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I. MEDREG Mission: Strengthening Cooperation among Mediterranean Energy Regulators

MEDREG started in May 2006 as a voluntary working group to establish cooperation among Mediterranean Energy Regulators and became a permanent regional organisation in November 2007. The European Union (EU) has been a continuous promoter of MEDREG since its creation, through the active involvement of the DG Energy and DG Development and Cooperation of the European Commission, which encourages and financially supports the implementation of its activities.

The Association has the general purpose of promoting a clear, stable and harmonised regulatory energy framework in the Mediterranean. The main objectives of MEDREG are to:

- Promote a greater harmonization of the energy markets and legislations and seek progressive market integration in the Euro-Mediterranean region;
- Foster sustainable development in the energy sector through greater efficiency and integration of energy markets based on secure, safe, cost-effective and environmentally sustainable energy systems;
- Support initiatives of common interest in key areas such as infrastructure investment and development, innovative financing solutions for the Mediterranean area and research in the field of energy regulation;
- Provide capacity building activities through working groups, training sessions and seminars;
- Foster cooperation, information exchange and assistance among members, providing a permanent discussion framework and cooperation network.

Regulation in the energy field is a necessary tool to guarantee a stable set of norms and technical standards. Mediterranean Energy Regulators work to form a strong institutional basis promoting a 'bottom-up' approach towards economic, social and cultural development, so to conciliate a rising energy demand with sustainable development conditions.

As market conditions evolve, regulation has to be constantly adapted to the changing economic environment at the national and regional level. MEDREG works to share information, expertise and good practices among its members, thus helping them to reinforce their institutional capacities and guarantee appropriate reforms. To reach its objectives, MEDREG promotes a permanent exchange of know-how, data collection and dissemination of expertise through comprehensive studies, recommendations, reports and specialised training sessions.

II. Towards a Mediterranean Energy Community by 2020

MEDREG has been defining a strategy toward a Mediterranean Energy Community in its Action Plans since 2010. Our strategy includes the development of a resource center and an information database to foster the capacity-building role of energy regulators as a point of reference at the regional level for technical cooperation, data consolidation, scientific coordination and publications.

MEDREG makes use of its expertise to support national and regional actors, including local authorities, parliaments, governments, investors, and companies. The final scope is to activate and improve the Mediterranean energy network, thus contributing to the founding principles of the Mediterranean Energy Community. MEDREG is already actively involved into strategic cooperation at both regional and international level. The Association intends to be at the heart of an active cooperation network in order to ensure the accountability and visibility of its activities notably via its recognized role in the Mediterranean energy context.

- MEDREG received explicit political endorsement as point of reference for energy regulation at regional level (Declaration of the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Ministers meeting in Limassol in 2007, Declaration of the Euro-Mediterranean Foreign Affairs Ministers meeting in Marseille in 2008, 'G8+ Energy Regulators Round Table' in Rome in 2009).
- MEDREG is identified as one of the key actors for energy cooperation and market integration in the region by the ITRE Committee of the European Parliament (EP) in a 2011 report on the 'Energy Strategy in the Southern Mediterranean'. As stated by the EU Commissioner for Energy 'EU cofunding enables increased synergies between the various key regional cooperation structures dealing with energy'.
- Joint Communication 'Supporting closer cooperation and regional integration in the Maghreb' adopted by the European Commission on 17th December 2012. MEDREG is identified as a 'regional institution' able to support the Maghreb countries in 2013 through a technical assistance project.
- MEDREG was granted with the status of Observer by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) in 2008.
- MEDREG is involved as an institutional partner in the implementation of the IMME Action Plan 2010-2015 (Integration of Electricity Markets of Maghreb countries).
- MEDREG is a founding member of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER).
- MEDREG is actively supporting the organisation of the 6th World Forum on Energy Regulators, to be held in Istanbul in 2015.
- MEDREG won the ICER Distinguished Scholar Award 2010 presenting the effects of the introduction of successful mechanisms to promote RES and CHP/Energy Efficiency in non-EU countries, May 2010.

The Secretariat of MEDREG develops and implements MEDREG strategy defined by all members, enhancing MEDREG accountability and institutional cooperation in the Mediterranean energy sector. MEDREG Secretariat is in charge of the management and development of the Association, guaranteeing continuous support to the President, Vice Presidents and all Members. Moreover, MEDREG Secretariat promotes information exchange among its members through a Communication Officers' network to promote the association's message in each member country.

