

FINAL STATEMENT of the MEDENER Presidency

The 4th MEDENER International Conference

“Accelerating the Energy Transition in the Mediterranean region: towards a new sustainable energy mix”

Algiers, May 25th 2016

At the 4th MEDENER International Conference in Algiers, the Presidency reaffirmed the willingness of the Association to participate in the activities of the Euro-Mediterranean Platform on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency (PRESEE), in close collaboration with all other stakeholders who have so far confirmed their readiness to do so.

The Conference gave a concrete opportunity to analyse in depth the topics related, namely, how it will be possible to accelerate the energy transition in the Mediterranean region and to discuss on how the natural gas could complement the take-off of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources to meet the energy demand in the region.

The Conference participants,

- Bearing in mind the final statement of the Italian Presidency of the EU and of the European Commission at high level Conference in Rome, on 19th November 2014, underlining the importance of regional energy cooperation for ensuring secure, affordable and sustainable energy supply which is a key factor for underpinning stability and shared prosperity in the Mediterranean area;
- Recalling the final statement of MEDENER Presidency in Naples, 10th April 2015, that recognises the value of the expertise of MEDENER and of the National Energy Agencies bringing public Energy Transition policies and the need for concrete actions and for a regional operative platform;
- Underlining the importance of the visions towards 2040, through energy transition scenarii that identify the major challenges and the need for concrete and ambitious action plans to achieve the following goals, 27% of RES in the energy mix, a 30% improvement on energy efficiency, GHG emissions reduced by 38 % compared to the 2013 level;

- Recalling the Paris Agreement, adopted during the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) in Paris, 30 November to 11 December 2015, and namely the article 10.2 where Parties, noting the importance of technology for the implementation of mitigation and adaptations actions under the Paris agreement and recognizing existing technology deployment and dissemination efforts, shall strengthen cooperative action on technology development and transfer;
 - Taking full account of the specific needs and special situations of Countries in the Mediterranean region, namely for the energy sector;
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- ❖ Recognize the urgent need to enhance Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources in the energy mix of euro Mediterranean countries in order to accelerate the energy transition in the Region;
 - ❖ Note the role of Local Authorities in the energy transition process, as recognized in the “Covenant of Mayor”, and their close cooperation with the energy agencies to meet their concrete needs of strategic and technical support, expertise, and exchanges of good practices at regional level;
 - ❖ Stress the urgency of accelerating the official launch of the Euro-Mediterranean Platform on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency and call upon the Secretariat of the Union for Mediterranean to convene an adequate group of energy experts which shall ensure the harmonisation and the coordination of the activities of the three thematic platforms ;
 - ❖ Invite countries member of Union for Mediterranean process, to support action plans for each of the three thematic platforms with a view to identifying specific and concrete partnership actions and following up on their implementation;
 - ❖ Underline the need for an increased coordination of regional assistance projects in order to capitalise on the outcomes and fostering the deployment of knowledge, practices and investments related to the energy transition process;
 - ❖ Emphasize the role of the national contributions to the COP21 to perform the energy transition goals whose implementation needs to be enforced at the COP22;
 - ❖ Thank the Algerian government and the Algerian Agency APRUE for the very accurate organisation of the event and for the warm welcome.

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