

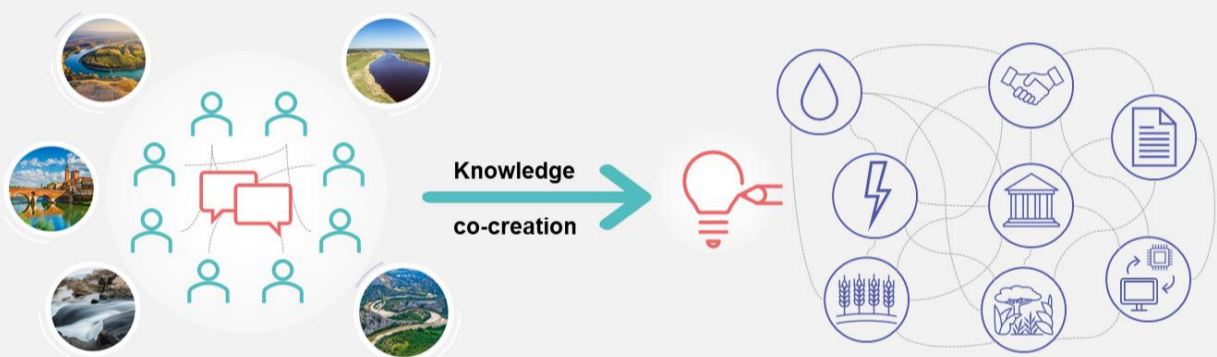
THE IMPORTANCE OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

In the NEXOGENESIS project, stakeholder engagement is crucial for the co-creation and validation of the modelling- and policy-related outputs. But what is stakeholder engagement? Here are some explanations.

What is “stakeholder engagement”?

In transdisciplinary research, stakeholder engagement refers to the interaction with stakeholders for exchange and co-creation of knowledge, as well as mutual learning. This knowledge is normally obtained as stakeholders share, with each other and with the research team, their interests, perceptions, and experiences. All this knowledge is used to define the problem at stake and outline solution pathways.

Stakeholder engagement involves identifying stakeholders, differentiating and categorising them in, among others, public authorities, civil society, and private companies, and analysing their relationships. This information helps knowing who should be informed, consulted, involved, collaborated with, or empowered in the project activities such as workshops, focus groups, or interviews.



Stakeholder engagement in NEXOGENESIS

In NEXOGENESIS, stakeholder engagement aims at informing, consulting, and collaborating with stakeholders to understand how they affect and are affected by changes in the WEF nexus. Specifically, in the five case studies, we will co-create knowledge about: (1) the current state WEF nexus situation and its context (e.g., data availability, related policies); (2) the target state of this situation, for instance, enhancing cooperation and reducing conflicts; and (3) the pathways from the current to the target state (e.g., through aligned policies and agreements) derived from the co-created and validated modelling approaches and policy-related outputs from the NEXOGENESIS project.

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