



RE-Shaping Workshop
**“The Development of Renewable Energy Joint Projects with
Third Countries”**

Promoting an attractive framework for
investments in RES projects:
the role of Mediterranean Energy Regulators

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1. MEDREG Objectives and Organisation



MEDREG Association

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- **MEDREG was established as a permanent Working Group in May 2006** and became an Association under Italian Law in November 2007.
- **MEDREG brings together Energy Regulators for Electricity and Gas of the following 20 countries:**
 - Albania
 - Algeria
 - Palestinian Authority
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Cyprus
 - Croatia
 - Egypt
 - France
 - Jordan
 - Greece
 - Israel
 - Italy
 - Malta
 - Morocco
 - Montenegro
 - Portugal
 - Slovenia
 - Spain
 - Tunisia
 - Turkey



MEDREG Association 2/2



- **The Association has been supported since its creation by:**
 - **The European Union**
 - **Member Countries' Regulators**
 - **CEER (Council of European Energy Regulators)**

- **With the aim of promoting clear, stable and harmonized legal and regulatory frameworks in the Mediterranean region**



MEDREG - Main Objectives



- **Facilitate and develop energy infrastructure investment (production and transmission)**
- **Support greater efficiency and integration of energy markets based on secure, safe, cost effective and environmentally sustainable energy systems**
- **Foster cooperation, best practice exchange, and assistance among members, providing a permanent discussion platform.**



MEDREG - Structure

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- The work of MEDREG is performed within four **Ad-Hoc Groups**:
 - Institutional issues (INS AG)
 - Gas (GAS AG)
 - **Electricity (ELE AG)**
 - **Renewable Energy Sources, Energy Efficiency and the Environment (RES AG)**

- **Temporary Task Forces** have been set up on specific issues:
 - ICER TF (International Confederation of Energy Regulators)
 - **INV TF (Investments in Infrastructures)**
 - **IMME TF (Integration of Electricity Markets of Maghreb countries)**



