

How does NEXOGENESIS drive research towards the policy arena ?

The project aims to facilitate a holistic management of Nexus resources (Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystem) by developing evidence-based policy packages in five areas. For them to have a real impact on the way policy is formed, implemented and understood, a **policy impact strategy is crucial**.

NEXOGENESIS has the potential to influence policies by providing insights and recommendations for policy formulation. However, while researchers may be proud of their findings, **research on its own may not have an impact on the policy arena**. To drive research towards policy, the NEXOGENESIS partners have developed a policy impact strategy. In order to do so, scientific findings need to be translated into an understandable and useful language. Moreover, building networks beyond scientific circles is also essential. Therefore, our policy impact strategy considers stakeholders that have impact in policymaking, including actors directly engaged in the project, those interested in the application of project results, and people with a general interest. NEXOGENESIS formulated three main impacts that will be targeted.


- 1** Improved decision-making in complex socio-environmental contexts using specialized nexus tools.
- 2** Integration of “ecosystems” thinking in policymaking processes on a widespread scale.
- 3** Improved understanding of the effect of streamlined nexus policies on resource governance and management.



Monitoring Policy Impact


To achieve the objectives of the policy impact strategy, NEXOGENESIS will monitor its development on three levels:

Consortium level




Consortium member utilize impact logs.
An impact log is a record of informal feedback, comments, and stories from individuals who have come across or utilized a project's research results. It's a way to gather qualitative and non-structured feedback

Local Case study level



CS leads are asked to record Most Significant Change (MSC), which involves gathering stories and selecting the most impactful ones. MSC provides projects with insights into whether and how they are fulfilling their objectives.

Project level



The overall project's impact is attained by monitoring the log frame benchmarks using modular matrices.
This method focuses on analyzing connections between project elements, such as how outputs match impacts, engage stakeholders, or prepare for future events.

Regular internal and external reviews will be performed in order for the consortium members to regularly provide information. Their input will be then used to assess the outputs that have been achieved with respect to the three impacts objectives. The final assessment will evaluate the results of the strategy, its success and impact.

To learn more about the NEXOGENESIS policy impact strategy, read our corresponding deliverable: [Here](#).

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