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## Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2025 Presented in Rome: Italy at the Heart of the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Dialogue

**Rome, 24 April 2026** – OMEC's Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2025 (MEP 2025) was presented on April 22 in Rome at Civita, during a high-level event co-organised by **OMEC, World Energy Council Italy (WEC Italy)** and **Edison**. Building on the successful launches in Cairo, Brussels and Madrid, the Italian event brought together senior European officials, policymakers, regulators, system operators, financial institutions and industry leaders to discuss pathways to a more secure, competitive and low-carbon energy future that MEP 2025 sets out.

### MEP 2025: Key findings at the centre of the discussion

Four major findings from MEP 2025 anchored the debate in Rome, underscoring both the scale of the challenge and the magnitude of the opportunity for the Mediterranean region:

- **€6.8 Trillion to Finance the Transition**

Achieving climate neutrality across the Mediterranean by 2050 under the ProMED Scenario would require €6.8 trillion in cumulative energy investment between 2025 and 2050, equivalent to around 1.1% of regional GDP per year. MEP 2025 shows that this is not only a question of scale, but also of allocation: energy efficiency is the single largest investment area, accounting for more than half of total needs in the net-zero pathway. The challenge, therefore, is to mobilise finance in a way that accelerates clean power, electrification, grids, end-use efficiency, storage and the flexibility assets needed to support the transition, with natural gas continuing to play a bridging role.

- **A Renewable Energy Revolution**

Under the ProMED Scenario, renewables would account for 79% of Mediterranean power generation by 2050, with electricity rising to cover 59% of total final energy consumption, compared to just 22% today. Delivering this transformation requires Mediterranean renewable electricity capacity to grow by more than 50 GW every year, reaching 1.8 TW by 2050, while total regional power generation must more than double by mid-century and the South Mediterranean must triple its output. In this context, Italy's interconnected power system and its position at the crossroads of Euro-Mediterranean energy flows make it a strategically important enabler of the transition.

- **Energy Efficiency, Flexibility and Regional Integration**

MEP 2025 makes clear that the Mediterranean transition will not be delivered by clean power alone. Energy efficiency is one of its central pillars, while electrification is presented as the region's "no-regret strategy" to reduce fossil fuel use and contain demand growth. At the same time, a more renewables-based system will require major investment in storage, smarter grids, reinforced transmission and distribution networks, stronger cross-border interconnections, and a balanced portfolio of flexibility and firm capacity options. In this evolving landscape, natural gas is expected to retain a bridging role, while nuclear can complement renewables in some national pathways as a stable low-carbon source. Italy's strategic value lies above all in its capacity to support system flexibility, regional integration and closer energy cooperation between the two shores of the Mediterranean.

- **A 90% Emissions Cut by 2050**

The ProMED Scenario charts a pathway to reducing Mediterranean CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 90% compared with 1990 levels. Crucially, the report shows that this transformation is driven above all by the two main pillars of the transition: renewables account for 48% of avoided emissions, while energy efficiency, including electrification of end-use sectors, contributes a further 40%. In other words, nearly nine-tenths of the emissions reduction effort comes from scaling clean power and using energy far more efficiently. For Italy, this reinforces the importance of championing a transition agenda built on electrification, infrastructure modernisation and stronger Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

### **A More Integrated Euro-Mediterranean Energy Space**

MEP 2025 points to a Mediterranean energy future built on stronger interconnections, greater system integration and deeper cooperation between the two shores. In this evolving landscape, Italy is well placed to contribute as a major gas and power hub, supporting the deployment of new cross-border infrastructure, the integration of renewables and storage, and, where relevant, the gradual development of future hydrogen and low-carbon corridors. As discussed during the event, the EU's New Pact for the Mediterranean could provide an additional catalyst for the long-term partnerships and investment frameworks needed to translate this vision into concrete projects across the region.

