



NEXUS ASSESSMENT OF THE DRINA RIVER BASIN (Phase II)

Draft Agenda

for the meeting of the Expert Group on Flow Regulation and Environmental Flows

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Participants will receive connection guidelines for the Zoom platform ahead of the meeting.

Simultaneous interpretation will be available between English and local language



Objective: Get familiar with the planned scope of work; provide guidance for the development of the study about formalization options for selected aspects of flow; discuss needs and options; identify information sources

Participants: water management and environment protection authorities, hydropower operators and civil society representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; international organizations; experts

Format: The meeting will be held virtually via the Zoom. Simultaneous translation from/to English and local language will be available.

9:30 Welcome (Dragan Zeljko, ISRBC)

9:35 Introduction: ADA Nexus Project (Tassos Krommydas, GWP-Med)

9:40 Background on the work on the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus on the Sava and the Drina, High level workshop 2019 and the Drina Nexus Assessment Phase II Concept Note including the study describing different options for the eventual formalization of key aspects of flow regulation across the riparian countries of the Drina and their Nexus sectors (Annukka Lipponen, UNECE)

10:00 Relevant initiatives at the transboundary level (speakers tbc): ICPDR The Guiding Principles on Sustainable Hydropower Development, Water balance; Sava Hydrological Information System and early warning system, WACOM project – ISRBC; World Bank Support to Water Resources Management in the Drina River Basin – environmental flow (tbc.); The West Balkans Drina River Basin Management (WBDRBM) project; GEF-SCCF Drina project); sedimentation and erosion study in the Drina Nexus Follow-up Project, etc.

Q&A

11:15 – 11:30 Break

11:30 Expectations of stakeholders – in plenary

12:00 The role of different stakeholders in the flow regulation in the Drina River Basin (Water management and Environmental, NGO, Energy) - Discussion in groups



- 12:30 Information and inputs needed for preparation of the study describing the situation in the Drina River Basin as well as different options for the eventual formalization of key aspects of flow regulation across the riparian countries of the Drina and their Nexus sectors (Consultant)
- 13:00 Selected international experience about flow related issues agreed at transboundary level from the Handbook on Water Allocation in a Transboundary Context (independent expert)
- 13:15 Concluding discussion: Formalization options of the flow regulation (existing framework; what could be done at regional, basin level, bilateral level; national level coordination between sectors; and harmonization potential (moderated by Annukka Lipponen, UNECE).
- 13:50 Next steps (Annukka Lipponen, UNECE)
- 14:00 End of the virtual meeting