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AMMAN — The Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators (MEDREG) will conduct a peer review of the Jordanian energy regulator, assessing its electricity licensing procedures as per its new action plan released recently, an association statement said on Thursday.

The association will conduct a review on the Energy and Mineral Regulatory Commission, MEDREG said its new activities for 2018-2019 will also cover other Arab countries, including Palestine and Algeria.

In the statement

e-mailed to The Jordan Times, MEDREG said that it has defined its new activities for the two-year period 2018-2019, "enshrined in a new grant contract recently endorsed by the European Commission".

The new action plan foresees activities aimed at stimulating regional integration, improving conditions for infrastructure investment, increasing efficiency of electricity and gas supply industries while promoting renewable energies, designing a common approach on consumer protection and enhancing regulatory capacity, skills and knowledge in the region, the statement said.

MEDREG also said, with a budget of over 2 million euros for two years obtained through the new EU contract, it will be able to develop technical reports and guidelines of good practice, technical assistance and capacity building activities.

In addition to Jordan, MEDREG said it will develop recommendations and guidelines for the Palestine Energy Regulatory Commission to promote the use of renewables and energy efficiency, according to the statement.

"Our priorities for the next two years are mainly to reinforce capacity building and exchange of experience between our members. In order to achieve this goal, we plan an ambitious range of activities for MEDREG's members, including four training courses on core regulatory issues," MEDREG President Santos was quoted in the statement as saying.

MEDREG said that, while consumer protection remains "at the heart of its priorities", the planned activities will also seek to improve the conditions for infrastructure investment in the member states.

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