

## Press release

### Conclusion of the EU-funded meetMED project: a solid expert network now available for enabling the energy transition in the Mediterranean region

**Brussels, 30 April 2020** – The meetMED Project is ending today, two years after its launch at the headquarters of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) in Barcelona, Spain.

meetMED is an EU-funded project jointly carried out by the Mediterranean Association of the National Agencies for Energy Management (MEDENER) and the Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE). Its main goal was to reinforce regional cooperation and fostering the energy transition in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia, under the umbrella of the UfM Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (REEE) platform.

At its core, the meetMED project brought together a regional network of more than 70 experts from the national energy agencies and departments of 13 Mediterranean countries. They could share and enhance their technical expertise, supporting the national governments in implementing energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy (RE) policies and measures.

The meetMED project stands as the only regional network of Mediterranean government experts in the field of clean energy solutions. All meetMED activities contributed to the work of the UfM REEE Platform, by discussing case studies and regional proposals, and by strengthening the technical capacities of the countries from the Southern and Eastern shores of the Mediterranean and of some EU Member States.

The project activities supported the role of public authorities leading by example in the implementation of RE and EE solutions, and constantly advocated for reinforced regional cooperation towards the harmonisation of national markets for EE and RE products and services. All activities built on successful synergies with other regional initiatives, such as ClimaMed, SwitchMed, MedStat, EuroMed Cities, Clean Energy for EU Islands, REN21 and ARE.

The meetMED Regional Expert Network (REN) is now active across four thematic task forces: EE and RE strategies and policies; EE and RE monitoring tools; EE in buildings; EE for appliances.

During these two years of networking, collaboration, meetings and mutually reinforcing activities, the meetMED experts also contributed to raising awareness on the importance of a prompt energy transition in the Mediterranean region.

meetMED workshops, trainings and regional conferences as well as reports, concept notes and training packages are available on [www.meetmed.org](http://www.meetmed.org) and shall continue benefitting a wide range of stakeholders, including policy makers, public authorities, the private sector, investors and financial institutions as well as local communities, the civil society and final customers.

A final meetMED publication summing up the main achievements and key messages of the project will be released shortly and made available on meetMED website and other dissemination channels.

Credits for the successful conclusion of the meetMED project go to all MEDENER and RCREEE partners and experts as well as to the meetMED team, which kept dynamism and constructive attitudes during 24 months, thereby accompanying the 11 project partners throughout 14 distinct activities, resulting in 26 events and 20 reports across 13 countries.