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Message from the UfM Gas Platform Secretariat

During the quarter, the Secretariat of the UfM Gas Platform continued its research efforts progressing on the finalization, drafting of several studies, including "The switch from coal to gas in the power sector in the Mediterranean region" and "The role and importance of South Mediterranean gas in European supply security". In July, several webinars will address the issues of technological improvements and environmental mitigation options, in line with the work programme of the platform.

For two years, the energy sector is going through a very turbulent period with first the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and then the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. In addition, the Mediterranean region is one of the most severely affected by climate change. Therefore, a drastic move towards sustainable production and consumption patterns is urgently needed for the region as the energy sector plays a relevant role in the transition towards sustainable development. The OME organized an Advisory Board meeting of the new Mediterranean Energy Perspectives (MEP) 2022. Experts discussed a revised ProMED "Net Zero Carbon" Scenario where all Mediterranean countries reach carbon neutrality by 2050.

The Secretariat also continued a concrete and effective dissemination of the information about the UfM Gas Platform and its activities among the broader public through its dedicated website. It participated in several meetings with key stakeholders of the three UfM Energy Platforms (UfM REM, UfM REEE and UfM Gas) to continue the work to fine tune the UfM Roadmap for Action on Energy and obtain the consensus among the Energy Platforms' members.

UfM Roadmap for Action on Energy

Following the adoption of the UfM Ministerial Declaration on Energy in June 2021, several (virtual) Energy Platforms meetings and brainstorming sessions, were organized by the UfM Secretariat and lead by the OME for the preparation of a Roadmap for Action mandated by the Declaration.

The UfM Gas Platform is a concrete outcome of the will of the UfM members and major stakeholders to strengthen dialogue and cooperation between the EU and South and East Mediterranean countries.

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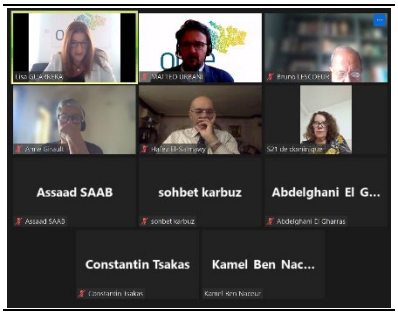
Compiled thanks to the contributions from the Member States, a final draft version of the Roadmap for Action was circulated to the Energy Platforms' members on 28 June 2022. A revised version of the Roadmap, including last feedback received, was circulated by OME on 1 July to all Energy platforms' members to receive final comments. When final, this document will steer the work of all three Energy Platforms for the forthcoming period.

Advisory Board meeting of the new Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2022

On 10 May 2022, the OME organized the first Advisory Board meeting of the forthcoming publication Mediterranean Energy Perspectives (MEP) 2022.



MEP 2022 ambitions to develop comprehensive energy scenarios and analysis of the energy sector in the Mediterranean region to 2050, including a revised alternative scenario, co-funded by the European Commission, the ProMED "Net Zero Carbon" Scenario where all Mediterranean countries reach carbon neutrality by 2050. It will be officially presented during COP27 in Egypt in November 2022.

The Advisory Board meeting helped define the bases and framework of the OME energy scenarios, notably defining and expanding a most representative and ambitious Net-Zero energy scenario for the Mediterranean to 2050 taking into account the recent development for gas and the shifting focus to enhanced energy security.

The Advisory Board also discussed and helped set the outline for inter-related topics such as: New technologies with a focus on hydrogen, offshore wind, etc.; the circular economy; the socio-economic impact; gender diversity in the energy sector; the food-water-energy nexus.

Upcoming events

On 7 July 2022, a webinar will be organized to discuss recent developments and initiatives on fighting methane emissions in the Mediterranean region.

On 18 July 2022, another webinar will be organized with the aim of identifying the role of carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) in the energy transition process.

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