

## Joint Press Release

### Memorandum of Cooperation among COMELEC, MEDENER, Med-TSO, and OME

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**COMELEC, MEDENER, Med-TSO, and OME** signed a joint protocol on the occasion of the joint conference entitled "*Electrical interconnections in the Mediterranean, factor of regional integration and catalyst of the energy transition*" organized and kindly hosted by Sonelgaz in Algiers.

This protocol, named the "**Algiers Protocol**" aims to define the framework, conditions, and methods of cooperation among the parties. These are to be implemented by promoting studies, joint projects, initiatives, and events, exchanging information and experiences, and common programs for capacity building and training.



Mr. **Mourad Adjal**, President of Comelec and Med-TSO and Co-Chairman of OME, declared that the signature of the "Algiers Protocol" sets a precedent in the history of joint relations between regional organizations active in the energy field. Cooperation is the cornerstone of the protocol to promote a regional approach open to all associations and bodies working in the field.

The four regional organizations came to this agreement advancing their mutual interest in contributing to the promotion of regional economic development, considering their broad experience in energy development and the common objective of fostering a just energy transition.

The protocol has been signed by the general secretaries and directors of the four organizations. **Khaled Nouasri**, Secretary General of **Comelec** stated that this signature will strengthen the link between the countries of the north and the south of the Mediterranean to create a regional market for electricity that will allow the establishment of a win-win relationship. **Roberta Boniotti**, Secretary General of **MEDENER** added that all four stakeholders can be key players to support the transition to a low carbon economy and starting from this first relevant new initiative of cooperation. **Angelo Ferrante**, Secretary General of **Med-TSO** affirmed that this agreement will contribute to the process of integrating the power systems in the region and foster the creation of a regional energy market. **Houda Ben Jannet Allal**, General Director of **OME** said that this agreement is an important step to improve the dialogue about the energy future in the Mediterranean and to accelerate the just and effective energy transition that all countries and the region are looking for.

**COMELEC**, the Comité Maghrébin de l'Electricité, mainly aims at regularly exchanging information between its members, coordinating equipment and professional training resources, monitoring network interconnection, and promoting industrial integration of the Maghreb countries.

**MEDENER**, the Mediterranean Association of National Agencies for Energy Management, brings together agencies in the Mediterranean region in charge of energy efficiency and the promotion of renewable energy sources, two key conditions for the energy transition's success.

**Med-TSO**, the Association of Mediterranean Electricity Transmission System Operators, represents TSOs in the Mediterranean region. Its role is to be involved in the dialogue for planning and operation by adopting common technical rules, Energy Systems in the Mediterranean region.

**OME**, the Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Energie, is an Association aimed at promoting regional cooperation and collaboration between organizations and energy players, notably within the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership and represents a leading actor of the Mediterranean energy transition.