



## NEXUS REGIONAL FORUM OF STAKEHOLDERS-PRACTITIONERS

From nexus thinking to nexus implementation in South Europe and beyond – mutual learning  
between practitioners and policy makers

Split, Croatia, 27 – 29 September, 2023

### Day 1 – Wednesday 27 September, 2023: Pre-Forum workshop: The implementation and use of innovative WEFE nexus related tools

#### 15.00 – 15.05: Welcome

*Dr. Svetlana Klessova, G.A.C. Group, France*

#### 15.05 – 15.15: Presentation of the NEXOGENESIS project

*Dr. Janez Sušnik, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, Netherlands*

#### 15.15 – 15.25: Objectives of the workshop

*Dr. Svetlana Klessova, G.A.C. Group, France*

#### 15.25 – 15.40: Presentation of the NEXOGENESIS NEPAT

*Nuria Nievas, EURECAT, Spain*

#### 15.40 – 16.25: Discussions around the NEXOGENESIS NEPAT

*Moderated by Dr. Svetlana Klessova, G.A.C. Group, France*

#### 16.25 – 16.45: Coffee break

#### 16.45 – 17.00: Presentation of the User-Validated Policy Package

*Dr. Stefania Munaretto, KWR Water, Netherlands & Dr. Sabina J. Khan, Helmholtz-Zentrum für Umweltforschung, Germany*

#### 17.00 – 17.45: Discussions around the User-Validated Policy Package

*Moderated by Dr. Svetlana Klessova, France*

#### 17.45 – 18.10: General discussions on the implementation and use of innovative WEFE Nexus related tools

*Moderated by Dr. Svetlana Klessova, G.A.C. Group, France*

#### 18.10 – 18.20: Conclusion

*Dr. Svetlana Klessova, G.A.C. Group, France*

### Day 2 – Thursday 28 September, 2023: NEXUS Regional Forum of stakeholders “From nexus thinking to nexus implementation in South Europe and beyond – mutual learning between practitioners and policy makers”

#### 8.30 – 09.00: Registration and welcome coffee

#### 9.00 - 09.20: Welcome

*Dr. Srecko Goic, University of Split, Croatia & Prof. Chrysi Laspidou, University of Thessaly, Greece*

#### 09.20 – 10.50: Session 1 - Sectoral perspective viewpoint: why the nexus matters?

*Facilitated by Dr Serena Caussi, UNI-FLORES, Germany*

*Panel with WEFE practitioners :*

- **The Water sector:** *Dr Sanja Barbalić, River basin organization Croatian Waters, Croatia (TBC)*

- **The Energy sector:** *Eduard Doujak, University of Wien, Austria*
- **The Food/Agriculture sector:** *Catarina Roseta Palma, Terra Sintropica, Portugal*
- **The Ecosystem sector:** *Prof. Maria Papadopoulou, Natural Environment and Climate change Agency, Greece*

#### **10.50 – 11.30: Coffee Break and networking**

#### **11.30 – 13.00: Session 2 - Implementation of nexus cases: focus on the organisation of collaboration around nexus**

*Facilitated by Dr Svetlana Klessova, G.A.C. Group, France and CNRS/GREDEG/University Côte d'Azur, France*

##### **Panelists:**

- *Helena Brčić, Regional agency for Development, Croatia*
- *Pär Larshans, Ragn-Sells Group, Sweden*
- *Marco Hocevar, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (TBC)*

#### **13.00 – 14.00: Lunch break**

#### **14.00 – 15.00: Session 3A - Implementation of nexus cases: focus on research and policy impact**

*Facilitated by Dr Barbara Willaarts, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, & Luisa Prista, Water Europe*

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**Round 1:** *What is nexus research telling us about southern Europe and how can this knowledge retrofit policy and practice ?*

##### **Panelists:**

- *Giulio Pattanaro, European Research Executive Agency, Belgium*
- *Dr. Maria Vracholi, Technische Universität München, Retouch Nexus coordinator, Germany*
- *Anna-Stiina Heiskanen or other SYKE representative, Finnish Environment Institute, BIONEXT coordinator, Finland*

**Round 2:** *How can nexus research increase its social and policy impact ?*

##### **Panelists:**

- *Durk Krol, Water Europe, Belgium*
- *Jose Gonzalez Piqueras, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Rexus coordinator, Spain*
- *Diogo Faria de Oliveira, Defining Future Options, Portugal*
- *Thomas Rebermark, Stockholm International Water Institute, Sweden (TBC)*

**15.00-15.45: Session 3B – Collaborative and participatory debate with the audience on what needs to be addressed to establish a better collaboration between practitioners, researchers and policy makers for an effective nexus implementation**

#### **15.45-16.00: Closing the Forum and networking**

*By Prof Chrysi Laspidou, University of Thessaly, Greece*

**20.00: Dinner (optional)**



**Day 3 – Friday 29 September, 2023: Workshop on “Creating new impact driven opportunities” and Academia brokerage event**

**11.30 – 11.40: Introduction**

*By Naomi Timmer, H2O-People / EJWP, Netherlands*

**11.40 – 12.10: Reducing chemical pollutants from source to ocean: the iMERMAID project and funding instrument for associated regions,**

*By Naomi Timmer, H2O-People / EJWP, Netherlands or WATER Europe (TBC)*

**12.10 – 12.40: Increasing the impact of NEXUS Research (WatNex)**

*By Mirela Sertic Peris, University of Zagreb*

**12.40 – 12.55: Skills development and community building, EJWP**

*By Naomi Timmer, H2O-People / EJWP, Netherlands*

**12.55 – 13.00: Follow-up and closing**

*By Naomi Timmer, H2O-People / EJWP, Netherlands*