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L'ACTUALITÉ ÉCONOMIQUE EN MÉDITERRANÉE

### ❖ **Valorem prend 25% des parts du Marocain DLM EnR**

*econostrum.info - 17 septembre 2018*

Le groupe français Valorem, opérant dans les énergies vertes notamment dans l'éolien, annonce son entrée dans le capital du Marocain DLM EnR, filiale du groupe Delattre Levivier Maroc.

[https://www.econostrum.info/Valorem-prend-25-des-parts-du-Marocain-DLM-EnR\\_a24753.html](https://www.econostrum.info/Valorem-prend-25-des-parts-du-Marocain-DLM-EnR_a24753.html)

### ❖ **Why Algeria's sector isn't booming ?**

*Oilprice.com - September 6, 2018*

Algeria has survived the decade of political turmoil, with Arab Spring revolutions subverting authoritarian leaders across the Maghreb, largely unscathed. Popular unrest was swiftly quelled by government handouts and thereafter kept on a minimal level, even though the nation has been ruled by Abdelaziz Bouteflika for almost 20 years

<https://oilprice.com/Energy/Energy-General/Why-Algerias-Oil-Sector-Isnt-Booming.html>

### ❖ **The never-ending battle for Libya's oil crescent**

*Oil price.com - August 20, 2018*

Seven years after the fall of the Gaddafi regime, Libya remains locked in a cycle of offensives and counter-offensives between militias loyal to rival political groups. Although oil production experienced a significant increase in 2017, continuing insecurity and the vulnerability of oil infrastructure to disruptions from armed groups and local protesters still largely constrain Libya's oil potential.

<https://oilprice.com/Energy/Crude-Oil/The-Never-Ending-Battle-For-Libyas-Oil-Crescent.html>

### ❖ **Turkey aims to boost clean energy deployment**

*Anadolu - August 28, 2018*

Turkey revised its renewable energy target for 2023, with additional steps to increase the share of clean electricity production from 31 percent to more than 50 percent by 2023.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/economy/turkey-aims-to-boost-clean-energy-deployment-/1238476>

❖ **Transition énergétique : la France à la traîne sur ses objectifs**

*L'info durable - 18 septembre 2018*

Diminution des émissions des gaz à effet de serre, développement des renouvelables, réduction de la consommation d'énergie finale... La France accuse un retard sur la grande majorité des objectifs qu'elle s'est fixés dans le cadre de sa transition énergétique, selon l'Observatoire Climat-Énergie.

<https://www.linfodurable.fr/environnement/transition-energetique-la-france-la-traine-sur-ses-objectifs-6174>

❖ **Generator mafias profit from Lebanese power supply gap**

*Bytheeast - August 30, 2018*

In an attempt to bridge the power supply gap in Lebanon, people who owned private generators in Lebanon have been collecting “extortionate prices” from their customers for decades altogether, while using the “crumbling” country infrastructure to their advantage. It is estimated that this illegal industry’s net worth would be over “\$1 billion”, whereby “giving those involved enormous influence that some say has been used to stymie reform”.

<https://www.bytheeast.com/2018/08/30/generator-mafias-profit-from-lebanese-power-supply-gap/>

❖ **Both the environment and public benefit from clean maritime transport**

*Malta Independent - September 4, 2018*

The urgent need to address the pollution generated by maritime transport is widely felt, especially in islands like Malta. Pushing for maritime transport that is clean ensures better health and improved air quality in both Malta and Gozo, MEP Miriam Dalli and Education Minister Evarist Bartolo said.

<http://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2018-09-04/local-news/Both-the-environment-and-public-benefit-from-clean-maritime-transport-6736195799>

❖ **Greece on the energy map, with the support of big players**

*ekathimerini - September 11, 2018*

The foreign ministers of Greece and Cyprus will meet in Athens and then travel to Israel for talks with Benjamin Netanyahu, in his capacity as foreign affairs chief. Apart from the broader framework of cooperation in other areas, energy will be high on the agenda.

<http://www.ekathimerini.com/232486/opinion/ekathimerini/comment/greece-on-the-energy-map-with-the-support-of-big-players>

❖ **Renewables bring 33,8% of Spain's power in August**

*Renwables Now - September 12, 2018*

Renewable energy sources accounted for 33.8% of Spain's power generation in August, up 14.4% in annual terms, shows data by grid operator Red Electrica de Espana (REE).

<https://renewablesnow.com/news/renewables-bring-338-of-spains-power-in-august-626446/>

❖ **Europe's renewable energy directive poised to harm global forest**

*Nature Communications - September 12, 2018*

This comment raises concerns regarding the way in which a new European directive, aimed at reaching higher renewable energy targets, treats wood harvested directly for bioenergy use as a carbon-free fuel. The result could consume quantities of wood equal to all Europe's wood harvests, greatly increase carbon in the air for decades, and set a dangerous global example.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-018-06175-4>

## TECHNOLOGIES

### ❖ **Corsica Linea passe à l'électricité à Marseille**

*econostrum.info - 13 septembre 2018*

Les trois ferries de Corsica Linea seront équipés dans les prochains mois d'un dispositif leur permettant de se brancher au réseau électrique lorsqu'ils seront à quai, sur le port de Marseille.

