

FINAL STATEMENT of the MEDENER Presidency

3rd MEDENER International Conference
“Towards the Euro Mediterranean platform: financing energy efficiency and renewable energy sources”

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The MEDENER Presidency welcomes the new European Commission's proposal to invigorate the energy euro Mediterranean cooperation by establishing, in the context of the Union for the Mediterranean process, three thematic platforms dedicated to pursuing high-level dialogue for ensuring secure, affordable and sustainable energy supply which is a key factor for underpinning stability and shared prosperity in the Mediterranean area.

The Conference was a concrete opportunity to analyse in depth the topics related, namely, to the functioning of the '*Euro-Mediterranean Platform on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency*' (PRESEE) and to discuss on what could be the contributions and the role of different stakeholders acting to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy in the region.

The Conference participants underlined that some conditions are essential for the proposal itself to be effective, namely:

- First and foremost, the Platform should be inclusive, gathering all relevant stakeholders: governments, the industrial sector, financial players, local and national agencies, etc.;
- The coordination of the platform needs to be driven by reliable and competent players in the field of EE and RES.
- Objectives need to be supported by clear action plans constantly monitored during the implementation;

- The timeframe and the modalities of the implementation of this platform need to be assessed by representatives of the governments of the Euro-Mediterranean countries;
- The platform needs to be operative. The region needs concrete actions to reach our common objective of a regional Euro-Mediterranean energy market, in which EE and RES will play a major role.

The Conference participants recognised the added value of MEDENER Association, both in terms of technical knowledge and professional expertise, in order to participate proactively in this new platform assisting governments and industry operators in the deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies and projects, as well as creating favourable conditions for private sector investments.

Namely:

National agencies for energy efficiency and renewable energy are indispensable actors to bring public policies in these areas; MEDENER, which includes the Southern and Northern national Mediterranean agencies, promotes the exchange of experiences, good practices and strengthening skills of public and private actors in the field of EE and RE.

Concerning the objectives of PRESEE, the Conference suggests that should be the followings:

- 1 To implement priority actions adopted at the Union for the Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Energy.
- 2 To assist in the definition, and to coordinate with the Mediterranean partners countries, the preparation of priority energy project proposals to be submitted in the framework of existing and future technical instruments for financial assistance.
- 3 To implement the technical requirements needed to make a reality of the recommendations concerning the Euro-Mediterranean

region set out in the Union for the Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Energy in particular as regards the energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

- 4 To contribute to evaluate and analyse the situation as regards the safety, sustainability and security of energy supplies within and around the Mediterranean in particular as regards the energy efficiency and renewable energy sources contributions.
- 5 To play the role of catalyst and to coordinate with the IFI's, and in particular with the EIB, for the development of Euro-Mediterranean energy projects.

For the above aims to be achieved, PRESEE may carry out the following tasks:

It will develop an annual work programme for the implementation of the actions adopted in the framework of the priorities adopted at the Union for the Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Energy.

It will assist the UfM secretariat for the definition of Mediterranean energy Euro policy priorities beyond the starting period.

It will contribute to analyse, with a view to the cooperation in the field of energy policies of the countries participating in the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Partnership, in order to promote the sub-regional and Euro-Mediterranean integration of energy markets. In this framework, PRESEE will support the approximation of the regulatory frameworks of the Mediterranean partner countries with those of the EU.

It will provide the countries participating in the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Partnership and the Commission with the necessary technical and scientific assistance and advice on energy policies and strategies.

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It will cooperate with the Mediterranean partners in the framework of thematic and sectorial forums on the development and promotion of a coordinated Euro-Mediterranean energy policy, in particular about energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

It will develop and use any information, observation and prospective analysis based on objective, reliable data to enable the Euro-Mediterranean partners enhancing energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.