DRINA RIVER BASIN:

ENERGY SYSTEM ANALYSIS & NEXUS ROADMAP

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Overview

✓ The Nexus Policy Dialogue in Drina basin
✓ Key insights from the Phase II Nexus Assessment – Energy System Analysis
✓ The transboundary “Nexus Roadmap” for Drina
✓ Outline of Adaptation Strategy for Drina
Nexus Assessment process in the Drina basin

- ✓ 2014-2016 Sava Nexus Assessment
- ✓ 2016-2017 Drina Nexus Assessment
- ✓ 2018-2019 Drina Nexus “Follow-up Project”
- ✓ 2020-2022 SEE Nexus Project

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The SEE Nexus Project (2017-2022)

- Financed by ADA – Implemented by GWP-Med & UNECE
- SEE-wide Regional Component (2017-2019)
- Focused activities in (2020-2022):
  - Transboundary basins of Drin and Drina rivers, and Albania
- Promote the Nexus approach in SEE – catalyse related actions
  - Participatory process, enhanced capacities and raised awareness
  - Assessments to identify & explore interlinkages among sectors
  - Policy recommendations (Nexus Roadmaps)
  - Concrete suggestions for priority interventions
    - Outline of Climate Adaptation Strategy
    - Intervention to improve sediment management & monitoring
Phase II Nexus Assessment in the Drina basin

- Multi-country integrated water-energy model to explore the future of RES – and hydropower in particular - through selected scenarios and expected impacts of climate change

- Key aspects of flow regulation in the basin, taking into account all water uses and functions - progress towards formalizing some of these aspects
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Energy System Analysis – Scenarios & Outputs

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Key insights from the analysis

- Non-hydro RES: competitive with coal but not hydro
- Carbon pricing to significantly affect least-cost electricity supply mix (wind & solar 38% share in 2040)
- System challenges for high shares of intermittent RES – joint planning & integration of transmission infrastructure
- Risk of technological lock-in: Thermal plants under non-ambitious policies / HPPs under climate scenarios
- Models result in different water flows depending on future climate scenarios → Hi-res modelling needed
- Coordination and joint actions required from all riparians
  - Modelling work done a helpful input for any further work
The Drina Nexus Roadmap

• Aim: assist countries towards sustainable and climate resilient management of transboundary natural resources

• Framework to facilitate planning and coordination of Nexus activities
  ❖ lines of action and modalities for effective and coherent cross-sectoral coordination at institutional, policy and management levels
  ❖ maximising the use of existing cooperation platforms and resources

• 10 objectives and suggested main lines of action
  ✓ Developed in cooperation with key representatives from all riparians and all sectors – approved by Drina Nexus SC
  ✓ Reflects interventions countries see of value & need support
The Drina Nexus Roadmap - Objectives

1. Strengthen cross-sectoral cooperation at TB level
2. Improve cross-sectoral governance
3. Improve cross-sectoral policy instruments
4. Boost sustainable infrastructure investments
5. Improve monitoring, data and info exchange
6. Coordination and co-optimisation of flow regulation
7. Improve management of wastewater and solid waste
8. Reduce erosion and sedimentation-related pressures
9. Foster sustainable renewable energy development
10. Agricultural, rural, and eco-tourism development
Outline of a Drina Climate Adaptation Strategy

✓ National & TB adaptation-related policies and initiatives / International frameworks
✓ Climate change scenarios for the Drina River Basin
✓ Expected impacts on sectors & settlements / linkages with DRR
✓ Vulnerability and risk assessments: scope, methodological approaches and priorities
✓ Guiding principles, objectives and targets
✓ Options for public engagement and participation
✓ Adaptation Options: Typology, principles for prioritisation, priority areas of focus

❖ Prepared in consultation with national representatives, following the basis of the Outline prepared for Sava in 2018
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All materials available at: www.gwp.org/seenexus

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