

# meetMED workshop on EE in buildings

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## *Main conclusions and way forward*

On 18 June 2019, ANME hosted the second meeting of the meetMED REN experts (*the first meeting took place in Jordan on October 2019*). This activity was coordinated by ANME (Tunisia), ADENE (Portugal), ADEME (France), ALMEE (Lebanon) and RCREEE.

This time, the experts were asked to present the main achievements and challenges in the implementation of national measures for the EE in buildings and discuss the key issues related to behavioral changes, financing, awareness-raising activities and capacity building, encountered at the national level.

The meetMED REN experts shared policy recommendations, which will contribute to draft the meetMED report on Energy Efficiency in Buildings. Expected in October 2019, the report will cover the following meetMED countries: Algeria, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia.

## National experiences on EE in buildings

The preliminary conclusions from the country sessions identified key areas of intervention and specific measures to be implemented.

### Strategy and regulation:

- Enforcement of mandatory measures through *ex-ante* and *ex-post* control;
- Obligations on national authorities/companies as well as on final owners/occupants.

### Tools:

- Development of specific measures applicable to the stock of existing buildings (including those classified as cultural heritage);
- Simplification of regulations and standards towards more clear and pragmatic rules.

### Enforcement:

- Monitoring the results and the impact of national measures through collection and analysis of significant indicators (see meetMED A12 for common indicators in Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia and for new indicators in Egypt, Jordan and Palestine);
- Capacity building activities to overcome lack of experts for construction and renovation, control and inspections.

### Behavioural changes:

- Public authorities leading by examples in public buildings;
- Disincentivizing low electricity prices and subsidies that make consumers' choices less economically rational;
- Availability of specific financial instruments to encourage private owners/occupants;

- Awareness-raising campaigns to disseminate existing programs and technologies to the citizens (essential focus on communication for all the actions on EE in buildings);
- Reinforce awareness-raising and dissemination activities implemented by industrial associations and other stakeholders' platforms (such as the Tunisian Alliance for Buildings and Construction).

### Regional cooperation:

- Network of national experts and exchange of experiences (such as meetMED);
- Regionalisation of building standards, professional capacity and markets for construction materials and equipment;
- Availability of development cooperation programs to finance large scale projects (such as PEEB, currently in Morocco and Tunisia).

### Tunisian Alliance for Buildings and Construction (TABC)

At the end of the workshop, ANME General Director and the Secretariat of the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GABC) signed the Tunisian Alliance for Buildings and Construction (TABC), which is the second national alliance for the building sector launched in the Mediterranean region after the Moroccan one. The TABC will bring together the stakeholders in order to define a national action plan for energy efficient buildings and renovation in Tunisia.

### Way forward towards the meetMED report on EE in buildings

In view of the release of the meetMED report (final version due in October 2019), the meetMED REN experts will revise the country national papers taking into account the preliminary conclusions identified at the workshop in Tunis and the working question on the implementation of national measures for the EE in buildings at the national level.

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