III. Increasing MEDREG's Accountability

MEDREG has been consolidating its accountability through a structured dialogue with all regional energy stakeholders and the support of adequate communication tools.

MEDREG External Relations

The main objective of MEDREG external relations strategy is to share MEDREG positions and recommendations in favour of a common vision of energy regulation in the Mediterranean and beyond. Therefore, MEDREG is developing and deepening its cooperation with international organisations, financial institutions, regional and international associations (such as companies, consumers, traders), press and media.

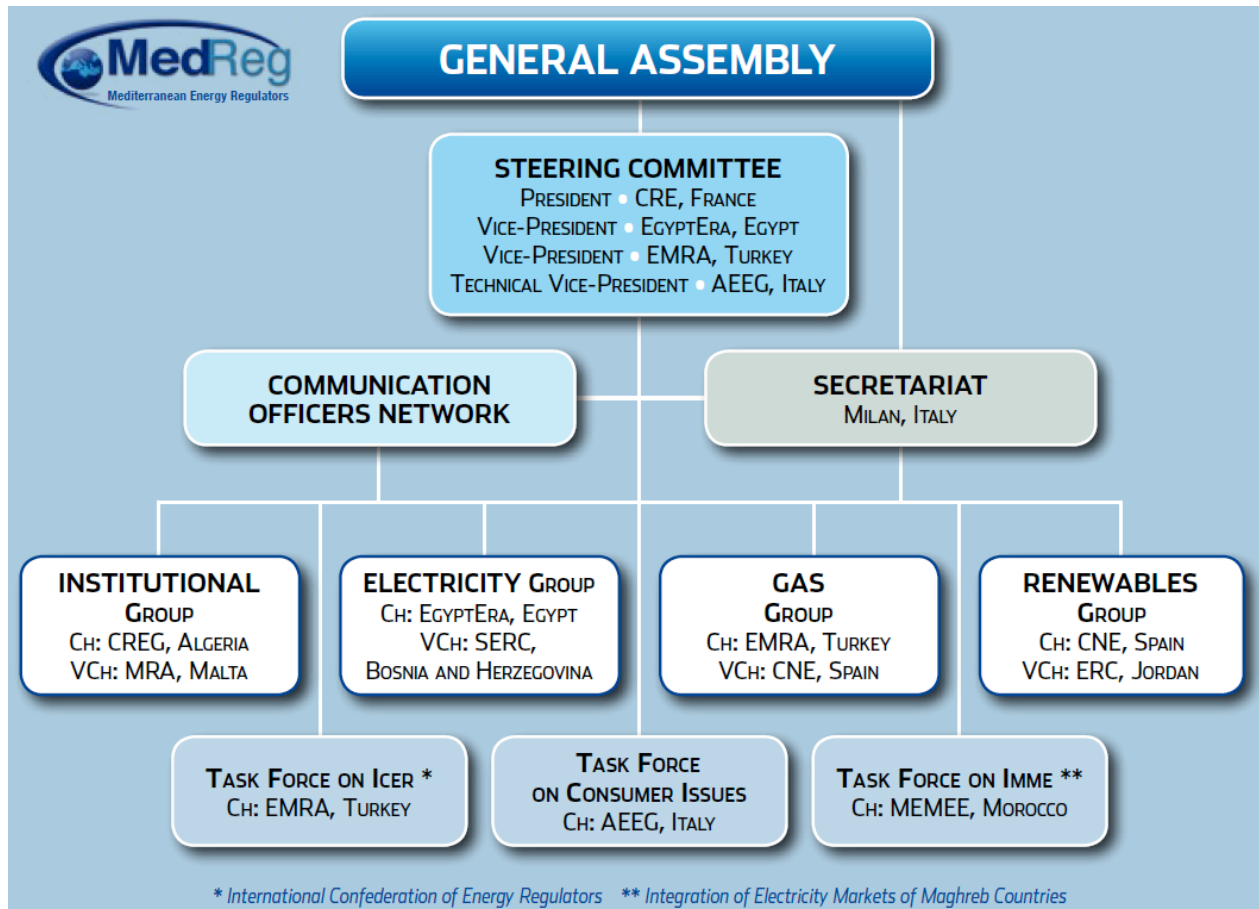
MEDREG Communication Tools

To increase its visibility MEDREG is implementing a website dedicated to its activities (www.medreg-regulators.org), a periodical newsletter, and online publications. MEDREG also participates in international conferences and develops relations with the media. MEDREG website is conceived as a comprehensive information platform designed for members and stakeholders. The web portal includes a general internet access (public access), as well as a members area (restricted access for MEDREG members). The purpose of the website is twofold: to increase the overall acknowledgement of the Association and to provide informational support to the activities carried out under Working Groups, Task Forces, training sessions, and international networking.

