

President's Message



As we reflect on the past year's accomplishments at MEDREG, it is evident that our collective efforts have yielded remarkable milestones. Our unwavering commitment to fostering a regulatory environment conducive to market integration and energy transition has been instrumental in advancing our association's mission.

In response to the unprecedented challenges facing the energy sector, we have demonstrated resilience and adaptability by equipping our members with tailored regulatory tools to navigate volatile energy prices. Despite these challenges, our dedication to advancing decarbonisation remains steadfast.

Throughout 2023, our initiatives strategically focused on enhancing the resilience of energy networks and infrastructures to mitigate the impacts of the energy crisis. We led efforts in grid modernisation and smart meter deployment, complemented by innovative regulatory measures adopted by our esteemed members, ensuring minimal disruption to consumers amidst rising energy costs.

Collaborative meetings with regional stakeholders, including the Presidents of the energy regulatory authorities, have been pivotal. Together, we have forged a proactive approach to ensuring security of supply, promoting effective strategies to mitigate disruptions and minimise price volatility. This includes advocating for diversification of gas sources, expanding infrastructure, and developing LNG capacities. Additionally, we are actively exploring alternative options such as renewable gases, including biogas and green hydrogen, envisioning the Mediterranean region as a vibrant energy trade hub.

Recognising the potential of green hydrogen in strengthening energy security and accelerating the energy transition, we have established a dedicated Task Force to analyse strategies, drivers, and barriers influencing its development in our region, along with defining the regulator's role in developing this technology proactively.

Decarbonisation remains a primary focus, driving initiatives to enhance energy efficiency across buildings, appliances, and electricity systems. Drawing insights from successful practices among our members, we continue to provide policymakers and stakeholders with actionable recommendations to advance sustainable energy practices.

In our commitment to harmonising the regulatory energy landscape, we collaborate closely with all regional stakeholders, including governments, industry players, and civil society organisations. Together, we strive to create a coherent framework that fosters innovation, investment, and sustainability in the energy sector across the Mediterranean region.

Moreover, our dedication to capacity building remains unwavering. We continue to deliver support activities to enhance regulatory capacity among our members in crucial subjects such as tariffs, quality of service, and transmission and distribution networks.

Looking forward, MEDREG remains committed to advancing energy market reform, infrastructure development, renewable energy integration, and consumer protection. With an ambitious work plan ahead, we aim to leverage knowledge and experience to chart a course towards a sustainable, secure, and thriving energy market in the Mediterranean.

Together, let us continue our journey towards a brighter and more sustainable energy future for all.

Warm regards,

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