# The Water-Land-Energy-Food-Climate Nexus In Sardinia

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#### **NEXUS** and System Dynamics Modelling

- Land, food, energy, water and climate are linked and interconnected into a Nexus, characterized by complexity and feedbacks. An integrated management of the Nexus is critical to understand conflicts/synergies and secure efficient and sustainable use of resources, especially under climate change.
- System Dynamics Modelling (SDM) analyzes behaviour of complex systems, like reservoir water balance and resilience from a range of potential future threats
- Stocks (e.g., water in a reservoir); flows (e.g., river inflows or evaporation, energy use, ag water demand) and converters which control flow rates (e.g., evaporation rates)
- SDM splits large systems into dynamically interacting sub-systems with multiple interactions for resource availability (e.g., water, energy, land use) and uses for different sectors (e.g., agriculture, tourism, domestic)
- Modelling implemented in R, with elements evaluated at every modelling time-step
- SIM4NEXUS H2020 project (<a href="https://www.sim4nexus.eu/">https://www.sim4nexus.eu/</a>) and CMCC-NEXUS strategic project

#### **NEXUS: SARDINIA**

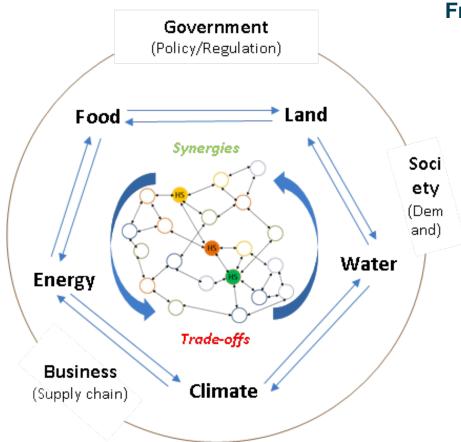
- 24,090 km2: plains (14%), hills (68%) mountains (18%)
- Mediterranean Climate with 600  $\pm$  400 mm/yr
- Population is 1.6 million, Tourist flows (38 million overnight stays in 2007)
- Agricultural land 47% of the total area of the island, but only 7% of this area is irrigated
- Irrigation accounts for 69.4% of the water consumption, whereas urban 25.4%
- Industry only 5.2% as many industries have de-salinization plants.



- Tourism for about 17% of GDP, agriculture for 4%.
- Water requirements storage reservoirs (57% of annual demands), and on spring water or groundwater (43%).
- The region is divided in seven hydrological districts), encompassing different reservoirs and water distribution systems only partially connected between districts.
- Thus water availability, but also water demand varies spatially in the region (as well as the distribution by sector).

#### **CMCC Nexus**

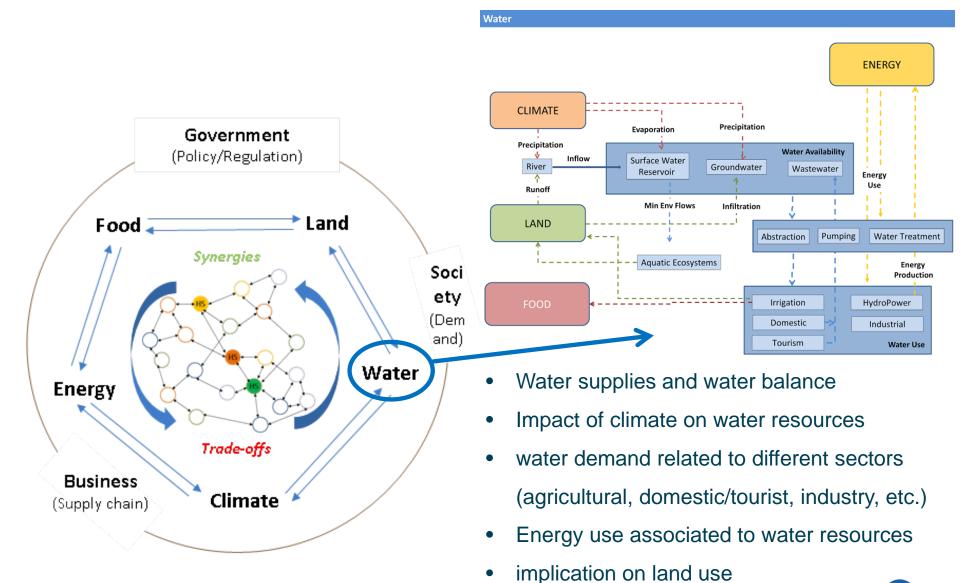
Systemic approach for integrated management and governance of resources and interconnected sectors (i.e. the Water-Energy-Food-Climate-Land use-Nexus) to achieve SDGs and socio-economic demand.

