



Mediterranean Forum on Electricity and Climate Change

The 'Clean Energy for All Europeans' Package & Mediterranean Electricity Market Integration

Workshop

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The Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) launched, in November 2015, the Mediterranean Forum on Electricity and Climate Change, a permanent discussion platform among countries, international organisations, regulators and electricity companies. The purpose of the Forum is to raise awareness about the benefits of Mediterranean energy market integration to support the transition to a low-carbon economy and to disseminate knowledge on the issues to be addressed to successfully achieve regional electricity market integration. Forum events cover issues such as the role of Mediterranean integration in the implementation of the Paris Agreement, the benefits of regional energy market integration for renewable energy scale-up and barriers to building interconnectors to achieve Mediterranean energy market integration.

Clean Energy for All European Package

The Energy Union strategy aims at ensuring a secure, affordable and sustainable energy supply to all Europeans and acknowledges that regional market integration is key to achieving its energy transition objectives at minimum cost. In November 2016, the European Commission adopted the 'Clean Energy for All Europeans' (CE4ALL) package, aimed at further completing the internal market for electricity and implementing the Energy Union. The European Parliament and the Council are currently examining the Package, with a view to having it finally adopted in the coming months. The Package primarily aims at the European internal energy market. However, the EU is not isolated and the Package may have repercussions for the neighbouring countries. Moreover, the EU supports the objective of integrating the Mediterranean electricity market through cooperation structures such as Med-TSO (the Association of Mediterranean Transmission System Operators) and MedReg (the Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators).

Workshop Context and Objectives

Mediterranean energy market integration improves power system flexibility, and therefore facilitates the large-scale development of renewable energy into the power systems of interconnected countries. In particular, it supports the exploitation of the vast solar energy potential of the countries of the southern Mediterranean, not only to serve their home markets, but also to competitively supply European markets that have ambitious CO2 reduction objectives, in line with those of the Paris Agreement.

The objectives of the workshop are to inform the southern Mediterranean countries on the CE4ALL Package and to improve their understanding of its implications for their electricity and renewable energy markets. The workshop will provide a concise presentation of the different documents comprising the CE4ALL Package, focusing on the proposed Renewable Energy Sources Directive, the proposed Directive for the internal electricity market and the proposal for a Regulation on the electricity market, so that stakeholders in southern Mediterranean countries deepen their understanding of the implications of the CE4ALL Package for the development of their renewable energy potential. The workshop discussions will lay the basis for assessing the requirements for the establishment of an integrated Euro-Mediterranean electricity market.



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Agenda

Morning Chairperson: *Silvia Pariente-David, Senior Advisor, Center for Mediterranean Integration*

9 :30 Registration and Coffee

10 :00 Introduction and Welcome

Megan Richards, Director, Energy Policy, Directorate General for Energy (DG-ENER), European Commission

Jorge Borrego, Acting Secretary General and Senior Deputy Secretary General, Energy and Climate Action, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

Giulia Marchesini, Senior Partnership Specialist, Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)

Moncef Harrabi, CEO, Société Tunisienne de l'Electricité et du Gaz (STEG) and President Med-TSO

10:25 Session 1 – Overview of the “Clean Energy for All Europeans” Package and the Governance Pillar: The Role of Regional Cooperation and Integration

Megan Richards, Director, Energy Policy, DG-ENER, European Commission

10:45 Session 2 – The Renewable Energy Directive Proposal: The Role of Market Mechanisms and Cross-Border Exchanges in Meeting the Targets

Presentation

Pierre Loaec, Policy Officer, Renewables, DG-ENER, European Commission

Discussants

Mario Ragwitz, Deputy Head, Competence Center Energy Policy and Energy Markets, Head, Renewable Energies Business Unit, Fraunhofer-Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI, Germany

Ali Zerouali, Head, International Development & Cooperation, Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy (MASEN) and Secretariat SET Roadmap, Morocco

Yacoub Marar, Director, Renewable Energy Department, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resource, Jordan

12:45 Lunch

Afternoon Chairperson: *Jonathan Walters, Castalia Strategy, Program Leader, MENA CSP Knowledge and Innovation Program (World Bank/ Clean Technology Fund)*

14:00 Session 3 – The Proposed Electricity Directive and Regulation: Market Design for a Low-Carbon Electricity Sector

Presentation

Matti Supponen, Principal Administrator, Internal Energy Market, DG ENER, European Commission

Discussants

David Newbery, Director, Energy Policy Research Group, Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge

Benoit Esnault, Chairman, MEDREG Electricity Working Group

Angelo Ferrante, Secretary General, Med-TSO

Hafez El-Salmawy, Professor of Energy Engineering, Zagazig University and Former Managing Director, Regulatory Agency, Egypt

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Session 4 – Round Table on Financing Instruments for the Development of RES and Interconnectors in an Integrated Mediterranean Energy Market

Presentation of the EU External Investment Plan

Asari Jane Efiog, Senior Policy Manager, “Financial Instruments” Unit, Directorate General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG-NEAR), European Commission

Discussants

Mathilde Bord-Laurans, Head, Energy Unit, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

Moëz Cherif, Lead Energy Economist, MENA Energy Unit, World Bank

Philip Good, Associate Director, Senior Sector Economist, Economics, Policy & Governance, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Sophie Jablonski, Senior Energy Specialist, European Investment Bank (EIB)

17:40 Concluding Remarks

Blanca Moreno-Dodson, Manager, Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)

Michael Kohler, Director, EU-Neighbourhood Policy, Directorate General for Development Cooperation, European Commission



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