



Role of Local authorities and national agencies for efficient buildings in the Mediterranean

19th June 2019 – 17h45-19h15

Co-organised by MEDENER, the Association of national agencies for energy management in Mediterranean countries, and by Euromed Cities Network, a network of more than 100 Euro-Mediterranean cities, this round table addresses the issue of scaling-up and fostering innovative tools for energy efficient buildings. It aims at bringing together cities and national agencies from Northern and Southern Mediterranean countries to build a shared vision on challenges and solutions for implementing an inclusive and sustainable energy transition adapted to the Mediterranean area.

The session will focus on innovative tools for energy efficient buildings, a key topic for energy transition since buildings are responsible for 30 to 40% of energy demand and heavily contribute directly and indirectly to greenhouse gas emissions. A close-up on the Mediterranean area is needed due to its special features: a fast growing energy demand, partly due to cooling needs; and the urgent need for energy efficiency policies that match the current demographic trends and urban development. Substantial energy savings are possible in the building sector, especially in the South Mediterranean, where over 50 million new dwellings are expected to be built over the next decades. In 2040, buildings consumption would be 22% lower according to the Energy Transition Scenario proposed by OME/MEDENER (2016).

Both national entities and cities are key players in implementing policies for reaching this scenario. This session will be an occasion to discuss, the challenges in terms of technology development, funding tools and policy implementation for efficient buildings, while showcasing different policies and projects drivers and conditions for a successful scaling-up of innovative strategies. It will also help define ways forward by prioritizing sectors and challenges for regional cooperation.

AGENDA (Final)

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17:45-17:50	Introduction by the moderator
17:50-18:10	<p>Welcome Adresses by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Eero Ailio, Adviser Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission • M. Jorge Borrego, Secretariat for the Union for the Mediterranean • Giorgio Graditi, MEDENER President • Bernard Massabo, General Secretary, Euromed Cities Network
18:10-18:55	<p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mohamed Sefiani, Maire de la Ville de Chefchaouen, Maroc • M. Evangelos Evangelides, Maire de la Ville d'Aradippou, Cyprus • Ms Claire Roumet, Déléguée générale Energy Cities • M. Redouane Yessouf, Chief of Building Unit, Agence Marocaine pour l'Efficacité énergétique • Ms Rovena Preka, TEESCHOOLS project coordinator, ENEA (Italy) • M. Philippe Masset, Deputy Director of International & European affairs Division, ADEME (Agency for Environment and Energy Management)
18:55-19:10	Q&A
19:10-19:15	Conclusions & perspectives

Key points for the discussion (to be further enriched/ elaborated):

- What are the peculiarities of the Mediterranean area in terms of climate, urban development and energy demand, and which are the conditions for efficient buildings in this context?
- What are the existing relevant tools for funding energy efficient buildings? What could innovative tools for disseminating and mainstreaming such strategies be?
- What could the role of agencies in supporting dissemination and scaling-up policies and tools be? How to facilitate national policies to be transposed at the local level ?