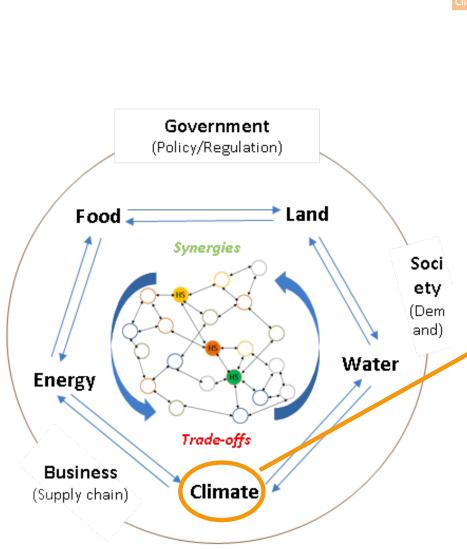


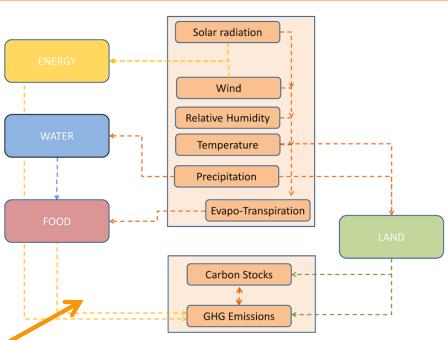
Framework Integrating different NEXUS aspects (Water-Energy-Food-Land Use-Climate)

Resource limitations/management for achieving security over multiple sectors

- Some of these are already consolidated
- Further expansion and collaboration to consolidate additional tools to analyze further NEXUS aspects



