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Mr Georges Youssef **Mayor of Menjez- LEBANON**

Georges Youssef, Physical therapist, University professor, Specialised in Sustainable development and Social Innovation and Decentralized Cooperation.

Global Covenant of Mayors Board Member- MENA region since 2023, and Mayor of the municipality of Menjez.

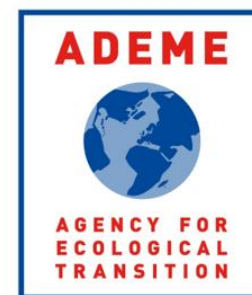
He implemented in Menjez many sustainable development projects. He works with funding agencies for many projects in Lebanon.



Philippe MASSET **Director Europe and International,** **ADEME - French Agency for Ecological** **Transition**

Philippe Masset, who obtained his engineer degree in 1985, has managed energy efficiency for communities of the region Nord-Pas de Calais until 1992. Mid 1992, he was seconded to European Commission in Brussels – DG Energy till 1998 to implement accompanying energy technologies measures towards SMEs and regions.

In 1998, he became head of unit for European and international projects and networks at the Energy Agency of Nord-Pas de Calais Regional Council. In 2001, he was recruited by ADEME, and he became in 2020 Director for European and international affairs.



Maria Albuquerque **ADENE – Portugal**

Ms Maria has a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from NOVA School of Science and Technology | FCT NOVA.

During the development of the master's thesis, Maria began working at Ana Salgueiro Consulting for Sustainability, supporting the management of the Environmental Fund's Notices for Energy Efficiency in Residential Buildings, assessing the environmental legal compliance of an industrial company, supporting the design and implementation of sustainability action plans for companies in the tourism sector and local verification of projects funded by EEA Grants.

Currently, Maria is a technical expert in the Cooperation and Institutional Affairs Department at ADENE - Portuguese energy agency - where she works mainly on national cooperation - National Coordination of the Covenant of Mayors - and international cooperation - supporting the Concerted Action on Buildings (A2.2), Water-Energy Nexus (A3.1.3) and Twinning Agreements (A3.2.2) activities of meetMED II project.



Ms Valeria Lonni **Italian Agency for Development** **Cooperation - AICS**

Valeria Lonni est actuellement Chargée de Programme au sein du secteur du développement économique à l'Agence Italienne pour la Coopération au Développement à Tunis un poste qu'elle occupe depuis novembre 2021.

Avant cela, elle a acquis une vaste expérience dans le domaine de la coopération et du développement, notamment en tant que chargée des projets auprès des Organisation non gouvernementales où elle a travaillé dans plusieurs pays de l'Afrique de l'Ouest e de l'Afrique de l'Est dans les domaines du développement rurale et économique et dans la gestion des ressource naturelles.

Elle a obtenu un diplôme en sciences internationales en 2014 et un master en durabilité sociale et environnementale de réseaux agroalimentaire en 2020 à l'Université de Turin.



Abdelhamid Gannouni **ANME – Tunisia**

De formation ingénieur génie mécanique de l'Ecole supérieur des Ingénieurs de Medjez El Bab (ESIM), Expert en mobilité, efficacité énergétique dans les collectivités locales. Il a mené plusieurs études pour améliorer la qualité des déplacements et la réduction de l'impact environnemental dans les transports, des enquêtes sur la mobilité, des formations sur la conduite économique, des campagnes de sensibilisation sur l'économie de carburant.

Il a piloté des projets d'efficacité énergétique et d'énergie renouvelable dans les municipalités, accompagne les communes dans le processus de labellisation, etc.

Actuellement, en charge de la direction de l'Efficacité Énergétique dans le Transport et l'agriculture à l'ANME, membre de la task force pour le développement de la stratégie de promotion de la mobilité électrique en Tunisie, chef du projet d'appui à l'adoption de la mobilité électrique en Tunisie et coordinateur national du programme Alliance des communes pour la Transition énergétique - ACTE



Nafaa Baccari **ANME – Tunisia**

Mr. Nafâa BACCARI is the Head of Solar Energy Department at ANME, he has 26 years of experience in Renewable Energy at ANME where he has held several managerial roles in PV and Wind.

Currently, Mr. Nafaa Baccari holds the position of Director of Solar Energy at ANME

He's member of renewable energy technical committee.

He is the President and co-founder of the Tunisian Wind Energy Association.

Mr. BACCARI earned his Engineering degree in Energy from a Monastir Engineering School.