MEDREG - Structure

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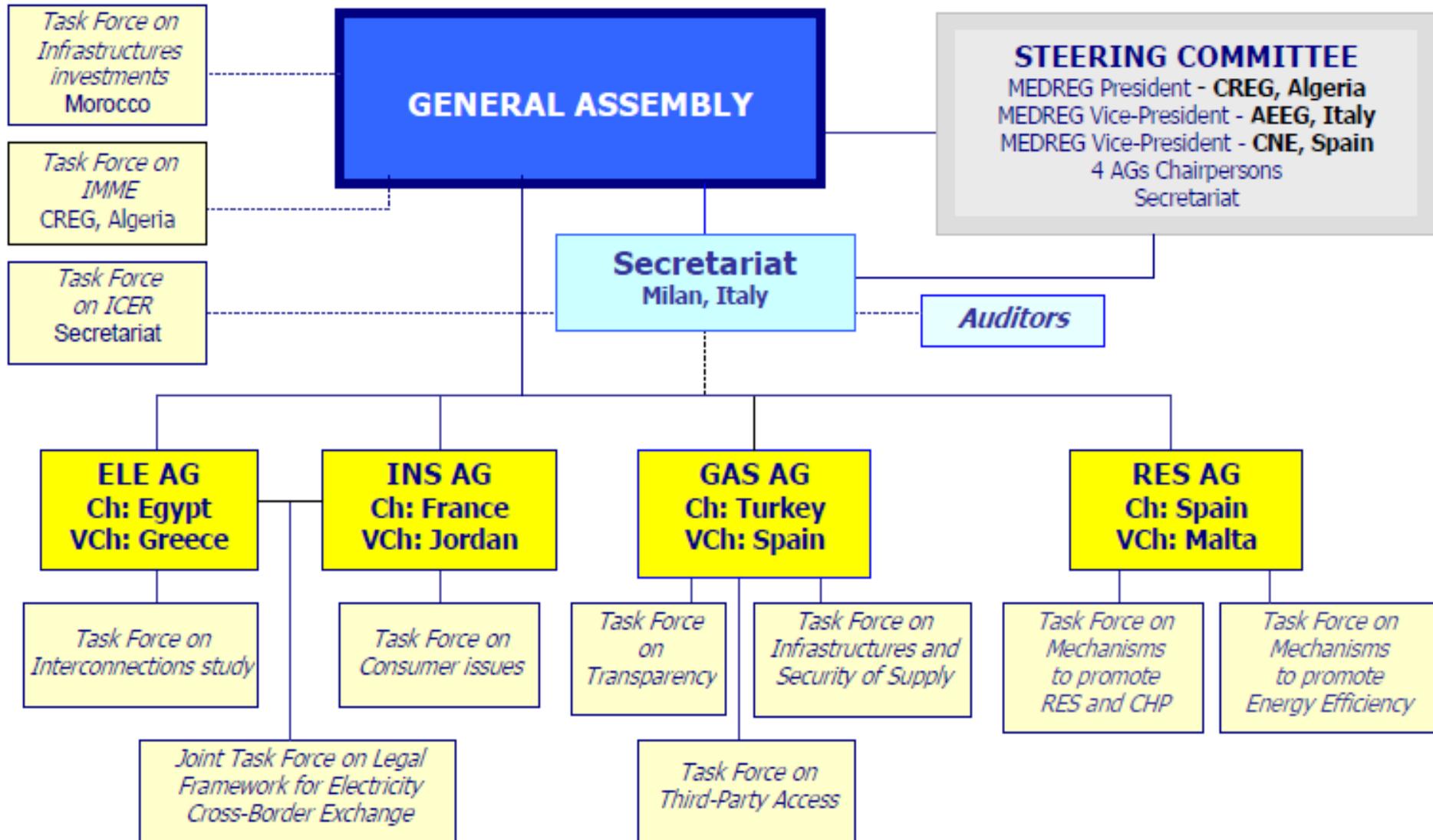
Algiers Declaration of June 2010 signed by the **EC** and Energy Ministries of **Algeria, Tunisia, and** **Morocco**

IMME TF is undertaking concrete actions with the aim to:

- **Harmonize the legislative framework** aimed at the integration of electricity markets of Maghreb Countries in the EU internal market;
- **Facilitate the creation of independent Regulatory Authorities** (Tunisia, Morocco);
- **Assist the development of electricity markets** (e.g.: establishing rules guaranteeing third party access);
- **Ensure the development of trade exchanges** (e.g.: common methodology for fixing cross-border tariffs and congestion management).

MEDREG ORGANIZATION CHART

Approved by the General Assembly / May 2010 - May 2012





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MEDREG Action Plan
(2011-2013)



A New Approach to Mediterranean Energy Scenario



- **Strategic energy challenges of the Mediterranean region:** need to conciliate a rising energy demand, especially in the South of the basin, with sustainable development.
- Mediterranean Energy Regulators consider as a priority to constitute a strong institutional basis **promoting a “bottom up” approach** towards energy markets integration.
- **These objectives require:**
 - **a long term vision**, as continuous efforts are necessary to achieve a converging and coherent regulatory framework.
 - **to be designed at regional level.**



Sharing a Common Vision of Energy Regulation



- **MEDREG intends to develop its key role in promoting exchange of information, best practice, know-how and expertise:**
 - **Ad-hoc training sessions and tailored courses**, in coordination with the Florence School of Regulation
 - **Publications of Benchmarking Studies and Reports, of which as for RES AG the most significant are:**
 - ✓ **Benchmarking Assessment on RES and EE (2010)**
 - ✓ **Report on the effects of the introduction of successful mechanisms to promote RES and EE in non-EU countries. (2009-2010 - winner of ICER prize 2010)**
 - ✓ ***Case study of application of the article 9 on flexibility mechanisms in the EU Directive 2009/28/CE***
 - ✓ ***Assessment of the possible effects of extending the functioning of national mechanisms on RES to a supra-national level***
 - ✓ ***Report on renewable and distributed generation: Case Study on Mediterranean Solar Plan***



