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Message from the UfM Gas Platform Secretariat

During the quarter, the Secretariat of the UfM Gas Platform intensified its research efforts progressing on the drafting of several studies. In September, it circulated a draft version of the report titled "The role of LNG in the Euro-Mediterranean gas supply security" to the WG members for their comments. Two other draft reports on "natural gas trade among the South Mediterranean countries" and "the role and importance of South Med. gas in European energy security" are about to be circulated soon among WG members.

Since 2022, significant changes have been taking place in the energy markets, in particular in the gas and LNG ones, and more specifically in the European area, with the fast requirement for European countries to mitigate the loss of Russian pipeline gas. The above mentioned studies are investigating the impacts in the region of the recent developments on the global gas markets, and elaborate how South Mediterranean countries could further increase intra-regional gas trade, and how they could play a role in Europe's search for additional gas supplies.

In the coming months, in line with its work programme, the Secretariat will continue a sustained production and distribution of various reports focusing this time on the role of all gases fuel and the development of the hydrogen market in the Mediterranean area.

In parallel, the Secretariat also maintains a concrete and effective dissemination of the information about the UfM Gas Platform and its activities among the broader public through its dedicated website and participation in meetings.

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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Advisory Board meeting of MEP 2023

Following its previous meeting, held in March, that served as a kick-off for the making of the next edition of OME's Mediterranean Energy Perspectives (MEP 2023), the OME organized a second meeting to review the results of the first run of the scenarios to 2050, incorporating the latest data and long-term plans for its Reference Scenario and its Net-Zero ProMED Scenario.

The meeting was hybrid, taking place at OME headquarters **on 4 August 2023,** in Paris and via zoom.

Upcoming events

On 4 October 2023, the OME will organize, at its headquarters in Paris and via Zoom, a Mediterranean Energy Scenarios Experts meeting to review and finalize the reference and the net-zero energy scenarios for the Mediterranean. The net-zero carbon emissions scenario aims to meet all NDCs and announced net-zero pledges on time and in full for all Mediterranean countries. This scenario will be included in the Mediterranean Energy Perspectives – MEP 2023 special COP28 edition to be released at COP28 in UAE this December.

On 14 and 15 December 2023, the OME, as Secretariat of the UfM Gas Platform and in cooperation with the European Commission, is planning a two-day event in Paris within the framework of the 2023-25 Program of Work of the Platform.

The first day, a capacity building session will take place on the Mediterranean Energy Perspectives to 2050, which will be launched at the COP28 in Dubai. In addition, the Secretariat will organise a workshop on the role of gas in a just energy transition. The second day, the Annual UfM Gas Platform Conference will be held to review the activities of the Platform carried on in 2023 and planned for 2024 as well as to exchange on a topical issue.

The three events will give an opportunity to all actors of the gas chain to hear from policy makers and industry on the key challenges, benefits and opportunities not only for strengthening and deepening cooperation and collaboration on gas matters but also for harvesting commercial opportunities in the Euro-Mediterranean region for a just, secure, affordable and sustainable energy future.

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