

MEDREG Workshop

Future of Gas in the Mediterranean Region

Wednesday 4 July 2018, 14:00 – 19:00

ERSE, Rua Dom Cristóvão da Gama 1, Lisbon

Gas Workshop: main policy, regulatory and infrastructure developments in the Euro-Mediterranean region

The main objective of this workshop is to share recent gas sector trends both in the Euro-Mediterranean region and worldwide, as well as to discuss the main gas interconnection projects that would affect and have an important impact on the region. MEDREG will also present the main outcomes of its recent reports on *“Gas Infrastructure map”* and the *“Assessment of Natural Gas Competition & Market Prices in the Mediterranean Basin”*. All stakeholders, including International Financial Institutions (IFIs), TSOs, policy-makers, and industry, are invited to provide their views and perspectives.

The countries in our region recognize the high potential of the Mediterranean as a supplier of gas and the region’s importance in terms of transit and beyond. We also acknowledge that an efficient and reliable energy system, from production and supply to transmission and distribution, is a prerequisite for national socio-economic development. Furthermore, the efficient operation of existing gas interconnectors and the development of new infrastructure to link countries and regions can contribute to integration of our economies and sharing of resources as well as a reduction of costs and risks.

One of the main purposes of regulation is to ensure a fair and transparent tariff methodology while providing high quality and reliability standards. “Stakeholders involvement” is a key factor for the success of an efficient, sustainable and forward-looking regulatory framework.

Since its establishment in 2007, MEDREG has been working to facilitate and develop a common regulatory culture and a regionally-coherent approach to energy market regulation in the Mediterranean region. MEDREG brings together 25 regulators/ministries from 21 Mediterranean countries. The Association promotes regulatory institution-building, capacity enhancement and technical cooperation with the aim to assist in the creation of a compatible, transparent and non-discriminatory regulatory framework, paving the way to the establishment of secure, sustainable and competitive Mediterranean energy markets that support stability, socio-economic development and prosperity in the region.

The discussions from the workshop will be shared within the MEDREG community as a further contribution to our ongoing efforts to accompany and anticipate developments in the natural gas sector of the region.

DRAFT AGENDA

14:00 – 14:20	Welcome coffee and registration
14:20 – 14:30	Opening Remarks Dr Alexandre Santos – MEDREG President
14:30 – 15:00	Keynote Speech Mr. Jean Baptiste Dubreuil - Senior Gas Expert, International Energy Agency (IEA) Mr. Andreas Thanos - Chairman of the NARUC Subcommittee on Gas
15:00 - 15:45	MEDREG’s Gas Infrastructure map and Assessment of Natural Gas Competition & Market Prices in the Mediterranean Basin <u>Speakers:</u> Ms Bagdagul Caner and Prof Pedro Verdelho - MEDREG GAS WG Chair
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Discussion Panel: Future of Gas in the Mediterranean Region Moderator: Prof. Valeria Termini – MEDREG Permanent Vice President Mr Laurent-Charles They – Director GRTGas France Mr Lex Huurdeman – World Bank Mr Leonidas Kioussis – European Commission (DG ENER) Mr Luis Parada – ENAGAS, Spain SNAM, Italy Mr Victor Baptista – REN, Portugal
17:00 – 17:30	The TANAP Project: Recent developments Mr. Saltuk Düzyol – Director General of TANAP
17:30-17:45	Q&A
17:45-18:00	Closing Remarks Prof. Valeria Termini – MEDREG Permanent Vice President
18:00-19:00	Networking cocktail