

WEB TALK “ENERGY TRANSITION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA: NEW GEOGRAPHIES, NEW ALLIANCES “

The event organized by WEC Italy and OME was held on February 16th. Guests included OME Chairman Lapo Pistelli, World Energy Council Secretary General Angela Wilkinson and important institutional and corporate representatives from European Commission and Mediterranean countries



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Given its geographic position, the Mediterranean region represents a bridge between Europe and Africa and can play a key role in the energy transition process of the Area. In addition, the existing energy interconnections between the countries of the North and South of the Mediterranean offer important opportunities for the future energy landscape of the region.

The [World Energy Council](#) analyzed the energy policy performances of the various countries of the Area in its [Mediterranean Energy Trilemma](#), offering a useful comparison based on the three dimensions of the energy performance: security, equity and energy sustainability. The aggregated results of the research illustrate not only the specific national energy challenges, but also some of the shared themes and issues within the Mediterranean region; but there is also scope to group the countries differently, around cultural clusters or international alliances, to explore new insights into comparative energy policy performance and energy transition.

Also [OME - Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Énergie](#) provides a comprehensive analysis of the energy sector in the Mediterranean region with insights into the energy situation today and over the next decades to 2050: *the [Mediterranean Energy Perspectives \(MEP\)](#)*. Presenting updated comprehensive scenarios and analysis of the energy sector in the Mediterranean region, OME delivers strong messages to a broad global audience and helps inflect the future on a virtuous path. For this year outlook, OME will update its Reference Scenario as a base scenario and will develop two alternative scenarios: An in-house OME-only *Proactive Scenario* and a joint scenario with the [Ufm platforms](#), the *ProMed Scenario*.

Starting from the results of both the reports, [WEC Italy](#) (the Italian Committee of the World Energy Council) and [OME](#) in collaboration with WEC Secretariat and in partnership with [Edison](#), organized today the web talk [“Energy Transition in the Mediterranean Area: news geographies, new alliances”](#), sponsored by the Italian Ministry of the Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Marco Margheri, Chairman of WEC Italy commented: *“in the Mediterranean region, the energy transition is a key priority for environmental, economic and human development. In 2018, WEC Italy and OME have started cooperating with WEC Committees from the whole region to identify the trends and the key actions that can accelerate a sustainable energy agenda. This web talk, organized in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, is a further step and confirms Italy’s important role in promoting this dialogue, which follows the lines drawn by the European Commission in its recent communications. While Primary energy demand in the Region is expected to grow substantially over the next years, adequate policies, cooperation and investments will be required. In this process, the entire region shall fully engage in the transition, with the deployment of renewable energies, the development of regional integration and interconnections, a positive agenda for gas resources helping to phase out or avoid more polluting fuels. Furthermore, the region shall work together on accelerate the development of energies of the future, such as hydrogen and our cooperation well show that it enjoys the resources, the competencies and the determination to do it”*.

Houda Ben Jannet Allal, Director General of OME added *“The Mediterranean region has embarked on an energy transition process, which will lead to significant savings until 2050 compared to business-as-usual future. If adapted policies and measures are implemented, including the recently announced CO₂ reduction of 55% by 2030 in the EU, fossil fuels in the energy mix will decrease by more than two thirds in the 2050, as well 2 billion tons of*

CO₂ emissions will be avoided. Additional benefits are assessed under the energy security, sustainability and equity dimensions of the Mediterranean Energy Trilemma as per OME scenarios. Such efforts although very encouraging and somehow ambitious are yet not enough to achieve full decarbonization of the Mediterranean energy system by 2050. A Euro-Mediterranean Green Deal is needed for a step change. Strengthened dialogue and cooperation between policy and industry stakeholders is necessary to ensure a just and fair transition in both shores – the WEC Italy - OME event is a pertinent example in this sense”

Today’s web talk represents a further step in the in-depth process on the Euro-Mediterranean transition started by WEC Italy and OME since the World Energy Week Milan 2018, the World Energy Congress Abu Dhabi 2019 and the World Energy Week 2020, with meetings and opportunities for debate with main stakeholders involved in the process.

The meeting was attended by many international guests including **Angela Wilkinson** (WEC Secretary General), **Marco Margheri** (WEC Italy Chairman), **Stefano Besseghini** (ARERA Chairman), **Stefano Grassi** (Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson Head of Cabinet), **Luca Sabbatucci** (Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General), **Lapo Pistelli** (OME Chairman), **Martin Young** (WEC Senior Director), **Houda Ben Jannet Allali** (OME Director General), **Rachid Ben Daly** (Tunisian Ministry of Industry Energy and Mines General Director), **Sorina Mortada** (WEC Lebanon Technical Consultant), **Fabrizio Mattana** (Edison Executive Vice President Gas Asset), **Maria Rita Galli** (DESFA CEO), and **Angelo Ferrante** (Med TSO Secretary General and Terna Head of European Affairs)

The event has been broadcasted live on [WEC Italy's YouTube channel](#) and here it will remain available.

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