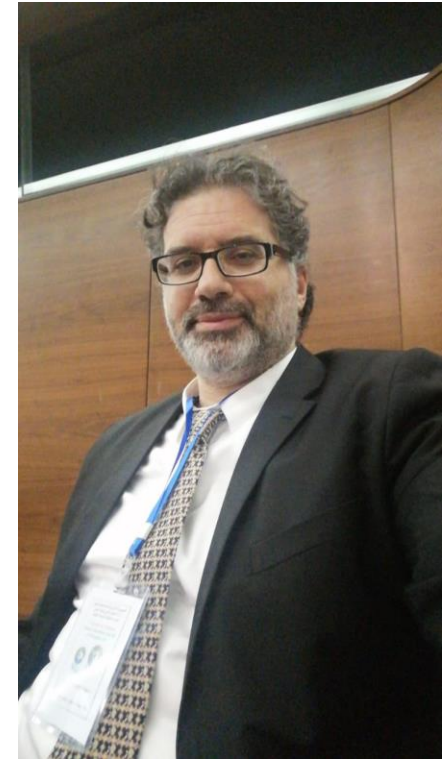


Tahar Moussaoui **APRUE – Algeria**

T. Moussaoui is an architect who graduated from the Polytechnic School of Architecture and Urbanism of Algiers, specialized in Bioclimatic. He graduated in 1999 and, since then, he has been dedicating himself entirely to the energy efficiency of the building, particularly focusing on the building envelope.

He started his professional career working in design studios and for property developers. Then, he joined the Research Center for the Development of Renewable Energy (CDER), where he was in charge of various missions entailing implementation, project management, and research tasks. These experiences were exciting and very beneficial, allowing him to acquire diverse and varied experiences related to the Architect's profession.

Currently, he is the Head of the Communication, Training and International Cooperation Director within the National Agency for the Promotion and Rationalization of Energy Use, APRUE, where he is responsible for ensuring the management of the energy efficiency projects of the Agency. He is also an energy auditor and a professional trainer.

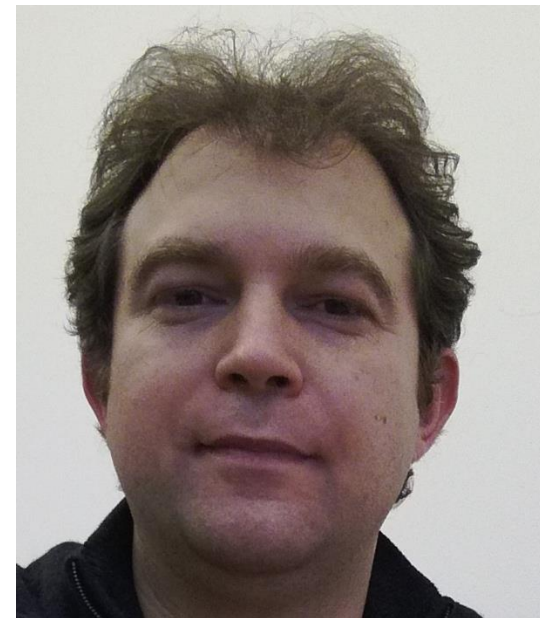


Alessandro Federici **ENEA – Italy**

Alessandro has been a researcher at ENEA since 2007. Currently, he is the Head of the Division for Tools, Analyses and Initiatives for Energy Efficiency Policy Measures at ENEA's Department for Energy Efficiency.

The Department plays the role of National Agency for Energy Efficiency, which offers technical and scientific support to stakeholders, supports the central and local public administration in the preparation, implementation and monitoring of policies, and promotes training and information campaigns for the dissemination of energy efficiency culture.

He is the Italian delegate in the Energy Efficiency Working Party of the International Energy Agency (IEA), and in the Implementation Working Group for Energy Efficiency in Industry (IWG6) of the EU Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan).



Kawther Lihidheb

International Sustainable Energy Expert-Econoler

Ms. Lihidheb is a highly experienced international project manager and energy efficiency (EE) expert with over 28 years of experience. Her expertise spans various areas, including energy policy, regulatory frameworks, and sustainable energy systems in the MENA region.

With more than 25 years of experience, Ms. Lihidheb has assisted public authorities and policymakers in developing and implementing sustainable energy policy packages. Ms. Lihidheb's extensive background includes designing, implementing, and monitoring EE policies and programs targeting buildings, household appliances, and the industrial sector. She has collaborated closely with national ministries in the MENA region, developing strong relationships and fostering effective partnerships.

Throughout her career, Ms. Lihidheb has held managerial and leadership positions, including with government bodies. She has successfully managed large-scale projects involving international and local experts, while also engaging with public and private-sector counterparts.

Her expertise has been recognized by bilateral and multilateral donors, and she has served as a team leader for EE projects funded by organizations such as the World Bank, UNDP, European Union Delegation (EUD), KfW, UNIDO, UNEP, AFDB, AFD, GIZ, and others.

Currently, she holds the position of Senior International Expert with the Canadian consulting firm ECONOLER. She holds a degree in chemical engineering and an MBA from the Mediterranean School of Business.



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