In addition, starting from 2012, MEDREG elaborates an Annual Report presenting its main achievements in terms of regulatory cooperation. The Annual Report will contribute to providing MEDREG actions with visibility and continuity and strengthen the Association accountability.

Press releases are issued on the occasion of any MEDREG relevant action in order to foster its visibility towards all stakeholders. They are launched in close link with the European Commission and ENPI Info Centre. Additionally, MEDREG develops relations with international media, with the aim to allow larger publicity to the role and influence of energy cooperation in the Mediterranean region.

IV. MEDREG's Structure and Organisation



a. Working Group on Institutional Issues (INS)

The INS Group has the objective of enhancing closer coordination among MEDREG members through the promotion of the role and competencies of independent energy regulatory authorities and of a consolidated institutional presence of the Association in the EU and international context. The Group coordinates the dialogue on energy regulation with the European Union, international institutions, regional organisations of regulators and other bodies.

Working Group on Institutional Issues (INS)		
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuously assess the current status of regulatory framework and institutions, their competencies, resources and expertise ▪ Carry out thematic studies on specific areas such as the legal framework for settlement of disputes and interconnections ▪ Assess the needs of know- how, training and experience exchanges, as well as other tools of institutional building ▪ Coordinate the dialogue on energy regulation with the European Union, international institutions, regional organisations of regulators and other bodies 	
Expected outputs and deadlines	Updated benchmarking study on the organisation and competencies of the Mediterranean electricity and natural gas regulators, assessing the human and financial resources appropriate to their mission and activities	2013
	Assessment, by thematic and priority, of a MEDREG short-term and long-term cooperation strategy with selected institutional, academic and private partners	2013-2014
	Development of a checklist on regulatory performance in Mediterranean countries	2014-2015
	Identification of new training needs and establishment of a knowledge exchange process (to be updated once a year)	2013-2015
Training activities	Organisational principles and activities of regulatory authorities: financing, jurisdiction and conflicts of interest	2013-2015
	Specific regulatory matters: settlement of disputes, licensing and market liberalisation	2013-2015
Target 2015-2020	Harmonisation of the rules and principles governing the missions and organisation of independent energy regulatory authorities, based on MEDREG recommendations	

b. Working Group on Electricity Issues (ELE)

The Group is in charge of assessing the current status of electricity markets and regulatory frameworks in MEDREG countries and their possible developments. The ELE AG has the mission to identify and propose basic requirements that will lead to the harmonization of electricity regulation in the MEDREG region, developing a competitive, strengthened and running regional electricity market in the region.

Working Group on Electricity Issues (ELE)		
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Define present and future interconnections infrastructure needs (for the establishment of an integrated electricity market) from the technical, economic, and financial perspectives ▪ Explore the establishment of smart grids in MEDREG countries ▪ Develop market design, including unbundling of sector activities, transparency of market information and services, non discriminatory TPA to infrastructure and services, tariff methodologies, price regulation ▪ Study operational issues concerning cross border exchange and congestion management practices; monitor electricity exchange activities among member countries, propose unified/general rules/guidelines for electricity exchanges among member countries, investigate the possibility of establishing a reliability council¹. ▪ Establish a recommended implementation plan to implement the recommended cross border trade guidelines ▪ Establish a benchmarking process for both the internal market organization and cross border practices (including MEDRING implementation status) 	
Expected outputs and deadlines	Benchmark and performance evaluation study on quality of supply within distribution grids	2013
	Mapping energy investments within MEDREG countries (in the framework of MEDREG activities on investments)	2013-2014
	Monitoring report on progress in regulatory status in MEDREG countries	2014
	Benchmarking study aiming to monitor the regional market development progress, including periodical assessment of the electricity regulatory framework	2014-2015
Training activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Security of supply under market transitional conditions ▪ Benchmarking and performance evaluation of TSOs ▪ Methodologies for pricing grid access fees for both transmission and distribution ▪ Capacity allocation and congestion management ▪ Inter-transmission system operator compensation mechanism ▪ Challenges for networks with high share of renewable energy 	
Target 2015-2020	Monitoring of the implementation of an integrated electricity market: information exchange on performance indicators; Attractive regulations for necessary investment in the infrastructure; Inter-regional cooperation on RES and interconnections	

