



EU's region-wide strategy on Energy

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EU's energy policy in the European Neighbourhood South Policy context: challenges & opportunities

Challenges: political instability, uneven levels of industrial development and sector governance, low market integration, insufficient/complex access to finance, limited awareness on energy and climate stakes;

Opportunities: energy as a vector of stable development, shared prosperity and resilience (job creation, growth); massive potential of resources (gas in the Levantine basin in particular, renewables – wind/solar) & energy savings; worldwide momentum on Climate Action (COP 21 & 22).



Strategic priorities:

- ✓ *Access to secure, sustainable, affordable and reliable energy supply*
- ✓ *Transition towards competitive, low-emission and energy-efficient economies and societies*
- ✓ *Promotion of economic growth, social progress and job creation*
- ✓ *Harmonisation of legislative and regulatory frameworks, paving the way for systems' (and longer term market) integration*
- ✓ *Boosting energy efficiency and development of renewable energy sources*
- ✓ *Enhancing energy investments in infrastructure, interconnections and smart management of grids*
- ✓ *Capacity building, partnerships on innovation, transfer of knowhow, market uptake of innovative solutions*

=> *EU is committed to strengthen its **regional energy dialogue***



The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM): a regional cooperation framework

Ministerial Declaration on Energy

Rome, 1 December 2016

- *Regional cooperation on energy to be stepped up in order to deliver a secure, affordable and sustainable energy supply;*
- *Stronger policy dialogue and concrete initiatives under 3 UfM energy platforms covering the priority policy areas:*
 - * *UfM Regional Electricity Market Platform*
 - * *UfM Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Platform*
 - * *UfM Gas Platform.*



EU-funded regional projects on Energy and Climate Action have supported :

- *Improved sector governance, convergence of regulatory frameworks (e.g. on regulation & transmission systems through the support to **MEDREG & MED TSO** associations)*
- *Innovative approaches on energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, demand management at national & local levels (including the Covenant of Mayors initiative) – **CESMED, SUDEP, MEDENEC***
- *Enhanced sustainable consumption and production processes & new business models - **SWITCHMED***
- *Actions aiming at mitigating and adapting to climate change - **CLIMASOUTH***
- *The set-up of attractive financing mechanisms (involving private banks, IFI's, etc.) - **SEMED SEFF**,...*

=> 68.5 million EUR in total (2008-2017) in synergy with:

* Bilateral projects : 304 million EUR

* Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF) projects: 340 million EUR (grants) + 4.1 billion EUR (loans)



Lessons learned and recommendations:

- ✓ *Regional actions **better embedded** into national sector strategies/actions plans (e.g. energy sector strategies and/or climate actions plans – NDC's)*
 - => ***tangible results** at regional/sub-regional levels that also generate **concrete effects** at partner country level (job creation, new local businesses, economic growth)*
 - => ***fostered "South-South" cooperation** (inspired by "North-South" or "North-North" success stories)*

- ✓ *Stay focused on a **limited number of strategic** interventions:*
 - *of **common interest** (e.g. gas developments in Eastern Med., interconnections, development of renewables, climate action, etc.)*
 - *with **immediate** and **sustainable** results (e.g. innovative demonstration projects, country-specific schemes facilitating access to finance, etc.)*
 - *where the added value in terms of **technology transfer, sharing of expertise & know-how** can be easily measured and demonstrated.*

- ✓ *Need for more **synergies** with EU bilateral programs and Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF) projects, as well as other donor's and national initiatives*
 - => *better impact, improved policy dialogue with partner countries, more visibility*



Concrete examples of regional projects embedded into national sector strategies/actions plans

- ✓ *CESMED Project in Lebanon => 3 cities (Beirut, Qab Elias, Baakline) being accompanied in the drafting of their Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAP) as per Lebanon's "National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP 2016-2020)"*
- ✓ *SUDEP Project in Morocco => improved sustainable energy management at municipal level as per Morocco's "Initiative for New Energy-Efficient Cities"*
- ✓ *SWITCHMED Project in Jordan => enhanced entrepreneurship in sustainable production and consumption, with concrete implementation in 11 industrial facilities as per Jordan's "National Strategy and Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production (2016-2025)"*



Upcoming EU-funded regional projects (2018-2019 or 2018-2021):

Grant projects (2018-2019)	EU Contribution (EUR)
Support to the cooperation between the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Regulators (MEDREG)	5 500 000
Support to the cooperation between the Euro-Mediterranean Transmission System Operators (MED TSO)	
Support to the promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures in the Southern Neighbourhood region (MEDENER & RCREEE)	
Support to regional cooperation towards an integrated gas market in the Southern Neighbourhood region (OME)	
Technical assistance/grant projects (2018-2021)	
Support to climate action and its integration into national and urban development strategies - EU4CLIMATE (Technical assistance)	8 000 000
<i>Supporting participation of Mediterranean Cities in the Covenant of Mayors initiative (contribution to the European Joint Research Centre)</i>	<i>500 000</i>
Total	14 000 000



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