The Blue Peace
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Freshwater is scarce and doesn’t stop at the borders

52% of the world’s population will live in water-scarce areas by 2050.

2 in 5 people rely on river basins that cross national boundaries for drinking and domestic water.
What is Blue Peace?

Stability and sustainable development

Cooperation across...

Borders

Generations

Sectors
Blue Peace: Benefits and Impediments

**Benefits of Blue Peace**
- Agricultural productivity
- Drinking water, sanitation and health
- Access to water and energy services
- Reduced damages from natural disasters
- Regional economic integration
- Political and diplomatic cooperation
- Food security and nutrition
- Reduced ecosystem degradation
- Economic benefits
- Social and environmental benefits

**Impediments to Blue Peace**
- Existential importance of water
- Dispersed stakeholders
- Requires technical, political and economic alignment
- Dynamic nature of water
- Lack of finance
Why did we build the Blue Peace Index?

Blue Peace Index will…

- Bring the topic to a “non-specialist” audience
- Spur a public debate on goals and best practices
- Highlight policy and technical solutions
- Provide a tool for a holistic & long-term assessment
What does the Blue Peace Index measure?

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Snapshot of Results: Sava River Basin

- **Strengths**: policy and legal frameworks aligned with EU and international water law
- **Challenges**: mechanisms for stakeholder engagement are lacking
- **Opportunities**: RBO can be a catalyst for inter riparian learning

Overall Score: **67.9**
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