¹ Control Centre to monitor the activities of TSOs in different countries

c. Working Group on Gas Issues (GAS)

The Group assesses the current status of natural gas and LNG markets in Mediterranean countries, their relevant regulatory frameworks and possible evolutions. The Group elaborates Guidelines of Good Practice (GGP) and recommendations that can lead to the development of an integrated, competitive, secure and effective gas market in the region.

Working Group on Gas Issues (GAS)		
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Study the present and future infrastructure needs from the technical, economic and financial perspectives, to reach a double objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the establishment of a regional integrated gas market; ○ the improvement of the security of supply within the region ▪ Work on the unbundling of supply, transmission, storage and distribution ▪ Increase the transparency of market information and services ▪ Study methodologies for non discriminatory TPA to gas infrastructure (including definition of gas transport/transit services, congestion management, UIOLI provisions, operational issues, role, responsibilities and rights of the shippers and system operators) ▪ Improve and expand tariff methodologies ▪ Increase cooperation among member countries on price regulation ▪ Study more efficient measures to guarantee security of supply 	
Expected outputs and deadlines	Study on infrastructures needs and possible projects of common interests, as well as preparation of gas infrastructure map of the Mediterranean region	2013-2014 (1 st half)
	Document on Guidelines of Good Practice (GGP) on TPA for gas in MEDREG countries, and monitoring of compliance with these GGP in the Mediterranean region	2013-2014
	Setting up of a Transparency Template Tool on MEDREG website, for the exchange of information on access to Mediterranean gas markets	2013-2014
	Status review on transparency in the Mediterranean region and monitoring of the MEDREG guidelines of good practice (GGP) on transparency	2014-2015
	Assessment of competition indicators and market prices within MEDREG countries	2014-2015
	Assessment of the current status of gas markets, of sector regulation in the MEDREG countries, and its expected evolution ('benchmarking report'), to be continuously updated according to the needs and evolution of gas (and, more broadly, energy) regulation in the member countries	2014 (2 nd half)
Training activities	▪ Non discriminatory TPA to gas infrastructure	2012-2014
	▪ Market design	2012-2014
	▪ Tariff principles and methodologies	2012-2014
	▪ Security of supply and consumer protection in a liberalized context	2012-2014
	▪ Development of new gas infrastructure and interconnection capacity among countries.	2012-2014
	▪ Collaboration with TSO associations to spread up the conclusions of the Transparency study	2012-2014
Target 2015-2020	Establishment of an integrated gas market framework; development of gas infrastructures plans in MEDREG countries detailing existing infrastructures and new investments needs	

d. Working Group on the Environment, Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency (RES)

The RES Group focuses on the legislative and regulatory mechanisms used to promote renewable electricity generation and energy efficiency, and RES deployment in the Mediterranean area.

