UfM Gas Platform

Press Release

Kick off meeting of the UfM Gas Platform working group on institutional and regulatory framework, Paris, 7 November 2018



<u>Paris, 12 November 2018</u>: The Secretariat of the UfM Gas Platform organized at OME premises in Paris, on 7 November 2018, the kick-off meeting of the UfM Gas Platform Working Group dedicated to the study of the gas Platform's approved programme of work on the role of a suitable institutional and regulatory framework to promote favourable conditions and foster relevant investments to facilitate the gradual development of gas exchanges.

The meeting gathered around 20 delegates representing the ministries, institutions and industry from both shores of the Mediterranean. They all contributed to vibrant discussions (under the Chatham House Rule) and participated to the success of the event. The meeting aimed at establishing the working group dedicated to the above-mentioned study on institutional and regulatory framework, and to determine the structure of the research. The plan is to have a final draft report to be ready by mid-2019.

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Initiated in Malta in July 2014, confirmed in Rome in November 2014 and launched in June 2015, in Brussels, the objective of the UfM Gas Platform is to enhance the cooperation in the Euro-Med. region between all stakeholders of the gas chain, in a bottom-up approach to improve gas security by identifying barriers and opportunities. The "Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Énergie" (OME) runs the Platform's secretariat in close coordination with the UfM co-presidency.

The UfM Gas Platform is one of the three UfM Energy Platform (The two others are on regional electricity market and on renewable energy and energy efficiency) established by EU Energy Ministers, Ministers of Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries, and the European Commission to further strengthen regional cooperation in the Mediterranean for ensuring secure, affordable and sustainable energy for the region and beyond.

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