

Press release

6th MEDENER International Conference on Energy Transition in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

4 October 2018 - Amman, Jordan

Brussels, 28 September 2018. On 04 October 2018, the 6th MEDENER International Conference on energy transition in the Euro-Mediterranean region will take place in Amman, Jordan. The event is organised by the Mediterranean Association of the National Agencies for Energy Conservation (MEDENER) in cooperation with the Jordanian National Energy Research Centre (NERC) as part of the activities of the meetMED (Mitigation Enabling Energy Transition in the Mediterranean Region) project, an EU-funded project developed by MEDENER and the Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE).

This year, the topic of the conference will be “Energy Efficiency and Energy Prices: a Peaceful Solution to the Jigsaw”. As a matter of fact, despite appropriate efforts deployed both in terms of innovative technologies and in enabling legislative and regulatory frameworks, the untapped potential for energy efficiency remains huge (World Energy Outlook, 2017). Price remains the inflexible attribute in making energy consumption choices. On the one hand, in most EU Member States, household energy prices are greatly influenced by taxation and network charges, which usually make up more than a half of the total energy bill. On the other hand, in many countries of the Southern shore of the Mediterranean, energy prices are strongly supported by the state while distribution and sales companies complain about a significant amount of unpaid bills.

Representatives of the national energy agencies and departments, international organisations, investors, financial institutions and donors will gather to discuss the dichotomy between energy prices and energy efficiency policies and measures. After an in-depth analysis of the economic and political challenges related to energy prices and energy efficiency in the Euro-Mediterranean region, the conference will focus on specific country studies on energy efficiency in households and in the transport sector on the one side, and to energy efficiency the industrial one, on the other side.

The 6th MEDENER International Conference will provide a fruitful debate among energy experts from Mediterranean countries on major issues related to energy efficiency and prices, such as sustainable urban mobility and citizens' behavioural change, the link between fuel prices and the choice of technologies for industrial manufacturing, the concept of prosumers for the industrial sector and the possible solutions. The design of energy efficiency policies and their implementation will be considered also in contexts of limited open markets.

The Conference will be preceded by the meetMED workshop on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE and RE) Strategies and Policies, taking place on October 3rd, 2018 at the premises of the Royal Scientific Society. Organised by the Portuguese Energy Agency (ADENE), the Lebanese Association for Energy Saving and for Environment (ALMEE) and RCREEE, the workshop will gather together for the first time the meetMED Regional Experts Network (REN). Experts from the meetMED network will present best practices and country policy papers on Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia contributing to a meetMED regional report on EE and RE strategies and policies expected in December 2019.