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SUSTAINABLE COOPERATION Institutional Tools and Mechanisms

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- There is no alternative to cooperation
- The common element is a basin wide approach
- However, there is no general common recipe establish cooperation



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Six key elements for sustainable cooperation

1. Political will and trust are overarching and of utmost importance;
2. Finding consensus about what problems need to be resolved and what objectives should be achieved;
3. Knowledge to identify and define possible solutions;



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4. Transparency in the process of finding consensus about what measures to take
5. Political commitment and financial means to implement a common programme of measures
6. A legal framework for enforcement