[https://www.econostrum.info/Corsica-Linea-passe-a-l-electrique-a-Marseille\\_a24746.html](https://www.econostrum.info/Corsica-Linea-passe-a-l-electrique-a-Marseille_a24746.html)

### ❖ **Kayrros transforme les images satellites en données sur l'énergie**

*Les Echos - 18 septembre 2018*

La start-up française développe une technologie permettant d'interpréter des images satellites. Elle vient de lever 21 millions d'euros.

<https://business.lesechos.fr/entrepreneurs/financer-sa-creation/0302264869656-kayrros-transforme-les-images-satellites-en-donnees-sur-l-energie-323377.php>

### ❖ **La start-up ekWateur est devenue une véritable Pme de l'énergie.**

*Le Figaro - 14 septembre 2018*

La start-up cofondée par Julien Tchernia et Jonathan Martelli est devenue une véritable PME du gaz et de l'électricité. Elle comptabilise aujourd'hui environ 65.000 compteurs - essentiellement des clients domestiques - et sa feuille de route en prévoit 100.000 d'ici la fin de l'année.

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/societes/2018/09/14/20005-20180914ARTFIG00004-la-start-up-ekwateur-est-devenue-une-veritable-pme-de-l-energie.php>

### ❖ **Les technologies plasma pour valoriser le CO2**

*Techniques de l'ingénieur - 27 août 2018*

La conversion du CO2 en molécules d'intérêt grâce à l'utilisation de plasmas à basse température est l'une des technologies les plus prometteuses. Un programme européen commun de doctorat est en construction pour créer une génération d'experts interdisciplinaires en couplage plasma et catalyse.

<https://www.techniques-ingenieur.fr/actualite/articles/technologies-plasma-pour-valoriser-co2-57629/>

### ❖ **Véhicules électriques : quelles technologies pour réduire les impacts environnementaux ?**

*Techni Cités - 29 juillet 2018*

Quelles sont les tendances envisageables d'ici 2030 pour une électrification de tous types de véhicule ? C'est l'objet d'une étude de l'Ademe et d'IFP Energies nouvelles.

<http://www.lagazettedescommunes.com/578979/vehicules-electriques-quelles-technologies-pour-reduire-les-impacts-environnementaux/>

❖ **Can we predict technology's impact on the energy market ?**

*Power Technology - September 19, 2018*

What are the challenges and opportunities involved in finding better ways to judge the strengths and weaknesses of competing energy technologies, and how can good data improve how the world moves forward with them?

<https://www.power-technology.com/features/can-predict-technologys-impact-energy-markets/>

**POLITIQUE-COOPERATION / INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION**

❖ **La Méridionale vogue pour la biodiversité**

*econostrum.info - 6 septembre 2018*

La compagnie La Méridionale et l'Agence française pour la biodiversité ont signé, jeudi 6 septembre 2018 à Marseille, une charte d'ecoresponsabilité de l'activité de transport maritime. Le Parc national des Calanques, le Parc national de Port-Cros et le Parc naturel marin du Cap Corse et de l'Agriate ont également ratifié ce document.

[https://www.econostrum.info/La-Meridionale-vogue-pour-la-biodiversite\\_a24723.html](https://www.econostrum.info/La-Meridionale-vogue-pour-la-biodiversite_a24723.html)

❖ **Algeria's Sonatrach eyes more gas exports to Spain through Medgaz expansion**

*S&P Global - September 13, 2018*

Algeria's state-owned Sonatrach wants to boost its gas exports to Spain through the expansion of the 8 Bcm/year Medgaz pipeline while also maintaining supplies through the GME link via Morocco, its CEO Abdelmoumen Ould Kaddour said.

<https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/natural-gas/091318-algerias-sonatrach-eyes-more-gas-exports-to-spain-through-medgaz-expansion>

❖ **Tunisia fires energy top officials in high-profile graft scandal**

*Bloomberg - August 31, 2018*

Tunisian Prime Minister Youssef Chahed dismissed his energy and mines minister and four other senior officials in the country's highest-profile corruption scandal since the first of the Arab Spring revolts toppled the regime of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in 2011.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-08-31/tunisia-fires-energy-top-officials-in-high-profile-graft-scandal>

❖ **Cyprus, Egypt sign gas pipeline agreement**

*Cyprus Mail - September 19, 2018*

Egypt and Cyprus on Wednesday signed an agreement for the construction of an underwater pipeline to export natural gas to Egypt.

The agreement is meant to facilitate the mooted construction of a pipeline from Cyprus' Aphrodite gas field — estimated to contain around 4.5 trillion cubic feet (130bn cubic meters) of gas — onto Egyptian shores and then to the LNG facility in Idku.

