

FINAL STATEMENT of the MEDENER Presidency

5th MEDENER International Conference

"Addressing climate change and migration in the Mediterranean region through energy transition"

Lisbon, November 30th 2017

At the 5th MEDENER International Conference in Lisbon, the Presidency reaffirmed the willingness of the Association to continue participating in the activities of the Euro-Mediterranean Platform on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency (REEE), in close collaboration with all other stakeholders who have so far confirmed their readiness to do so.

- 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 scenario 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;

The Conference participants

- ❖ Recognize the need to face two relevant global challenges within the Mediterranean Region: firstly Climate Change and secondly Migration, although they can often interfere with each other. The sustainable approach to energy policy is the key to the success of our society dealing with those two relevant global problems;
- ❖ Consider that Energy Transition could be a powerful multipurpose political approach which can fit both the two global problems, using Renewable Energy Sources (RES) and Energy Efficiency (EE) as bottom-up instruments to ensure energy security of supply, Climate change mitigation, economic growth and job creation in the Region, at the same time contributing to reduce the migration flows;
- ❖ Underline the need to establish partnership policies with countries on the southern shore of the Mediterranean and Africa that involve these countries in concrete projects: direct financial aid to governments in these countries should be avoided. Likewise, claiming that our best practices in the sector should be simply adopted by the countries benefiting from the co-operation is an attitude we cannot follow any more;
- ❖ Recommend an approach which should not retrace step by step the same path followed in Europe from the nationalization of the energy system to its liberalization. Bearing in mind the availability of new technologies of information and communication as well as the relevant improvement in the electronics components and systems, we have now some affordable alternatives to design and implement electrical and energy systems for a better integration of renewable energy in the energy mix through a large number of producers/consumers spread in the territory, namely in medium and big cities;
- ❖ Reaffirm once again the need for the three UfM Energy thematic Platforms to work together in close collaboration, in order to enable cost-effective technological solutions within an adequate legislative and regulatory framework.
- ❖ Thank the Portuguese Government and the Portuguese Energy Agency, ADENE, for the very accurate organisation of the event and for the warm welcome.

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