



Energy regulators of the Mediterranean: training for a common energy future

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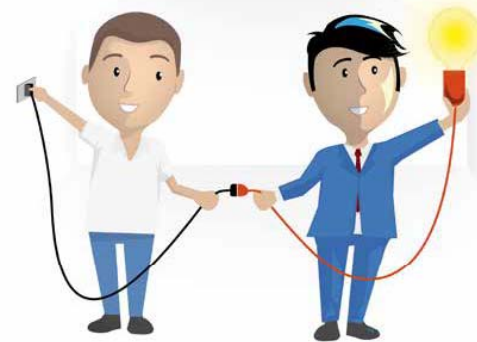
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What is MEDREG?

- **25 regulators** from **21 countries**
- Mixed membership with regulators from **9 European** countries, **4 Balkan** countries and **8 MENA** countries
- **11 members** regulate electricity and gas, **10 regulate electricity** only and **4 regulate gas** only
- **20 are independent** regulators, while **5 are ministries**
- This regional cooperation project started in 2007



MEDITERRANEAN ENERGY REGULATORS WORK TOGETHER TO

Promote a greater **harmonization** of the energy markets and legislation and seek **progressive market integration** in the Euro-Mediterranean region

Foster **sustainable development** in the energy sector through greater efficiency and integration of energy markets based on secure, safe, cost-effective and environmentally sustainable energy systems

Support initiatives of common interest in key areas such as **infrastructure investment and development**, innovative financing solutions for the Mediterranean and research in the field of energy regulation

Provide **capacity development activities** through webinars, training sessions and workshops

Foster **cooperation, information exchange and assistance** among members providing a **permanent discussion framework** and cooperation network



Tools

- **Reports**, studies and benchmarking;
- **Peer-review** activities;
- Training and **capacity building**;
- Institutional **partnerships**;
- Public **consultations**;
- **Coordination of bilateral projects**



Indicators

- Drafting **regional guidelines** of best practices and benchmarking regulatory frameworks to **assess their impact on regional and national decisions** in the energy sector;
- **Dissemination and adoption of good regulatory practices**, providing the **necessary regulatory building blocks** for the Mediterranean;
- Building and strengthening a **common regulatory culture** in the region;
- Provision of **technical assistance to Southern regulators** – in the form of short missions, workshops and/or training.



Impact on member regulators

- **Algeria:** Introducing certificates of origin;
- **Egypt – electricity:** reviewing the competences of the regulator;
- **Egypt – gas:** supporting the determination of license fees and implement the unbundling and certification of the TSO;
- **Morocco – electricity:** benefits of opening markets and challenges of monitoring them



Challenges

Provide an **efficient technical support** to favor energy **exchanges** and **infrastructure** projects;

Increase our activity on **consumer-related issues**, focusing in particular on vulnerable consumers;

Attract more **attention** towards our deliverables and recommendations



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