Working Group on Environment, Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency (RES)		
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote the exchange of information, knowledge and experiences ▪ Analyze main regulatory mechanisms on: environment protection; promotion of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) and Combined Heat and Power (CHP); energy efficiency promotion including integration to the grids and smart metering issues ▪ Evaluate the results of the different mechanisms in the national contexts, analyzing success factors and critical issues ▪ Analyze the possible effects of the introduction at a national level of successful mechanisms adopted in other countries ▪ Assess the possibility of collaboration as regards the flexible mechanisms introduced by the Directive 2009/28/EU ▪ Study the effects of linking the European Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) with schemes introduced in non-EU countries ▪ Study best options to promote RES in isolated systems 	
Expected outputs and deadlines	Assessments of mechanisms to integrate RES in isolated electricity systems in MEDREG countries	2013
	Study to evaluate net metering systems in Mediterranean countries	2013-2014
	Paper to analyze collaboration as regards flexible mechanisms and possibility of linking the ETS Scheme with schemes in non-EU countries	2014-2015
	Update of the environment, RES and energy efficiency benchmarking exercise: analysis of the status, the structure and organization of the electricity system, the trend of national emissions of greenhouse gases, the legislative and regulatory framework concerning renewable sources support schemes and energy efficiency promotion (to be updated every year)	2013-2015
Training activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regulation promoting generation from renewable sources (such as support schemes, feed-in tariffs, tradable green certificates) 	2013-2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regulation promoting and supporting energy efficiency (e.g. experiences on white certificates) 	2013-2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emission trading mechanisms 	2013-2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seminar for technical staff about conclusions in the introduction of successful mechanisms to promote RES, CHP and Energy Efficiency in non-EU countries 	2013-2015
Target 2015-2020	Implementation of a common tool allowing the use of flexibility mechanisms according to Directive 2009/28/CE; Implementation of harmonised regulatory options to promote RES in a cost-effective way; Implementation of advanced distributed generation, grid parity and net metering frameworks in Mediterranean electricity systems	

e. Joint ELE-GAS Work on Investment Issues

As investments in infrastructure represent a cross-cutting topic touching economic, technical and institutional issues, several groups of MEDREG are involved in this work. This activity relies on inputs from the Working Groups on Electricity and Gas Issues (ELE and GAS), and on the collaboration of the Working Groups on Environment, Energy Efficiency and Renewables (RES) and on Institutional Issues (INS). The work is coordinated by the Secretariat's General Coordinator.

Joint ELE-GAS Work on Investment Issues		
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent an 'observatory' of energy investments and provide the input to MEDREG General Assembly on non-binding recommendations which could be addressed to various stakeholders and institutions in the Mediterranean basin, focusing on regulatory aspects necessary to develop investment and contribute to the establishment of an integrated regional energy market • Provide a shared vision of Mediterranean Regulators on: (1) investments in energy infrastructure in the Mediterranean, in a medium and long-term perspective; (2) bottlenecks and constraints to the achievement of these investments; (3) key issues for energy investments (technical, economic and financial aspects, externalities (e.g. indirect financial, social and environmental benefits) ; required agreements, investment options ; (4) the role of regulation for the mobilization of energy investments in the Mediterranean • Develop expertise of MEDREG members to understand and advise on priorities in terms of new investments considering also coherent multilateral programmes and work of multilateral actors and international financial institutions concerned • Encourage an active debate on energy investments and reinforce synergies with relevant g governments and public actors, international financial institutions, energy stakeholders, multilateral organisations, associations of energy companies, and research institutions, in order to provide recommendations related to the energy investment framework in the Mediterranean Basin 	
Expected outputs and deadlines	Study on investment mapping, conducting a survey on existing national investment/network plans	2013
	Preparation of a roundtable with relevant stakeholders to discuss the outcomes of the mapping	2013-2014
	Preparation of a complete and interactive infrastructure map of Mediterranean region, showing current and future facilities with their reserved and non-reserved capacities, owners, and other details	2014
Target 2015-2020	Definition of common regulatory positions on electricity and gas infrastructure in the Mediterranean (priorities, financing, tariffication)	

f. Task Force on Consumer Issues (CUS)

The Task Force works on enhancing the protection of household consumers in the MEDREG countries. The work of the Task Force includes surveys and recommendations on energy billing, consumer protection and information. The Task Force also identifies and promotes best practices in consumer protection, including vulnerable customers and quality of service for electricity and gas from the point of view of final consumers.

Task Force on Consumer Issues (CUS)		
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote and update MEDREG recommendations on the minimal requirements to ensure Consumer protection in the Mediterranean region ▪ Compare existing procedures and regulation on energy billing to final consumers in the Mediterranean energy market; development of best practices regarding energy billing ▪ Compare existing experience in consumer education and information to final consumers in the Mediterranean energy market; development of best practices regarding consumer education and information to final consumers ▪ Develop best practices in consumer protection, information and empowerment, including vulnerable consumers. Quality of service for electricity and gas services 	
Expected outputs and deadlines	Submission of questionnaires for MEDREG countries on energy billing and consumer education and information	2012-2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collection, analysis and elaboration on the data retrieved from the questionnaires (Spring 2013) ▪ Report on energy billing in the Mediterranean countries (first half of 2013) ▪ Report on consumer education and information to final consumers in the Mediterranean countries (first half of 2013) 	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Best practices in consumer protection, including vulnerable consumers ▪ Quality of service for electricity and gas from the point of view of final consumers 	2014-2015
Target 2015-2020	Definition of an harmonised regulatory framework regarding consumer issues in the Mediterranean region	

g. Task Force on the Integration of Electricity Markets of Maghreb Countries (IMME)

The Task Force engages in the implementation of the IMME Action Plan 2010-2015 for the integration of electricity markets of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. MEDREG organizes capacity building activities through the implementation of seminars whose content complies with the expectations expressed by the IMME Technical Committee.

