RCC and SEE 2020

• Regional Cooperation Council
  – All-inclusive, regionally driven and led cooperation framework

• SEE 2020 (modelled after Europe 2020)
  – Strategy adopted in November 2013
  – 5 pillars, 16 policy dimensions, 86 measures
    • Environment: Dimension J, Sustainable Growth
  – Instrument to move regional cooperation to a new phase, promote European integration in SEE
SEE 2020 – WEFE NEXUS

Overview:
• SEE 2020 overall objectives (NEXUS related)
• Aim and objectives of the RP on Environment concerning resource management for sustainable growth
• Proposed approach to achieve objectives at:
  – Regional level
  – Transboundary level
  – National level

SEE 2020 – WEFE NEXUS

NEXUS related overall objectives (SEE 2020):
• Advance Water-Energy-Food Nexus approach at national and transboundary levels
• Launch a political process of cooperation in SEE in Trans-boundary Water Resource Management (TWRM)
• Commencement of a Regional Integral Water Management Framework Agreement
  – (EU Water Framework Directive)
SEE 2020 – WEFE NEXUS

Objectives of the Regional Program:

• Enhance water, energy, and food security, preserve ecosystems and their services by:
  – Increasing efficiency and productivity of resources
  – Reducing trade-offs
  – Shifting towards more sustainable consumption patterns and improving demand management
  – Building synergies / improving governance across sectors

• Enhance Integrated Water Resource Management schemes (following EU Water Framework Directive)

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What do we do about it in RCC?
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SEE 2020 Strategy

Regional Program for Dimension J – Environment

Regional project on NEXUS:

*Promoting Sustainable management of natural Resources in SEE through the use of Nexus approach (GWP Med / REC)*

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Regional Project NEXUS:

- **Geographical scope**: Economies of South East Europe
- **Policy dialogue platform**: RCC WG on Environment
- **Implementing bodies**: Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean / Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe
- **Duration**: 2015 – 2017
- **Potential funding**: Austrian Development Agency, German Government
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Regional Project NEXUS:

- **Goal:** Enhance water-energy-food security and sustainable management of water / other natural resources towards sustainable growth

- **Objectives:**
  - Objective 1: **Introduce** W. E. F. and Ecosystems Nexus (WEFEN) approach, catalyze action for its adoption in SEE
  - Objective 2: **Catalyze policy formulation** process at national and transboundary levels through dialogues. Strengthen knowledge base for implementation of WEFEN
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Regional Project NEXUS: National actions

• **Define** developmental priorities related to W.F.E.
• **Identify** trade-offs hampering W.F.E security and development potentials
• **Identify** potential benefits to be shared among sectors
• **Define** steps to be followed
• **Reflect** the needs and aspirations of diff. stakeholders
• **Identify** the appropriate institutional options and modalities for SEE 2020 implementation

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Regional Project NEXUS: Reg. and transboundary actions

• **Define** developmental priorities related to W.F.E.
• **Identify** trade-offs hampering W.F.E security and development potentials
• **Identify** potential benefits to be shared among sectors and among different economies
• **Define** steps to be followed at transboundary levels (basins)
• **Reflect** the needs and intentions of partner economies
thank you