



Association of the Mediterranean Regulators for Electricity and Gas

Towards a stable and harmonised Euro-Mediterranean energy regulatory framework: Mediterranean Energy Regulators to meet in Nicosia and define new Action Plan

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Mediterranean Energy Regulators will be meeting in Cyprus on 13 November 2009 to define their 2010-2012 Action Plan aimed at developing the regulatory framework necessary for the creation of a stable, harmonized and integrated Euro-Mediterranean energy market, that will provide the maximum benefits to energy consumers in both regions.

The Energy Regulators will come together for the 8th General Assembly of the Association of Mediterranean Regulators for Electricity and Gas (MEDREG), co-funded by the EU. The meeting will be hosted by the Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority (CERA), in Nicosia, and attended by all Energy Regulators of the Mediterranean Basin and MEDREG members. The European Commission will be represented, together with the Florence School of Regulation (FSR), and other international organizations. A high level participation from the Cypriot Government is expected to underline the relevance of the MEDREG Association's work.

The Chairman of the Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity and Gas (AEEG), Mr Alessandro Ortis, will coordinate the meeting as President of MEDREG, in collaboration with the two Vice-Presidents, Mr Nadjib Otmane (Chairman of the Algerian Electricity and Gas Regulation Commission - CREG) and Mr Hasan Koktas (Chairman of the Turkish Energy Market Regulatory Authority - EMRA).

“The General Assembly, organized by CERA Chairman Mr Costas Ioannou, offers an occasion not only to focus on and approve the work carried out by the four MEDREG ad hoc Groups but also to share and agree on the work and targets for the next years through the approval of the new Action Plan 2010-2012” the MEDREG President says. The four ad hoc Groups deal with Institutional Issues; Electricity; Gas; Environment, Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency.

MEDREG aims at developing a modern and efficient regulatory framework, only one of the necessary conditions for an integrated Euro-Mediterranean energy market and infrastructure development. In the next three years, special attention will also continue to be given to customer issues and training aspects, in collaboration with the FSR, which recently helped MEDREG to perform a successful one-week training programme in Milan, supported by the European Commission and devoted to Southern Mediterranean Energy Regulators.

One part of the meeting will be dedicated to discussing MEDREG's fast growing international relations activities, and its participation in the forthcoming World Forum on Energy Regulation IV (Athens, 18-21 October).

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