Task Force on the Integration of Electricity Markets of Maghreb Countries (IMME)		
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Following the 'Déclaration d'Alger' signed on 20 June 2010 by the Ministers in charge of Energy of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, the implementation of the IMME Action Plan aims at strengthening regional and sub-regional cooperation within the Mediterranean Basin, developing the main commitments into concrete measures towards the integration of electricity markets, including possible harmonised network codes ▪ The principle of MEDREG participation to IMME Action Plan has been approved on the occasion of the 10th MEDREG General Assembly meeting, held in Rabat on October 29, 2010, and is managed in accordance with the IMME Technical Committee and in partnership with other institutions involved in the process ▪ The setting-up a high level 'IMME Task Force' (IMME TF) was decided in order to coordinate MEDREG activities in this respect 	
Expected outputs and deadlines	2 nd seminar on the elaboration of common rules for the access to electricity networks (Rabat, Morocco)	26-27 February 2013
	3 rd seminar on the strengthening the energy markets opening process	11-12 September 2013
	Elaboration of a document of synthesis and orientation, summing up the recommendations issued by the three seminars	February 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Realization of a benchmarking study on the third party access to networks (based on a questionnaire) ▪ Realization of two studies on the adoption of a common methodology for the calculation of cross-boerder tariffs and the management of congestions 	2014-2015
Target 2015-2020	Definition of an harmonised regulatory framework in view of the integration of electricity markets of Maghreb countries by 2015	

h. Task Force on the Cooperation with the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER)

The Task Force provides coordination among the MEDREG representatives in the four ICER Virtual Working Groups. The Task Force is also coordinating MEDREG’s involvement in the World Fora of Energy Regulators.

Task Force on the Cooperation with the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER)		
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) is a networking tool launched in October 2009 during the World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER IV) in Athens, aiming at facilitating the dialogue and coordination between Energy Regulators worldwide; the activities of ICER enhance information sharing and the exchange of best practices among regional associations of regulators, through their participation in specific working groups ▪ Four thematic ‘Virtual Working Groups’ (VWG) cover the whole range of energy issues at global level ▪ MEDREG is a founding member of ICER and actively participates in ICER four VWGs (Opening & Integration of Regional Markets, Technology Change, Consumers, Education Training & Best Practices); the Vice-chair of VWG1 is on of MEDREG Vice-Presidents, while the VWG2 is co-chaired by ICER TF Chair 	
Expected outputs and deadlines	Follow-up on the activities of the 4 ICER VWGs, and provide support to the active participation of MEDREG within ICER as Vice-chair of VWG1 on ‘The Role of Regulators in the Opening and Integration of Regional Markets’	2013-2015
	Provide support to MEDREG participation in the World Forum of Energy Regulators VI	2013-2015
	Provide support to the cooperation with EBRD, and other possible institutions, through the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoU)	2013-2015
Target 2015-2020	Promotion and coordination of the activities of Mediterranean Regulators at international level, in cooperation with the other eleven Regional Regulators Associations that are members of ICER	

V. MEDREG Strategic Plan for 2015-2020

The European Union has made further steps to confirm its interest in opening a credible window of opportunity for the integration of Southern Mediterranean energy markets into the EU internal energy market, through the Joint Communication of 8 March 2011 on 'A Partnership for Democracy and Shared Prosperity with the Southern Mediterranean', and the Joint Communication of 25 May 2011 on 'A New Response to a Changing Neighbourhood', issued by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the European Commission. In particular, the EU has proposed to offer 'a credible perspective for the integration of the Southern Mediterranean in the EU internal energy market based on a differentiated and gradual approach', leading to the establishment in the mid to long term of an 'EU-Southern Mediterranean Energy Community'.

