



IEA REWP workshop

The Role of **EU-Mediterranean cooperation** in the EU Renewable Energy Strategy

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WHAT VISION?

"Paving the way towards an EU-Southern **Mediterranean Energy Community**"

Renewable Energy Strategy Communication of June 2012

"Propose to partners a regional **EU-Southern Mediterranean Energy Partnership** initially focused on electricity and renewable energy market development in these countries by 2020"

EU External energy policy communication of September 2011

WHAT REALITY? WHAT ACTIONS?



Traditional cooperation in trade of oil and gas *Hydrocarbons will remain dominant in the region*

Total primary energy supply in Southern Mediterranean countries



Source: OME – Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2011

* "Conservative scenario"



MEETING THE ELECTRICITY DEMAND





MARKET INTEGRATION WOULD DECREASE COSTS FOR ALL...



Today markets are fragmented, exchanges are modest and interconnection capacity underused



...AND FACILITATE RENEWABLE ENERGY INVESTMENTS IN THE REGION

- RES already competitive under certain conditions (wind in Turkey, Morocco – PV as replacement of oil generators – isolated communities...)
- National RES plans in many countries with industrial dimension and long-term perspective
- Private investments if basic market conditions are created – including possibilities of regional trade



Potential to reach substantial RES share differs

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Electricity consumption growth in %



System average rate in €c/KWh



ROADMAP 2050: RENEWABLES IS A NO REGRET OPTION IN ALL SCENARIOS





...SO, WHAT DO WE DO?

BILATERAL AND REGIONAL SUPPORT TO ENERGY REFORMS GRANTS AND LOANS TO ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

SUPPORT TO REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INDUSTRIAL INITIATIVES

PROMOTION OF A "MEDITERRANEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY"



BILATERAL AND REGIONAL SUPPORT TO ENERGY REFORMS

- A differentiated approach to reforms
- Budget support programmes focus on energy sector reforms
- Ad-hoc technical assistance and twinning
- Important role of EU Delegations
- Important activities by EU Member States











PROMOTION OF A "MEDITERRANEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY"

- effective <u>investment protection</u> <u>guarantees</u> are essential in order to attract private capital
- functioning <u>regional electricity</u> <u>markets</u>
- <u>preferential connection of</u> renewable generation plants to the grid and <u>access</u> to transmission infrastructures
- <u>authorisation</u> regimes and/or the award of concessions shall be transparent and nondiscriminatory



GUIDANCE ON COOPERATION MECHANISMS

- Guidance for MS and partners on the implementation of Article 9
- Legal requirements for target accounting under Renewable Energy Directive
- Options for design of pilot joint projects
- Engagement in joint projects will deepen discussion on electricity market



... in synergy with the UfM



- The EU acts in close coordination with the UfM secretariat
- The EU is co-chair of the UfM
- <u>Energy Ministerial</u> meeting in 2013



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Energy

market price



OIL OUTPUT VS RISING DEMAND

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