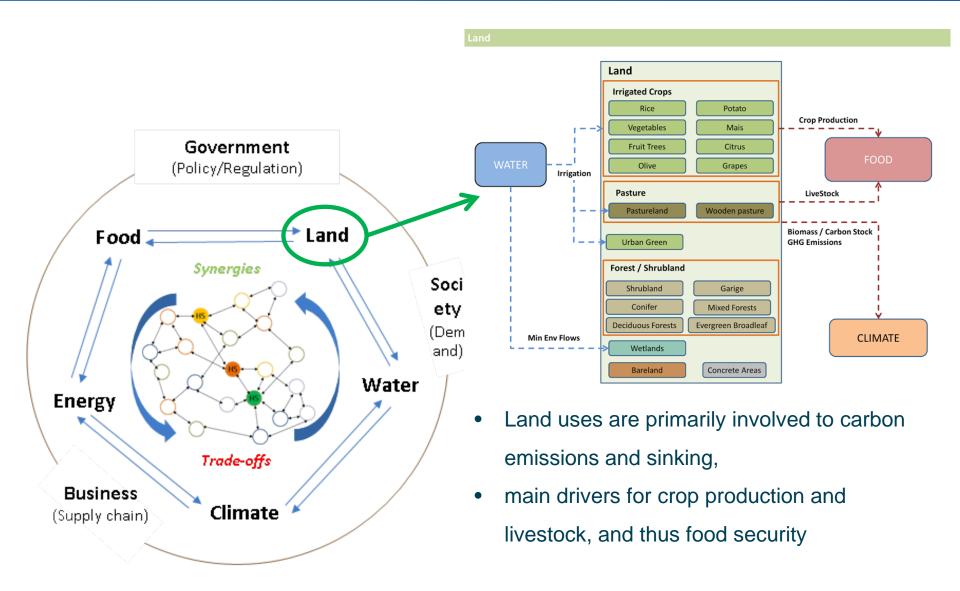


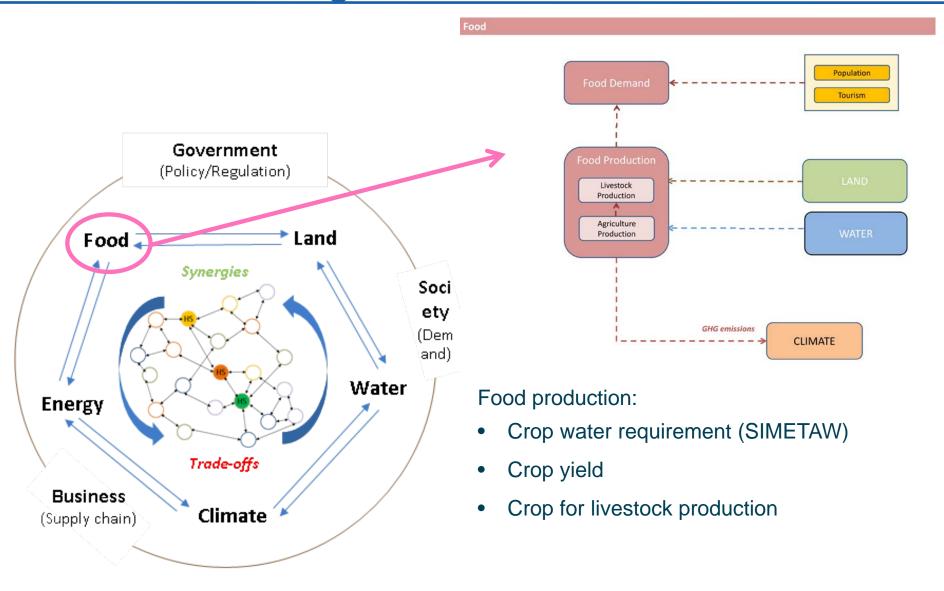


#### Climate impact on:

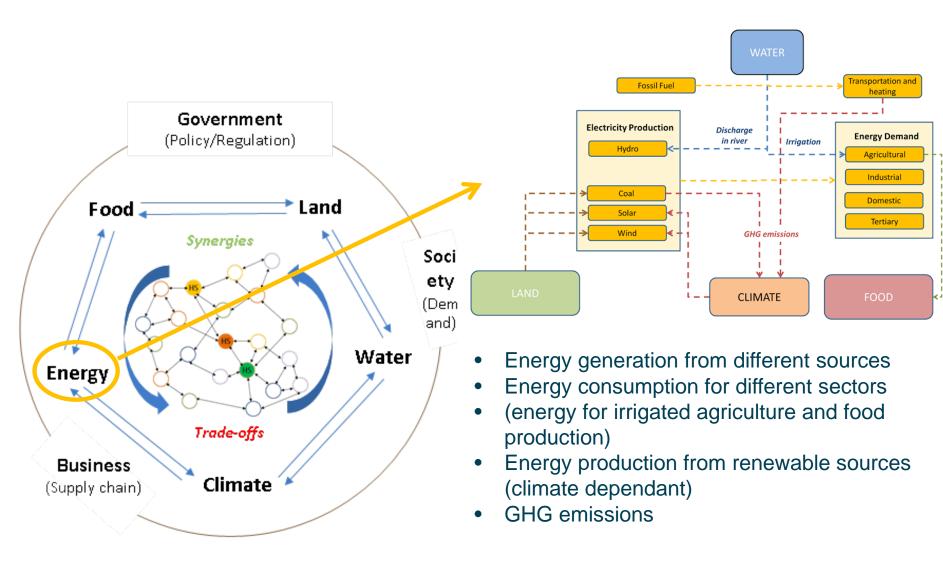
- recharge to reservoirs, evaporation rates,
  crop water requirements,
- touristic fluxes, cooling/heating demand
- energy production dependant on solar radiation and wind





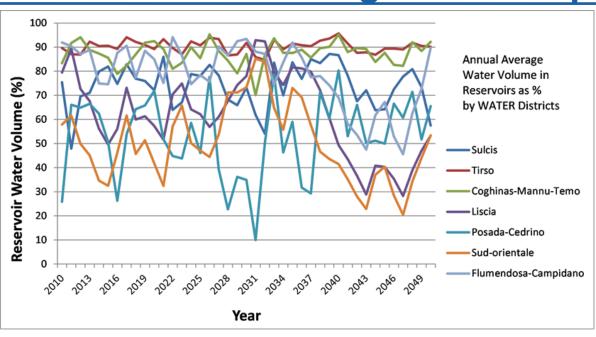


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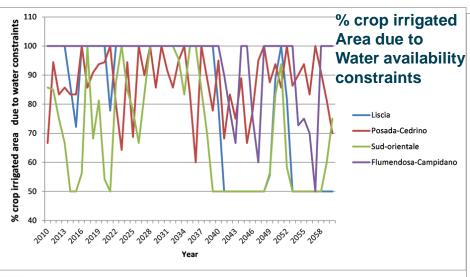