MEDREG is explicitly presented as one of the key institutions for regional cooperation in the energy sector. In particular, the Commission has appointed MEDREG as one of the institutions responsible for the implementation of the EU directives on renewables, with a particular view to the North-South energy exchange (EC Joint Communication of 6 June 2012 'Renewable Energy: a major player in the European energy market').

The Joint Communication of 17 December 2012 on 'Supporting closer cooperation and regional integration in the Maghreb' has added a subregional dimension to this cooperation, focusing on the further economic integration among Maghreb countries. Indeed, the EC described MEDREG as a regional cooperation structure that can further assist the Maghreb area in developing common technical rules for the deployment of grid codes resulting in a West-Mediterranean electricity area by 2020-2025, which would be a pilot and a front-runner in the Mediterranean area. MEDREG will be involved in this process through specific technical assistance projects (EC Joint Communication of 17 December 2012, 'Supporting closer cooperation and regional integration in the Maghreb: Algeria, Lybia, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia').

MEDREG is ready to contribute to the creation of a EU-Southern Mediterranean Energy Community through its vision and expertise. Already in this early phase, MEDREG believe that some considerations should be highlighted to provide a solid background to the Mediterranean Energy Community proposal.

- Energy represents a viable instrument for the stability of the Mediterranean region.
- MEDREG regulators enjoy a unique role to strengthen the linkages between the European Union and national governments of Mediterranean countries and can provide strong institutional channels to reinforce awareness and support in favor of the project.
- There is a need for a master plan on energy in the Mediterranean region, to reinforce the establishment of a Mediterranean Energy Community. Indeed, MEDREG believes that such a Community would represent the long-awaited permanent and structured institutional mechanism to promote energy projects at regional level.
- The EU-Southern Mediterranean Energy Community should consider investments as one of its priorities. Innovative instruments to fund development projects in the Mediterranean should be created as complementary instruments to existing financial funds, mainly targeting European and non-European private small and medium enterprises.
- The Mediterranean Energy community should act for specific fiscal measures to promote investments. The Mediterranean renewable sector is in urgent need of capital, both for new projects and the reinforcement of existing transmission grids.

The table below presents the targets and main achievements planned by MEDREG as concrete outcome of the Association's activities by 2020.

MEDREG Targets for 2015-2020

Topic	Target	Timeframe		
		Short-term	Medium-term	Long-term
Institutional consolidation towards a stable legislative and regulatory framework	Harmonisation of the rules and principles governing the mission, organisation and resources of independent energy regulatory authorities		2015-2017	
	Harmonisation of the legal framework governing cross-border exchange of electricity among EuroMed countries -cooperation INS/ELE Working Groups		2015-2017	
	Harmonisation of the settlement of dispute mechanisms regarding non-discriminatory TPA to electricity and gas infrastructure		2015-2017	
	Support to the setting up of a Mediterranean Energy Community			2020
Electricity markets integration and interconnection	Contribution to the integration of electricity markets of Maghreb countries (IMME) –cooperation INS/ELE Working Groups	2015		
	Implementation of common guidelines for the development of Smart electricity grids in the Mediterranean region		2015-2017	
	Establishment of a Control Centre to monitor the activities of TSOs in different countries (reliability council)		2015-2017	
	Contribution to the integration of Mediterranean electricity markets, including completion of an operational MEDRING			2020
Gas markets integration and transparency	Setting up of an operational platform for the exchange of information and data on Mediterranean Gas markets	2015		
	Periodical assessment of the implementation of MEDREG Guidelines of Good Practice on TPA Transparency			
	Periodical assessment of the implementation of MEDREG Guidelines of Good Practice on Capacity allocation			2015-2020
	Contribution to the integration of gas markets of Mashreq countries			2015-2020
Environment, RES and Energy efficiency	Implementation of a common tool allowing the use of flexibility mechanisms according Directive 2009/28/EU	2015		
	Definition of frameworks to implement advanced distributed generation, grid parity and net metering in Mediterranean electricity systems		2015-2017	
Infrastructure investment	Definition of common regulatory positions on each electricity and gas infrastructure project in the Mediterranean (priorities, financing, tarification, etc.)		2015-2017	
Customer issues	Establishment of an integrated Consumer protection framework in the Mediterranean energy sector		2015-2017	