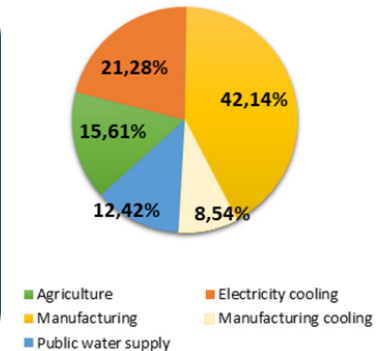
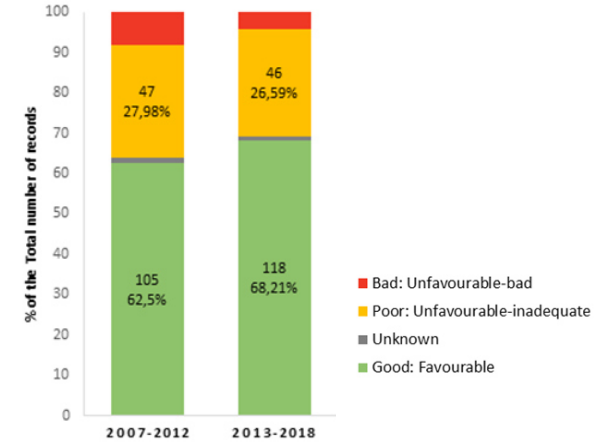




of inhabitants **19 million**
Surface area **234 270 km²**
GDP per capita **77 pps [1]**
Significant bodies of water (RBDs) **Danube**
Polity **sovereign, independent, unitary, indivisible national state**
Layers of government **central government; 42 departments; 103 larger cities; 217 towns; 2 861 rural municipalities**
Legislative powers at the sub-national level **No**
Decentralisation index **1.4 (20 out of 27) [2]**
Water Exploitation Index plus (WEI+) **4.40% (2017) [3]**



Water abstraction per sector in Romania - Source: EEA (2022)



Conservation status for habitats in 2007-2012 and 2013-2018 in Romania - Source: EEA (2021)



Water bodies with less than good ecological status in Romania - Source: EEA (2021)

Main actors responsible for WEF E nexus relevant governance

NEXUS PILLARS	POLICY MAKING	POLICY EXECUTION
Water	Ministry of the Environment, Water and Forests	National Administration Romanian Waters (NARW); National Environment Protection Agency (NEPA); County Environmental Protection Agencies; municipalities
Energy	Ministry of the Economy, Energy and the Business Environment	counties; municipalities
Food	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	County Departments of Agriculture and municipalities
Ecosystems	Ministry of the Environment, Water and Forests	National Environment Protection Agency (NEPA); National Agency for Protected Natural Areas (ANANP); County Environmental Protection Agencies



[1] EU purchasing power standard
[2] <https://portal.cor.europa.eu/divisionpowers/Pages/Decentralization-Index.aspx>
[3] The threshold for water scarcity is set at > 20%
[4] <https://fishforlife.ro/en/>
[5] <https://www.worldbank.org/en/events/2021/04/22/romania-blueing-the-black-sea-consultations>

WEF E NEXUS PERSPECTIVE

CHALLENGES

- Invest in water supply network, reduce leakage and improve wastewater infrastructure
- Establish conservation objectives and measures for all Natura 2000 sites
- Strengthen communication with stakeholders to improve conservation of species and habitats
- Ensure that the agency in charge of protected areas (ANANP) has sufficient technical and administrative capacity

OPPORTUNITIES

- The Fish For Life project focuses on restoration of fish migration corridors in the Gilort river[4]
- Biodiversity and Natura 2000 toolkits have been produced for key economic sectors through a stakeholder participatory process
- The Romanian Recovery and Resilience Plan supports key reforms of the water sector - by a stronger regulatory framework that improves public access to quality services - by establishing a mechanism for interlinking the various sectors that have an impact on biodiversity.
- The Blueing the Black Sea Program[5] aims to reduce the discharge of nitrogen and phosphorous into water bodies

Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or REA. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.