shared. Env flows well established. "Benefit allocation rather than water allocation".

Burkina Faso. 60% within the Volta Basin.