



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

19.00: Cocktail reception by the University of Split

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 Caucci, UNI-FLORES, Germany

Panelists:

- **Bioeconomy Strategy in the Republic of Croatia until 2035:** Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia representative
- **The Water sector:** Alena Vlastic, Croatian Waters, Croatia
- **The Energy sector:** Prof. Eduard Doujak, University of Wien, Austria
- **The Food/Agriculture sector:** Prof. 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 and Prof. Chrysi Laspidou, University of Thessaly, Greece

Panelists:

- Helena Brčić, Regional agency for Development, Croatia
- Pär Larshans, Ragn-Sells Group, Sweden
- Manuel Spaniano, Energy and Water Agency, Malta
- Florentina Nanu, Business Development Group, Romania
- Francisco Machado, Defining Future Options, Portugal
- Renee Wansdronk, Wansdronk Architectuur, Netherlands
- Other panelists in process

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, & Dr. Luisa Prista, Water Europe

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

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

Panelists:

- Giulio Pattanaro, European Research Executive Agency, Belgium
- Dr. Maria Vracholi, Technische Universität München, Retouch Nexus coordinator, Germany
- Prof. Anna-Stiina Heiskanen or other SYKE representative, Finnish Environment Institute, BIONEXT coordinator, Finland
- Durk Krol, Water Europe, Belgium
- Prof. Jose Gonzalez Piqueras, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Rexus coordinator, Spain
- Thomas Rebermark, Stockholm International Water Institute, Sweden
- Rania Bou Said, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences & American University of Beirut, MAGO project, Lebanon (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 – 45€ to be covered by own cost)

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 opportunities of Open Calls

By Ellie Shtereva, F6S

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

20.00: Diner (optional – 25€ to be covered by own cost)