<https://cyprus-mail.com/2018/09/19/cyprus-egypt-sign-gas-pipeline-agreement/>

❖ **Italy withdraws objections to EU power market reform**

*Euractiv - September 13, 2018*

Davide Crippa, Italy's Undersecretary for Economic Development, has announced the country's withdrawal from a seven-country alliance led by Poland, which argued for preserving national sovereignty over decisions to finance emergency power plants.

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/electricity/news/italy-withdraws-objections-to-eu-power-market-reform/>

## PROJETS

❖ **La Berd engage 102 M\$ sur les projets en énergies renouvelables du turc Akfen Holding**

*econostrum.info - 11 septembre 2018*

La Banque européenne pour la reconstruction et le développement (Berd) décide, mardi 11 septembre 2018, de dédier une ligne de crédit pouvant atteindre les 102 M\$ (88 M€) à Akfen Holding . Destinée uniquement aux projets en énergie renouvelable de la filiale Akfen Yenilenebilir Enerji du conglomérat turc.

[https://www.econostrum.info/La-Berd-engage-102-M-sur-les-projets-en-energies-renouvelables-du-turc-Akfen-Holding\\_a24737.html](https://www.econostrum.info/La-Berd-engage-102-M-sur-les-projets-en-energies-renouvelables-du-turc-Akfen-Holding_a24737.html)

❖ **Algeria plans new natural gas pipeline by 2020**

*Reuters - September 13, 2018*

Algeria will invest \$280 million to built a gas pipeline to boost output to Europe. The 197 km (122 mile) pipeline will connect to two others that link to Spain - the Pedro Duran Farell (GPDF) pipeline which runs via Morocco and the MEDGAZ pipeline which crosses the Mediterranean, Sonatrach Vice President Ahmed Mazighi told.

<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/oil-and-gas/algeria-plans-new-natural-gas-pipeline-by-2020-sonatrach-executive/65791669>

❖ **Tunisia plans 1.7 GW solar complex**

*pv magazine - September 3, 2018*

The solar park is set to be built across three phases, and will be located in Tunisia's southernmost region of Remana, in the Sahara Desert. The project was conceived by the Tunisian Government to support organic farming and improve security at the border with Libya.

<https://www.pv-magazine.com/2018/09/03/tunisia-plans-1-7-gw-solar-complex/>

❖ **Malta launches second tender for solar plants exceeding 1 MW in size**

*pv magazine - August 22, 2018*

The call is the second of its kind, and part of the 50 MW incentive scheme the island's government launched in November. Malta is aiming to reach 200 MW of PV capacity by 2020.

<https://www.pv-magazine.com/2018/08/22/malta-launches-second-tender-for-solar-plants-exceeding-1-mw-in-size/>

❖ **WSP wins work on \$500m power plant in Israel**

*Infrastructure Intelligence - August 28, 2018*

The power plant, which is owned by Israel Power Management, is set to supply 3.5% of Israel's electricity needs for the next 20 years and will be one of the most efficient plants in the country. WSP has been appointed as owner's engineer and will provide project management, technical review and site supervision among other services.

<http://www.infrastructure-intelligence.com/article/aug-2018/wsp-wins-work-500m-power-plant-israel>

❖ **Repsol buys 264 MW solar project in southern Spain**

*pv magazine - September 12, 2018*

Spain-based oil provider, Repsol has acquired Valdesolar Hive, a special purpose company, which owns a 264 MW solar power project in Valdecaballeros, in the Spanish southern region of Extremadura, for approximately €210 million.

<https://www.pv-magazine.com/2018/09/12/repsol-buys-264-mw-solar-project-in-southern-spain/>

❖ **Des éoliennes et des centrales solaires pour irriguer davantage le Sahara**

*econostrum.info - 7 septembre 2018 et Science - 7 septembre 2018*



L'implantation, à une large échelle, des centrales solaires et des éoliennes dans le désert du Sahara générera non seulement plus d'énergie tout en réduisant les émissions de carbone, mais favorisera, selon les travaux de sept scientifiques, des précipitations plus importantes.

[https://www.econostrum.info/Des-eoliennes-et-des-centrales-solaires-pour-irriguer-davantage-le-Sahara\\_a24730.html](https://www.econostrum.info/Des-eoliennes-et-des-centrales-solaires-pour-irriguer-davantage-le-Sahara_a24730.html)

<http://science.sciencemag.org/content/361/6406/1019>

❖ **Four solar power plants to be created in Alentejo**

*Lusa News Agency - August 22, 2018*

Four new unsubsidised solar power plants will be created in Portugal's southern Alentejo region through an investment of over €110 million.

<http://www.theportugalnews.com/news/four-solar-power-plants-to-be-created-in-alentejo/46594>

❖ **Greece's first energy independent community on Fourni**

*gtp Headlines - September 17, 2018*

The tiny island of Fourni in the north Aegean will host the first energy independent community in Greece, after the island's mayor, Ioannis Maroussis signed the founding act during a special event at the 83rd Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF).

<https://news.gtp.gr/2018/09/17/greeces-first-energy-independent-community-fourni/>