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The Albanian Energy Regulator (ERE) will lead the MEDREG Presidency Board with President Petrit Ahmeti in 2021-2022

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Gathered online today for their 30th General Assembly meeting, MEDREG Members have elected their new President for the next two years: Mr. Petrit Ahmeti, Chairman of the Board of the Albanian Energy Regulator (ERE). Mr. Ahmeti served as MEDREG Vice President in his former mandate. He has also been a long-time member of MEDREG Working Groups, being fully engaged in the Association's priorities and challenges. After his election, he declared:

"Together with the team from ERE and with the support of the governance bodies of MEDREG, it will be my priority to successfully implement the rich set of activities enshrined in our 2021-2022 Action Plan, pursue and upscale the technical support we provide to the UfM Energy Platforms, as well as reinforce the role of the Association through the expression of our best values of cooperation and peer-to-peer exchange. In addition, I will be working to strengthen relations among our Regulators and with our financial contributor, the European Commission, to further accelerate the creation of a functioning, competitive and sustainable Mediterranean Energy Market. It is my honor to be able to serve our Association in the capacity of President and I will surely make good use of the experience I have developed working in the Albanian and EU energy markets."

Mr. Petrit Ahmeti will be taking over the place of the former MEDREG president, Mrs. Gülelşan Demirbaş, Head of the Strategy Development Department at the Turkish Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EMRA). The transition period is key to achieve the Association's objectives and further the strategy planned for the next term. Mrs. Demirbaş expressed:

"I am so glad to pass the torch to Mr. Ahmeti with the satisfaction of having achieved the three priorities I had for my Presidency term, namely increasing MEDREG inclusiveness, enhancing its reputation, and revise our founding documents. These objectives were based on three important principles that informed my actions as President: strengthening independence, enhancing competence and securing accountability. Accordingly, in these last two years, we have been working hard to support the advancement of regulatory principles in the Mediterranean, focusing on establishment of independent regulators, the protection of vulnerable consumers, the improvement in the usage of present and future cross-border interconnections, the role of gas and RES in transitioning towards a more sustainable future in the region. All these aspects can be found in the reports we developed in these years. Looking ahead, I believe that this work will support the new MEDREG governance bodies in their endeavors. I wish them the best success."

Three Vice-Presidents will support the new President. Eng. Abdellatif Bardach, President of the Moroccan Electricity Regulator (ANRE) and Eng. Karem Mahmoud, CEO of the Egyptian Gas Regulatory Authority (GASREG), joined the Permanent Vice-President Mr. Stefano Besseghini, President of the Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment (ARERA). The three Vice-Presidents committed to support MEDREG's activities and provide their expertise to advance on the path towards more efficient and compatible regulatory frameworks in the region. Along with the election of the Presidency Board, the 30th General Assembly was also the occasion to elect the new Working Groups' Chairmanship.

Furthermore, the General Assembly meeting reviewed and approved the reports implemented by the Working Groups during 2020. These included an updated analysis of the competences and role of regulators in each MEDREG country; a review of sub-regional integration of electricity cross-border interconnections; a methodology on the role of gas in fostering the energy transition; the condition of vulnerable household consumers; and a study on the role of auctions and self-consumption in developing markets for renewable energy.

In the following term, MEDREG will make a priority to advance in key areas of energy regulation in the region by developing more efficient and compatible regulatory frameworks and by fostering cooperation, information exchange and assistance among its Members.



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