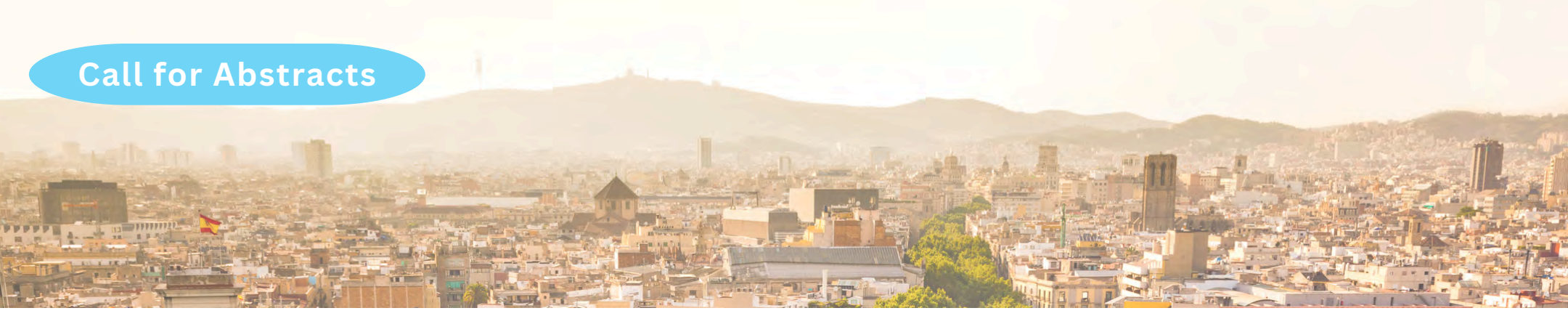
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Do you work on integrated management of environmental resources?

DRESDEN NEXUS CONFERENCE

27–29 April 2027

Advancing the Resource Nexus: From the Source to Sea Continuum

Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau, Barcelona, Spain (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

ABOUT DNC 2027

Since 2015, the Dresden Nexus Conference has been the leading international platform for the Resource Nexus approach, bringing together researchers, policymakers, practitioners, UN agencies and civil society. After ten years in Dresden, DNC now leaves Germany for the first time: DNC 2027 convenes in Barcelona for a Mediterranean Edition to link the conference's focus on integrated management of environmental resources to the host region's environment that is characterised by water-scarcity, and the question of managing the land–sea continuum that is of particular relevance to coastal regions such as those of the Mediterranean.



Participants at the Dresden Nexus Conference 2025 | Photo credit: Victor Smolinski

WHAT IS THE RESOURCE NEXUS?

The Resource Nexus treats environmental resources, such as water, soil, waste, energy, land or materials as one interconnected system rather than separate silos, since action on one resource creates trade-offs and synergies elsewhere. It is the umbrella under which other nexus framings sit: the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus and the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus each foreground a particular set of resource interactions, while the Resource Nexus situates them within the fuller system of resources, governance and planetary health.

THEMATIC AREAS

- Global Nexus Case Studies: research and implementation experience from around the world
- Mediterranean Nexus Case Studies: water scarcity, coastal and marine resources, agri-food systems, and the source-to-sea continuum
- Advancing Nexus Concepts: definitions, data, methodologies, modelling and standardization of the Nexus approach
- Nexus Governance and Policy: science-policy interfaces and institutions for integrated resource management
- Nexus Education and Capacity Development: teaching, training and curricula for the next generation of resource management practitioners

Abstract submissions open on 15 October via www.dresden-nexus-conference.org and close on 15 November.
Early submissions may be sent directly to dnc2027@unu.edu.

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Submissions on other themes are encouraged as long as they relate to the Resource Nexus. If in doubt, please reach out to the conveners using the conference email address (see below). Besides thematic sessions, the conference will offer various opportunities for exchange and the discussion of joint community activities.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submissions can be for individual contributions (presentations, posters) or for whole sessions (e.g., panel discussion, World Café, Speed Talk, etc.)
- Abstracts of max. 350 words, in English, submitted via the DNC 2027 online submission portal
- Contributions from researchers, doctoral and early-career researchers, policymakers, practitioners, UN agencies, the private sector and civil society

KEY DATES

- Abstract submission deadline: 15 November 2026
- Notification of acceptance: December 2026
- Conference: 27–29 April 2027, Barcelona, Spain

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