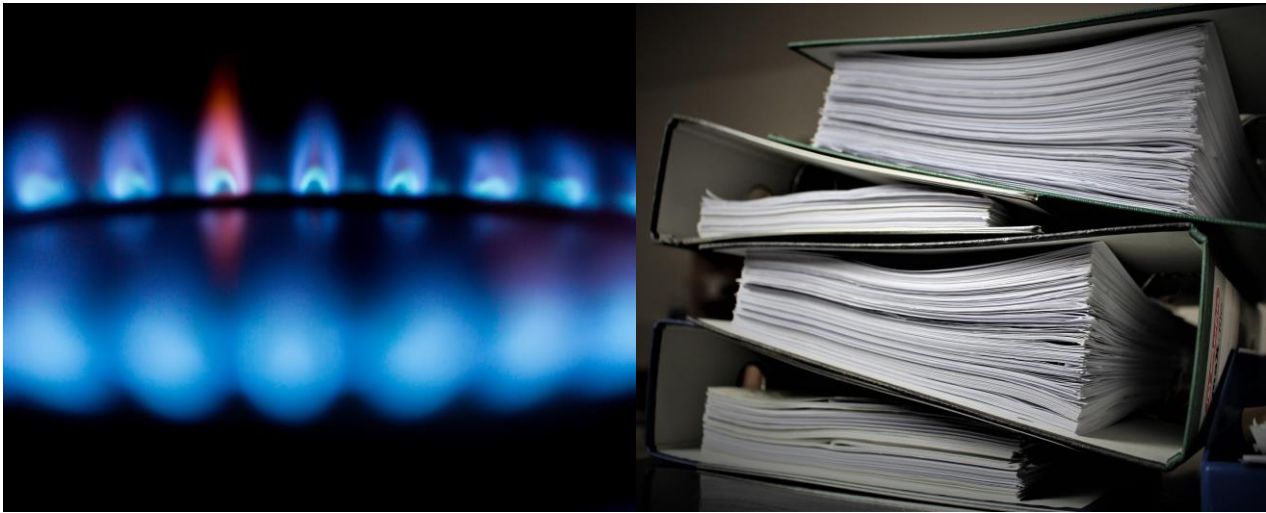


Press Release

Meeting of the UfM Gas Platform working group on institutional and regulatory framework, Istanbul, 29 April 2019



Paris, 30 April 2019: The Secretariat of the UfM Gas Platform organized in Istanbul, on 29 April 2019, a 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 in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The meeting gathered 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 discussing the first draft report prepared by the OME and MedReg. A second draft report is scheduled for September 2019 for distribution to WG members.

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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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