



## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Water-Food-Energy-Environment Nexus Policy Dialogue Process in Southeastern Europe (SEE NPDP)

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Collage: At the shores of Buna -  
Bojana River.

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## Background

Governments of Southeastern Europe (SEE) have agreed in 2013 on the strategy to guide economies towards 2020 (Strategy "SEE 2020-Jobs and Prosperity in European Perspective"). It was decided to move towards policy integration for the management of natural resources as described through the Water-Food-Energy-Environment Nexus approach. The Nexus approach aims at water, energy and food security, while preserving ecosystems. It supports the transition to a Green Economy. Part of the SEE 2020 Strategy is to initiate a dialogue of stakeholders of all respective sectors at the Southeastern Europe level.

## Project details

The aim of the Project was to enhance the integrated and sustainable management of natural resources and transboundary cooperation in the SEE region. The activity was designed to foster the implementation of the Water, Energy and Food Nexus approach and catalysing action for its adoption and implementation at both the national and transboundary level by following the objectives of the SEE 2020-Strategy. The preparation of a Regional Nexus Mapping Study, identified the level of institutional, legislative and policy integration in the water, energy, agriculture and environment sectors in each country. Identified key interlinkages, potential synergies and conflicts among these fertilised opportunities for a political process under the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), enhancing cooperation in the SEE in Transboundary Water Resources Management. Three multi-stakeholder Regional Nexus Roundtables (Belgrade 2017, Skopje 2018, Tirana 2019) increased Nexus-related awareness and capacities of institutions and enabled the exchange of knowledge and experience among countries. In meetings of Nexus-related Ministries in SEE, representatives discussed options and next steps for the promotion of the Nexus approach in SEE, including the outline of a Regional Nexus Roadmap for the Region.

**Target region:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia

**Duration:** 09/2016 – 09/2019

**Beneficiaries:** Ministries of Environment, Economy, Agriculture and Energy of the beneficiary countries via the Regional Cooperation Council (coordinating the implementation of the South East Europe 2020 Strategy)

**Implementing organisation:** Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

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