The event brought together a high-level array of Italian and European voices. Greetings were delivered by **Simonetta Giordani**, Secretary General of Civita; **Tarik Hamane**, Co-Chairman of OMEC; and **Simone Nisi**, Vice Chairman of WEC Italy. Opening remarks were made by **Nicola Monti**, CEO of Edison; and **Marco Minniti**, President of the Med-Or Foundation. The Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2025 was then presented by **Houda Ben Jannet**, Director General of OMEC. The panel discussion, moderated by journalist **Lavinia Spingardi** of SkyTG24, brought together **Francesco Maria Talò** of IMEC; **Marco Landolfi** of MAECI; **Joan Borrell** of the Union for the Mediterranean; **Hasan Ozkoc** of MEDREG; **Giulio Centemero** of PAM; **Angelo Ferrante** of Med-TSO; and **Enrico Petrocelli** of CDP.

### **Voices from the event**

#### **— Tarik Hamane, Co-Chairman OMEC**

*"MEP 2025 clearly shows that the future of the Mediterranean energy system will depend on our collective ability to reconcile sustainability, security of supply and regional cohesion. The transition cannot be approached through isolated national efforts alone: it requires stronger cooperation between the two shores, greater infrastructure integration, and long-term partnerships capable of translating shared ambition into concrete delivery. For the Southern Mediterranean in particular, the challenge is to combine decarbonisation with rising demand, economic development and improved system resilience. In this respect, the Mediterranean has the potential to become a true space of energy complementarity and shared progress. Italy, Morocco and Spain for instance, by virtue of their position and longstanding links with the region, have an important role to play in fostering this dialogue and helping advance a more integrated and forward-looking Euro-Mediterranean energy agenda".*

#### **— Simon Nisi, Vice Chairman World Energy Council Italy**

*"Over the past years, global developments have repositioned the Mediterranean Sea at the centre of geopolitical dynamics. To meet the challenge of the energy transition, it is essential to strengthen a collective regional commitment aimed at building balanced relationships and promoting commercial and infrastructure partnerships capable of generating economic and social stability. To achieve these goals, the Mediterranean basin must become a point of convergence where modern ports, integrated energy networks, resilient logistics chains, and strong political cooperation contribute to the creation of a space of connectivity, security, and shared growth. Initiatives such as the Italian presentation of the OMEC Mediterranean Energy Perspectives are highly valuable and strategically important in fostering dialogue and cooperation across the Mediterranean, helping to reinforce a shared vision for a sustainable decarbonization pathway for the region".*

— **Nicola Monti, CEO Edison**

*“In an increasingly complex geopolitical scenario the Mediterranean represents a key strategic corridor for strengthening the security and resilience of the European energy system. The Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2025 highlights the importance of a coordinated development of renewables, storage systems and cross-border infrastructure to structurally reduce the energy dependency of the northern basin. Diversifying sources, routes and carriers is an absolute priority, to be pursued through a systemic and technology-neutral approach that efficiently integrates renewables, natural gas and nuclear power and adapts to changes in the energy mix. Strengthening cross-border interconnections and Euro-Mediterranean cooperation is the enabling condition for building an integrated, resilient and competitive energy system. In this context, Edison is committed to promoting strategic infrastructures by supporting Italy's role as the Mediterranean's energy hub and fostering a virtuous balance between energy transition, security of supply and industrial development”.*

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**About MEP 2025:**

The Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2025 is OMEC's flagship publication, providing the most comprehensive energy and climate outlook for the Mediterranean region through 2050. Released in June 2025, this edition is structured around two scenarios: the Reference Scenario, reflecting a continuation of current policies and trends with modest emissions reductions; and the Net-Zero Carbon ProMED Scenario, co-funded by the European Commission, which charts a transformative path to climate neutrality driven by energy efficiency, large-scale electrification, and a massive rollout of renewable energy. MEP 2025 demonstrates that, with the right mix of investment, integrated policies, and reinforced regional cooperation, the Mediterranean can become a strategic hub for secure, competitive, and low-carbon energy.

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