

Topical Round Table: Participation of the economic sectors and citizens

What instruments and tools facilitate participation of different interests at transboundary (basin) level?

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Reconciling different interests in transboundary basins: main points

- There are **opportunities for reducing negative effects and for obtaining mutual benefits** from improved coordination across economic sectors and from transboundary cooperation
- Key to promoting coordination and participation in transboundary basins: **availability of legal frameworks**, including both framework conventions and specific agreements
- **Joint institutions** for transboundary cooperation around the world demonstrate (with differing success) fostering dialogue between different interests, supporting harmonization etc.



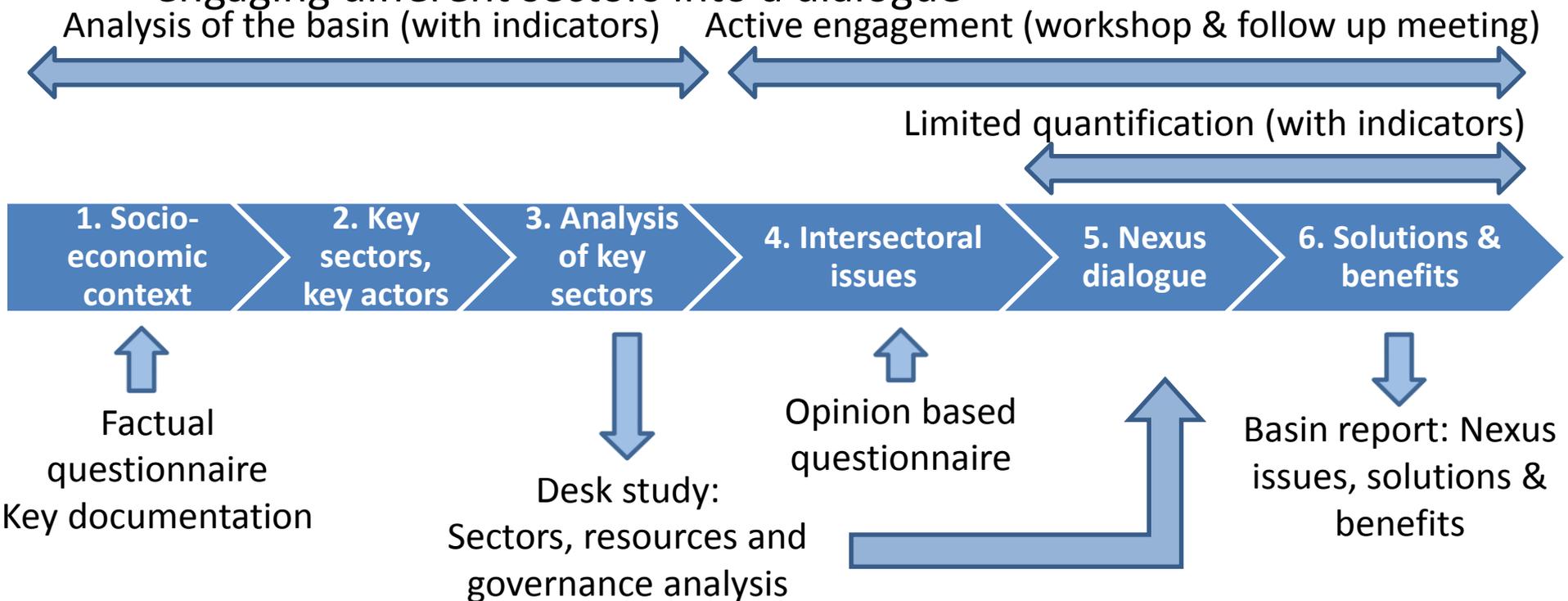
Tools and instruments

- UNECE Water Convention
 - Convention's scope: intersectoral, beyond water
 - Intersectoral (nexus) assessments – methodology to assess key links, effects and possible solutions
 - Principles of Effective Joint Bodies (adopted by the Parties in 2015): representation of authorities, stakeholder participation etc.
- Joint bodies for transboundary cooperation
 - Have specific mechanisms and processes for stakeholder participation
 - River Basin Management Plan; consultations
 - Guidelines, principles (e.g. ICPDR on sustainable hydropower)



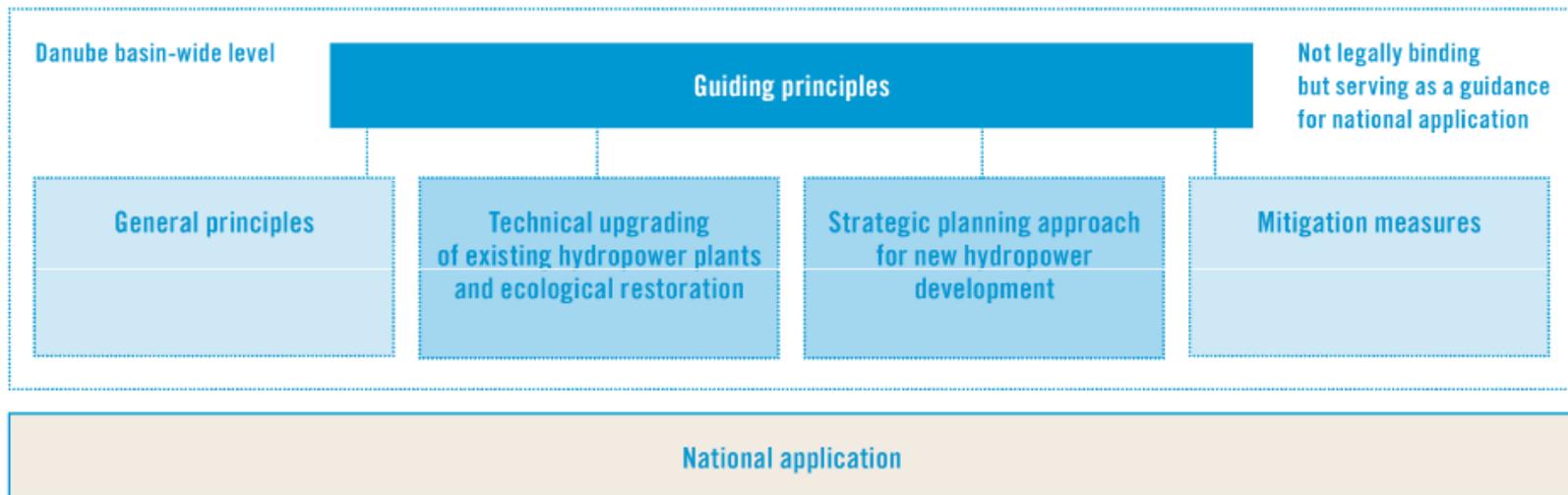
Nexus assessment methodology

- Adapts to the context and the issues specific to the basin
- Provides for identification of cooperative ways to tackle nexus challenges in a non-prescriptive, inclusive and indicative manner highlighting a broad range of potential opportunities.
- Application to 5 transboundary basins demonstrates value for engaging different sectors into a dialogue



Hydropower Guiding Principles

Main elements



- ▶ **Common vision and understanding** on policy framework and requirements for sustainable hydropower
- ▶ Addressing issue **more holistically** (energy efficiency, other forms of RES, environmental objectives, ...)
- ▶ Main addressees: **Planning authorities for energy and environment**, hydropower sector, NGOs, interested public