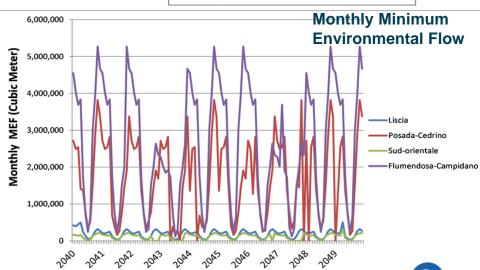


#### **NEXUS** integration sample results

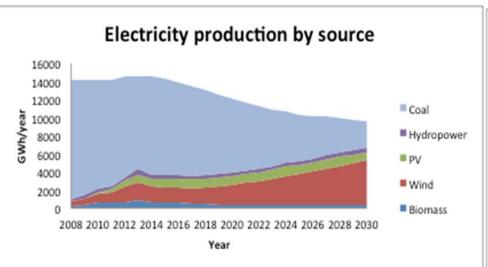


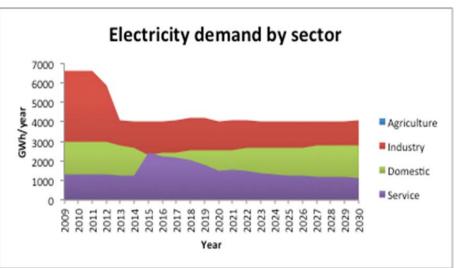


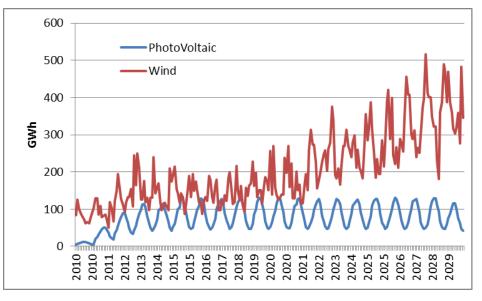


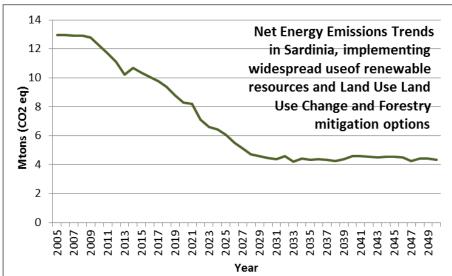


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#### **Policy coeherence**

## Policy coherence: Analyse conflicts and synergies on resources between different policies / management rules

## Bivariate matrix of policy interactions and synergetic/antagonistic effect on single resources

	Τ	Ι		Τ							Π	Ι						Ι	Ι	Π
	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	FA1	FA2	FA3	W1	W2	W3	L1	L2	C1	C2	C3	T1	T2	F01	FO2
E1		3	-2	1	0	1	1\-1	1	0	0	0	-2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
E2	3		2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0
E3	0\-1	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0
E4	2	2	0		0	1	1\-1	1	1\-1	1	0	-1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
E5	1	2	-1	0		1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	1	0	0
FA1	0	0	0	1	0		1\-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	2
FA2	0	1	1	2	1	1		2	2	2	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	2	1	1	1
FA3	1	1	2	2	1	2	2		1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1\-1	1	2	2	1	2
W1	0	0	0	-1	0	2	-2	2		0	0	0	0	0	2	1	-1	0	0	0
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W3	0	0	0	1	0	3	-1	1	1	0		0	1	0	1	1	-1	0	1	2
L1	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
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C1	3	3	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	-1	0		1\-1	1	-1	1	2	2
C2	1	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	3	3	1	0	1	1\-1		3	1	2	2	2
C3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		0	0	0	0
T1	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	1		2	1	2
T2	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	2	2	2	1	2	2	2		2	2
FO1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0		1
FO2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	2	2	



# **Thanks**

