



PRESS RELEASE

Conference - Milan, March 20, 2023, 10.00 am -1.15 pm CET time

MEDITERRANEAN ENERGY PERSPECTIVES: THE NEXT 20th OF MARCH IN MILAN AN INTERNATIONAL DEBATE TO DEEPEN THE ENERGY TRANSITION PATHWAYS IN THE BASIN'S AREA AND THE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE REGIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION

The official presentation in Italy of the last "Mediterranean Energy Perspectives" report by OME, organized together with World Energy Council Italy and Edison, will be the stage for an international high-level dialogue on the central role of the Mediterranean in the current crisis framework. The conference, open to the public upon registration, will be attended by important representatives from Italian and international institutions, as well as major institutional, associative and academic actors and company players from the region.



As the current geopolitical crisis is affecting energy markets at the global level, the Mediterranean region finds itself once again at the center of energy dynamics, with regional energy interconnections appearing like a chance to diversify energy supplies and develop both the Basin shores.





At the same time, as also confirmed by the recent COP27, the great challenge of climate change remains yet unresolved, and energy transition strategies become more and more important in the agendas of all governments.

In this framework the crisis can reaffirms the fundamental role of the Mediterranean as a bridge between Europe, Africa and the Middle East, with industry and energy infrastructures protagonists in the fight against climate change and in the development of transition paths.

<u>WEC Italy – Italian National Committee of the World Energy Council</u> and <u>OME – Observatoire</u> <u>Méditerraneen de l'Energie</u> are carrying out since a long time an in-depth study on the regional energy transition and they have now the pleasure to present in Italy, in collaboration with <u>Edison</u>, the OME "<u>Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2022</u>" report. The last release of the OME flagship study outlines the net zero strategies by 2050 in the area and their implications, considering the prospects for energy demand and supply as well as the necessary investments.

The conference will be an opportunity to address, together with high institutional representatives, international organizations and stakeholders from the national and international energy scene, the most urgent issues related to regional energy security and transition goals, aware that today's actions and choices will shape our common future.

The event will be open to the public upon registration (<u>registration form</u>) and will be hosted by the Edison headquarters in Foro Buonaparte 31, Milan. Speeches will be held from 10.00 (welcome coffee and accreditation from 9.30) to 1.15 pm, followed by a buffet lunch.

The conference will be held in Italian and English with **simultaneous translation**. Among the guest in the **program**, also Lapo Pistelli (Chairman OME), Marco Margheri (Chairman WEC Italia), Nicola Monti (Chairman Edison), On. Giorgio Silli (Undersecretary MAECI), Stefano Grassi (Head of Cabinet for Energy European Commission), Stefano Besseghini (Chairman ARERA), Alessandro Blasi (Special Advisor for IEA Executive Director), Houda Ben Jannet Allal (Director General OME), together with representatives of the main energy associations and organizations in the Mediterranean area.

For any further information, please contact the organizing secretariat at <u>segreteria@wec-italia.org</u> or <u>ome@ome.org</u>

Press accreditation: <u>segreteria@wec-italia.org</u> <u>Updated program and registration form</u>