



# MEDREG Strategy 2020-2030

A contribution to a structured Regional Energy Cooperation

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## Energy regulation to help the socio-economic development of the region

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- **Energy is key** to tackle economic and social challenges faced by Mediterranean countries as there is a large potential for building prosperity over energy investments.
- While the definition of energy policy lies in the hands of policy makers, **regulation** is a tool to help achieve political and economic goals.
- The integration of Mediterranean Energy Markets will require **all actors** (political, economic and regulatory) to **work and pull together** in the same direction and create synergies.

# Energy regulators in the driving seat

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- As the **only Association representing independent public authorities** responsible for energy regulation, **MEDREG** is a key institution to achieve these objectives.
- **National approaches** need to be **compatible** to permit smooth cross-border exchanges and help regional integration.
- Energy regulators are involved in the development of Regional Platforms for electricity and gas coordinated by EC / UfM: **provide advice, make recommendations** and establish a **dialogue** with all actors.

# A sound institutional regulatory framework

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- A **minimum set of common principles** have to be agreed on in order to create a Euro-Mediterranean market in the long run.
- Financial institutions see the **existence of a regular as a guarantee** for a reliable investment framework.

## Objectives for 2030

- An **independent regulator** with clear powers and competences exists in each Mediterranean country.
- National **legal and regulatory frameworks are improved** and common network codes/standards emerge based.

# Functioning, competitive and transparent electricity and gas markets

- Different **activities in the energy chain should be progressively unbundled** to increase competition and benefits for consumers.

## Objectives for 2030

- There is a **market** for electricity and gas in each country.
- **Cross border trade** is emerging.
- Transparency and **access to information** is increasing
- The **regulator efficiently monitors market** developments and improvements in transparency.

# Optimal conditions for infrastructure investments

- Sound **operational mechanisms for cross-border transactions** should be set up.
- **Coordination of the national investment plans** is necessary, especially for regional projects.

## Objectives for 2030

- All countries are interconnected.
- Gas and electricity infrastructure are operated effectively with the **best cost-efficiency rate**.
- New incentives for **investments in RES** generation are in place.
- The **share of electricity produced from RES is increasing** and the installations are connected to the grid.
- **Barriers to investment are minimized.**

# Intensified regional cooperation and setting up of pilot projects

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- There is not a “one-size-fits-all” approach: it is necessary to **support the convergence of national interests** through different smaller sub-regional projects that can serve as pilots.
- **If pilot project succeed**, then the **attractiveness of the whole region** for investors is likely to **increase**.

## Objectives for 2030

- **Regional coordination** and cooperation is **intensified**.
- **Common principles** for market integration are defined and **pilot projects** are set up to test implementing them.

# Efficient consumers protection

- As consumers bear most of the costs of the decisions made by the energy sector their protection is **one of the main missions of regulators**.
- One important aspect of consumer protection is **access to energy**. The development of well-functioning energy markets and infrastructure **should go hand in hand with the struggle against energy poverty**.

## Objectives for 2030

- Consumers can **choose** between different **suppliers**.
- They have **access to necessary information** regarding billing and their rights.
- **Vulnerable consumers** are efficiently **protected**.

# MEDREG's future

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- MEDREG's ambition is to evolve towards a reference organisation in the Mediterranean region for its expertise and independence.
- MEDREG is **reinforcing** its capacity building activities and provides **institutional support** to its members
- MEDREG involved in regional platforms for energy cooperation which could become the institutional backbone for the integration of Mediterranean Energy markets
- **MEDREG will take the necessary steps for this project to become reality.**



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