



# Transboundary Water Management in Africa

## Regional Context

### Africa's transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers:

- Vital resource for many sectors
- Cover 60% of the continent
- 80% of the population's water needs

### Climate change - affecting availability and water uses, water-related disasters:

- 2020 flooding in the Niger river basin - at least 45 people killed and more than 225,000 people displaced in Niamey

Integrated transboundary water resource management, and water diplomacy are key to face the increased pressure on water resources

### Policies:

- Protocol on Shared Watercourses of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)
- New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
- African Union Green Recovery Action Plan 2021-2027
- Sub-Saharan Africa regional MIP

## Geopolitical Context and relevant SDGs



### Water-energy-food security-ecosystems (WEFE) nexus

#### 1992 UNECE Water Convention

#### 1997 UN Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses

#### EU Council Conclusion on Water Diplomacy, 2018

#### EU Water Framework Directive

#### EU-Sub-Saharan Africa regional programming

#### African Green Stimulus Programme

## Team Europe Proposal

### Geographic scope: support to the 35 countries in SSA and 3 countries in the Maghreb region

- SO 1: Continental policies and strategies, supporting knowledge, data and research
- SO 2: Institutional frameworks (regional, sub-regional, national) for transboundary basin cooperation and promotion
- SO 3: Holistic IWRM and WEFE nexus approaches
- SO 4: Key investment projects

### Capacity development for continental and regional stakeholders (SO 1-4)

### Strengthen TWM and TBA governance and institutional organisation (SO 1-2)

### Introducing novel approaches for transboundary cooperation (SO 3)

### Improving knowledge, analytical tools and information systems (SO 3)

### Strategic planning for measures and actions, including adaptation to climate change (SO 3-4)

### Consolidation of independent and sustainable financing for the TBA (SO 4)

### Knowledge and project preparation for investments of transboundary relevance designed for joint benefits (SO 4)

## Modalities/ Tools

Policy dialogue

Technical assistance

Blending

### Transformational potential

- Support the transboundary water management in Africa to support development and regional integration

### Common areas of intervention

- Water
- Climate change
- Growth

\*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress

\*\*SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)

