

## Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2025 Launched in Madrid: A Roadmap for Carbon-Neutral Mediterranean



From left to right : **Jordi Garcia Tabernero**, vice-president of Naturgy Foundation, **Marco Piredda**, Vice President of OMEC's Committee on Strategy, Governance, and Cooperation, and Head of International Public Affairs at Eni, **Houda Ben Jannet**, General Director of OMEC, **Paula Ceballos Coloma**, Representative of the European Commission in Spain, **Stefano Sannino**, Acting Director-General for the Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf at the European Commission, **Francisco Reynés**, Chairman of Naturgy and **Miguel Ángel Patiño**, Editor-in-Chief and Energy Correspondent at Expansión.

**Madrid, 23 September 2025** – The Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2025 (MEP 2025) publication was launched today in Madrid at an event co-organised by **Fundación Naturgy** and **the Organisation Méditerranéenne de l'Energie et du Climat (OMEC)**. With more than 420 participants in hybrid format, the event brought together European Commission officials, government representatives, business leaders, and energy experts to discuss the region's evolving energy and climate challenges and to explore concrete pathways toward a more sustainable, affordable, and secure energy future.

Building on the momentum of discussions held at the launches of *MEP 2025* in Cairo and Brussels, the Madrid launch highlighted the central role of regional cooperation and investment in accelerating the clean energy transition.

*MEP 2025* reveals that the Mediterranean region faces an urgent energy and climate challenge, marked by a heavy reliance on fossil fuels, high geopolitical vulnerability, and growing climate-related risks. To address these challenges, MEP presents two potential energy pathways to 2050: the Reference Scenario, which projects a continuation of current trends with modest emissions reductions and a continued dependence on fossil fuels; and the ProMED Scenario, which outlines a transformative path to climate neutrality, driven by greater energy efficiency, large-scale electrification, and a massive rollout of renewable energy. *MEP 2025* underscores the Mediterranean's potential to lead in energy innovation and decarbonisation—provided that strong policy frameworks are established to reinforce infrastructure, diversify energy sources, and enhance the resilience of the region's energy systems.

The event opened with remarks by **Rafael Villaseca**, President of Fundación Naturgy, who emphasized: *"In a context of great complexity and growing challenges, it is essential to provide the energy sector with data and analyses that serve as a basis for decision-making. This is why the OMEC has established itself as an undisputed reference for understanding the challenges in the Mediterranean region, and this book offers a comprehensive view of the energy landscape through 2050, addressing current and future scenarios. Aspects such as energy security, decarbonization, the integration of renewables, and collaboration between Mediterranean countries are priorities. This analysis lays out a truly ambitious roadmap that drives innovation and the use of our common resources."*

**Houda Ben Jannet**, General Director of OMEC, offered a comprehensive vision that OMEC has of the energy landscape in the Mediterranean region. *"This report is not just a perspective, but a strategic compass to help the region realign its priorities and act with determination. The Mediterranean has the resources and expertise needed to build a more secure, competitive, and sustainable energy system. The transition will be complex and demanding, but the direction is clear. The closer we move towards the ProMED Scenario, the more tangible the benefits will be, from greater energy security and economic opportunities to real improvements in people's daily lives. This edition is a call to raise ambition, deepen cooperation, and accelerate investment across the region."*

Following the presentation of *MEP 2025*, the event featured a roundtable discussion moderated by **Miguel Ángel Patiño**, Editor-in-Chief and Energy Correspondent at *Expansión*. The debate brought together high-level speakers, including **Stefano Sannino**, Acting Director-General for the Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf at the European Commission; **Paula Ceballos Coloma**, Representative of the European Commission in Spain; and **Marco Piredda**, Vice President of OMEC's Committee on Strategy, Governance, and Cooperation, and Head of International Public Affairs at Eni.

**Stefano Sannino** stated that: *"The Mediterranean's vast renewable potential can become a pillar of our shared green transition. Through the T-MED initiative, the European Union is turning this vision into action — linking investment, reforms, and industrial cooperation to build a resilient and fair Euro-Mediterranean energy space."* **Paula Ceballos Coloma** highlighted a critical aspect that is often overlooked: raw materials. *"In the southern part of the European Union, we have sun and wind, but we lack the necessary materials for clean energy, which makes us dependent on countries like China. We're talking about lithium, cobalt, copper, among many others, whose scarcity will be a problem due to the high demand we anticipate. Therefore, the European Union has already approved legislation in this regard and aims to be able to process these materials in Europe. To achieve this, international collaboration is essential to diversify the supply chain and launch strategic projects between the two shores of the Mediterranean."* **Marco Piredda** pointed out that: *"At this crucial juncture for the Mediterranean, the new edition of Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2025 faces a region undergoing profound changes in energy, connectivity, and constantly evolving political and environmental pressures."* For Piredda, *"this situation calls for urgent action: transformative progress depends on adopting practical solutions and achieving real balance. Ensuring energy security, together with building solid social and economic foundations, should be the driving force of the coming transition."*

The event concluded with closing remarks from **Francisco Reynés**, Chairman of Naturgy, who emphasized: *"Energy is an increasingly important issue for society and the economy, and for years it has been at the heart of our development. MEP's conclusions remind us that collaboration is essential: the opportunity that energy offers us in the Mediterranean depends on cooperation so that it does not become a bottleneck and so that various industries can access the resources they need."* He also focused on investment, asserting that *"The role of the European Union is key in guaranteeing a framework that allows energy companies to move forward. We must have hope, but above all, determination to make decarbonization a reality at affordable prices."* He concluded by stating that *"it is urgent to invest in transportation, transmission, distribution, and raw materials to have a diversified energy mix and meet our objectives"*.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our member Naturgy and to Fundación Naturgy for their warm hospitality and the excellent organisation of this event.

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