3. Towards a Mediterranean Energy Community



Towards a Mediterranean Energy Community 1/2



- **With the aim to support the creation of a *Mediterranean Energy Community*, MEDREG activities contribute to:**
 - **Support decision-makers of authorities and institutions of members' countries** (Parliaments, Governments, Regulatory Authorities).
 - **Develop a permanent dialogue with all energy stakeholders in the Mediterranean region** (industrial associations, transmission system operators, investors, traders, consumer associations, international organisations, financial institutions, think-tanks, universities and research centers).
 - **Foster the role of Mediterranean Energy regulators as point of reference at regional level** (technical cooperation, data consolidation and publication, research and scientific coordination, general support to energy governance).



Towards a Mediterranean Energy Community



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- **Enhance the consolidation of a Mediterranean Energy Network:**

- ✓ supporting the creation of METSO (Association of the Mediterranean electricity transmission system operators) making it the natural counterpart of Mediterranean Regulators;
- ✓ promoting the creation of an association of the same nature for the gas sector;
- ✓ patronaging initiatives such as the PAM Workshop on electricity and gas networks in the Mediterranean, to be held in Naples next 17 November 2011.



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Findings from MEDREG
Benchmarking Assessment 2010
(2009 data)



Role and Competences of Mediterranean Energy Regulators



- Except for Tunisia, Morocco and Palestinian Authority, all MEDREG countries have an **independent Regulatory Authority**.
- **The competences of each Regulator are very varied:**
 - Regulators from PT, IT, EG, BA, MT, DZ have **legislative proposal and amendment authority**;
 - All responding Regulators have **responsibility in power and access tariffs** (except for Tunisia);
 - Regulators from DZ, IL, JO, EG, GR, IT, PT, ES, BA, HR, MT, TR have some **responsibility in RES**;
 - Many Regulators have established some **RES objectives in terms of installed capacity**: DZ, TN, MA, EG, BA, IT, PT, ES;
 - And in terms of **coverage of gross electricity demand/production/consumption**: MA, IL, JO, HR, GR, IT, FR, ES, MT, CY.



Support Policies for RES in Mediterranean Third Countries



➤ **Limited support policies for RES:**

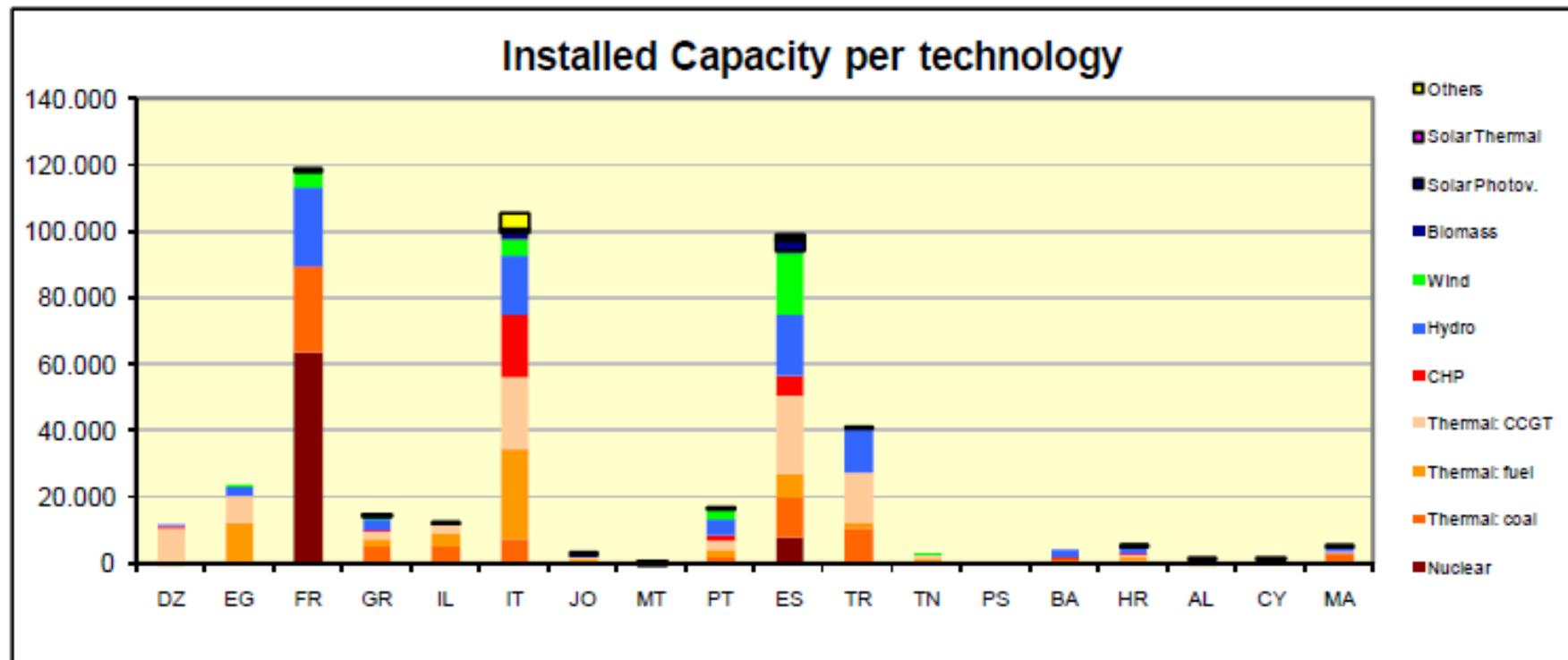
- Some third Countries have established a fixed price mechanism (IL, TN, TR, SI, HR), and none have opted for a Tradable Green Certificate system.

