

## Press Release

### Kick off meeting of two UfM Gas Platform working groups on common gas infrastructure, and on cooperation among TSOs in the Euro-Med., Paris, 14 June 2019



Paris, 17 June 2019: The Secretariat of the UfM Gas Platform organized at OME premises in Paris, on 14 June 2019, the kick-off meeting of two UfM Gas Platform working groups of the gas Platform's approved programme of work. They will, respectively, investigate the potential and benefits of common Euro-Med. gas infrastructures, and will provide an advisory assessment whether and how TSOs in the region could beneficially cooperate.

The meeting gathered around 20 delegates from all backgrounds, 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 two working groups dedicated to the above-mentioned tasks, and to determine the structure of the research. The plan is to have final draft reports to be circulated to WG Members for review by the end of 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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