MEDREG activities at a glance
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What is MEDREG?

MEDREG is the Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators, born in 2007 under the Italian law.

It currently gathers 24 energy regulators from the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Libya, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey.

MEDREG promotes a transparent, stable and harmonized regulatory framework in the Mediterranean Region fostering market integration and infrastructure investments, as well as aiming to consumer protection and enhanced energy cooperation.

MEDREG carries out its activities through a well-structured and effective internal cooperation process and external collaboration with energy stakeholders in the Mediterranean Basin, with the objective to implement the conditions for the establishment of a future Mediterranean Energy Community, based on a bottom-up approach.
MEDREG Words

- **Information exchange**: Providing permanent discussion framework and collecting data.
- **Independent Regulators**: MEDREG brings together 24 energy regulators around the Mediterranean Region.
- **Sustainable Development**: Greater efficiency and integration of energy markets.
- **Bottom up approach**: Considering the specificity of each member when thinking about regional models.
- **Capacity Development**: Working groups, training sessions and seminars.
- **Harmonization**: Considering the specificity of each member when thinking about regional models.
- **Regional Cooperation**: Progressive market integration and intense institutional cooperation.
- **Best practices**: Dissemination of expertise through comprehensive studies, recommendations, reports and specialized training sessions.
- **Assistance**: Helping regulators to reinforce their institutional capacities and encourage appropriate reforms.
- **Mediterranean Membership**: Providing permanent cooperation network.
A forward-looking framework of development for electricity systems

• MEDREG further developed its focus on RES and laid the ground for a study on tools to evaluate guarantees of origins in the Mediterranean basin to be completed this year

• MEDREG organized its first webinar on the legislative and regulatory aspects concerning guarantees of origin in Europe and it provided insights on the definition and scope of green certificates

• MEDREG updated its Mediterranean Electricity Market Observatory (MEMO), dealing both with national and sub-regional clusters of markets: quality of supply, most notably continuity of supply, emerged as the top priority for Mediterranean countries in 2015
Assessing gas market designs

• The Organization actively monitors data provision in the regional gas markets to ensure system operators disclose on a fair and non-discriminatory basis information that market players need

• In 2015, MEDREG published two reports on gas topics, monitoring transparency and TPA: those are generally improving in the region, as MEDREG recommendations are slowly but steadily applied

• Egypt recognized the need to redesign the baseline functioning of its gas market model, notably through the gradual opening of the downstream sector and the establishment of a clearer legal and regulatory framework
Endorsed at the UfM SOM of March 2015, the Platforms were conceived as a tool to boost technical and political dialogue on energy issues in the region, with a focus on the reduction of market fragmentation.

Together with Med-TSO, MEDREG has drafted the preliminary work programme for the REM platform.

MEDREG and Med-TSO have suggested the establishment of exchange zones in cases where the coordination of borders through which electricity is -or can be- exchanged provides advantages to the technical and commercial development of infrastructures.
Help consumers exerting their rights

• MEDREG worked to increase the awareness of its members on consumer protection by issuing a template brochure for Mediterranean energy consumers, summarizing their fundamental rights.

• Mediterranean regulators provided a comprehensive vision on the main regulatory drivers to favor and reinforce energy access in developing countries and mapped Mediterranean organizations of energy consumers.

• MEDREG studied the characteristics of consumer vulnerability in the Basin through a report on the criteria to identify and support vulnerable consumers in the different MEDREG countries.
Supporting independent regulators

• MEDREG believes that institutional building is a key tool to support and strengthen the role of regulatory principles at national level

• In 2015, the Organization decided to test these principles against reality: MEDREG is performing a voluntary peer-review of EgyptERA and providing a set of recommendations vis-à-vis the implementation level of the MEDREG good regulatory principles

• The report shall provide EgyptERA an opportunity to better enhance its regulatory functions in line with the recently published national electricity law
Consolidate the right mechanisms to support emerging Med energy markets

- PROMOTING EFFECTIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS
- SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING
- INVESTING IN REGULATORY KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE
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