➤ **Some positive remarks:**

- **Jordan** support for large scale developments of RES (e.g.: Shams Ma'an Project for 200 MW PV) and a target of 7% of total energy mix by 2020.
- **Morocco** launched a 2 GW solar plan (PV and CSP).
- **Algeria** adopted a long-term plan for the development of RES (electricity share to 40% by 2030).
- **Egypt** aims to reach 20% of total RES installed capacity by 2020.
- **Israel** aims to reach 10% of gross demand from RES by 2020.



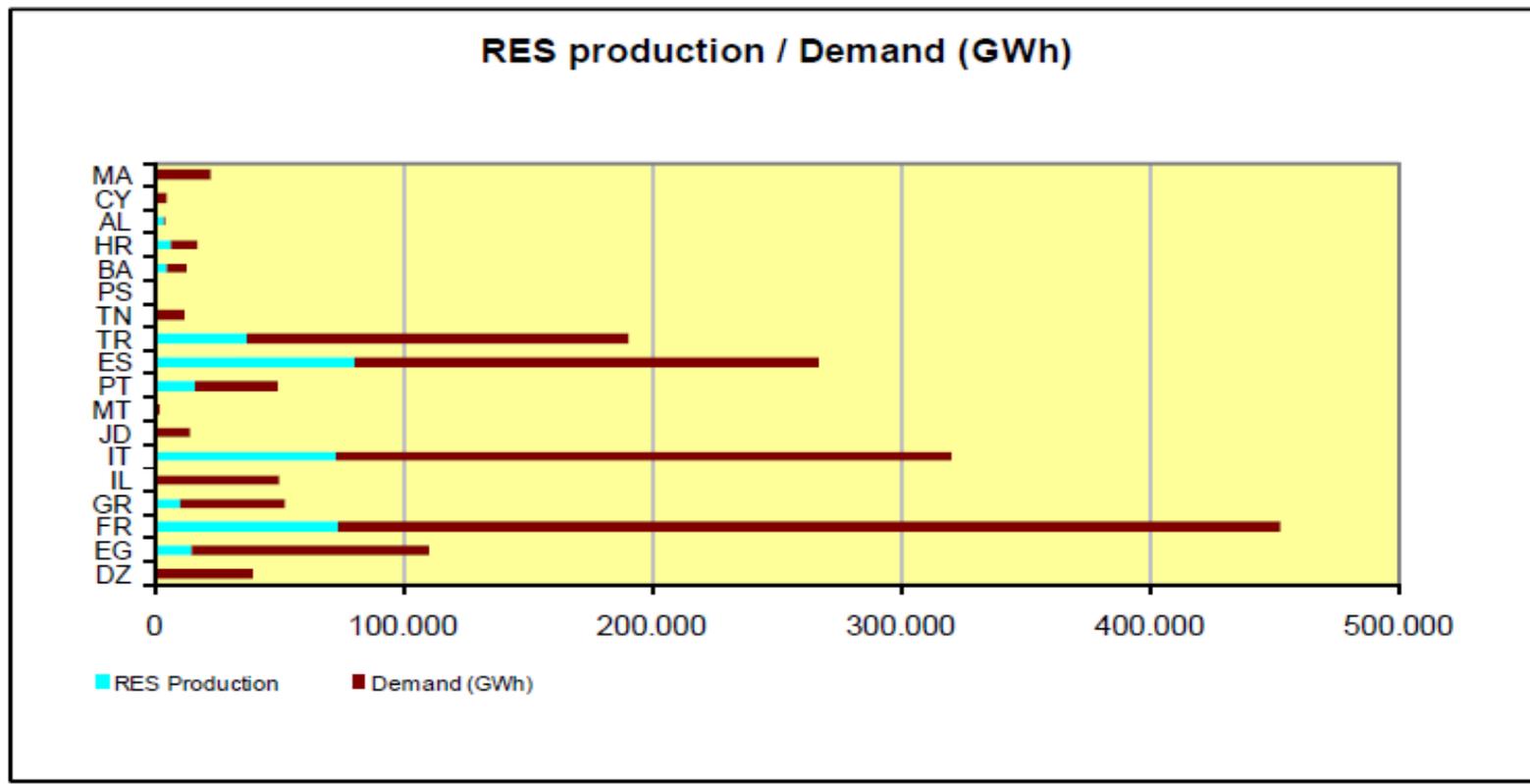
Figure 1: Installed Capacity in 2009 (MWp)



Source: MEDREG, Benchmarking Assessment 2010



Figure 2: RES generation over demand in 2009 (GWh)



Source: MEDREG, Benchmarking Assessment 2010



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**Obstacles and Solutions to
RES Joint Projects in the
Mediterranean region**



Obstacles to RES projects in the Mediterranean region



- **Regulatory:** setting an adequate support scheme in different countries is a complex task without an integrated institutional and regulatory framework at the supra-national - regional level.
- **Financial:** difficult credit access and the risk of higher final price of electricity for consumers.
- **Know-how:** insufficient know-how exchange and technology transfer.
- **Technical:** weak network infrastructures to integrate new RES plants.
- **Geopolitical:** energy is usually regarded as a national issue.



Possible Solutions: Setting-up a Mediterranean Investment Bank



- **The rising need for strong infrastructure investments** implies the development of a stable and secured environment for foreign investors.
- **International financial institutions**, such as the European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the InfraMed fund, the World Bank and others, could play a key role on this purpose.
- **The creation of a Mediterranean Investment Bank** should be one of the main priorities in the coming years, as it would offer new financial instruments targeted at specific projects of North-South and South-South cooperation.



- **Implementation of clean technology transfer to third Countries:**
 - To optimize natural resources where they are located;
 - To improve efficiency: to make the system more cost effective for consumers;
 - To improve effectiveness: higher when investments goes where best resources are located;
 - To improve the economic and social development of third Countries: industry growth, employment benefits, security of supply, energy sources diversification, improvement in environmental quality.



Conclusions



- **The reduction of regulatory uncertainty:** stable, clear and predictable RES support policies and economic incentives
and
- **The potential benefits to install RES plants** in the South and East of the Mediterranean basin
 - **Will finally attract investments in RES Joint Projects with Mediterranean third Countries.**



Thank you!
Any Questions?

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