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Message from the Secretariat

During this quarter, OMEC, as Secretariat of the UfM working group on Gas, Emissions Abatement and Hydrogen (formerly UfM Gas Platform), continued its research efforts progressing on the drafting of several studies. A new version of the infrastructure database with information updated through August/September 2025 was circulated to WG members. It includes data on hydrogen storage and pipelines. Moreover, a first version of a report on *the energy security risks and mitigation options* will be disseminated soon.

The new edition of the Mediterranean Energy Perspectives (MEP) 2025 was released in July. Since then, OMEC has had the opportunity to present the scenarios and key findings at several dedicated events and will continue to do so in the coming months to reach the widest possible audience (see below).

This quarter was also an opportunity for OMEC, as Secretariat of the working group, to hold several online meetings with the DG MENA of the European Commission, to discuss in more detail the new orientations and priorities of the working group and the development of the new work program for the period 2026-2029.

Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2025

Released in July 2025, the new edition of the Mediterranean Energy Perspectives (MEP) 2025 proposes a comprehensive outlook on the region's energy landscape through 2050. MEP 2025 explores updated Net-Zero and Reference scenarios, outlining pathways for governments, companies, and citizens to achieve decarbonization and limit global warming to 1.5°C.

On 3 September 2025, one month ahead of the European Commission's adoption of its New Pact for the Mediterranean, OMEC officially launched MEP 2025 in Brussels, Belgium. Hosted by IOGP Europe (International Association of Oil & Gas Producers), the event gathered over 130 policymakers, industry leaders and civil society representatives to discuss regional energy challenges and opportunities for cooperation. The event featured the official presentation of the Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2025, as well

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as two high-level panels on the region's net-zero pathways and investment outlook to 2050, and on the role of gas in balancing energy security and decarbonization.

Exchanges highlighted both the opportunities and risks ahead: the Mediterranean is a key energy corridor rich in renewables, hydrocarbons, and CO_2 storage potential. Yet without sufficient investment, stronger energy efficiency efforts and integration of the energy systems, the region faces higher energy costs, slower emissions reductions, and lost industrial competitiveness. Targeted cooperation and timely investments could unlock a more resilient, competitive, and sustainable energy future for all countries in the region.

On 23 September 2025, building on the momentum of discussions held at the launch of MEP 2025 in Brussels, MEP 2025 was launched in Madrid, Spain. The event hosted by Fundación Naturgy highlighted the central role of regional cooperation and investment in accelerating the clean energy transition.



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.

Following the presentation of MEP 2025, the event featured a roundtable discussion which brought together high-level speakers, including Stefano Sannino, 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, and Head of International Public Affairs at Eni.

Upcoming events

On 15 and 16 December 2025 (tentative), the OMEC, as Secretariat of the UfM working group on Gas, Emissions Abatement and Hydrogen and in cooperation with the European Commission, is planning a two-day event within the framework of the 2023-25 Program of Work of the working group: A thematic workshop and the Annual Conference of the working group.

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