Other UfM Energy Platforms

Launched on 12 October 2015, in Rabat, the UfM Regional Electricity Market Platform (UfM REM Platform) aims at the progressive integration of energy systems and energy markets in the UfM region.

Firstly, the platform will focus on integrating countries on the southern and eastern coasts of the Mediterranean. In the medium to long term, the platform then envisages integrating those markets with the EU countries. The overall goal is to achieve a regional electricity market in which electricity can be exchanged across borders without physical, technical or regulatory barriers.

Launched on 14 November 2016, at the COP22 climate summit in Marrakesh, the UfM Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Platform (UfM REEE Platform) aims to promote the progressive deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures.

The platform will also identify and implement joint initiatives, and promote the growth of renewables and energy efficiency measures in order to foster socio-economic development, contribute to ensure that all citizens and businesses of the region have access to secure, affordable and reliable modern energy services, as well as to support mitigation and adaptation to climate change in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

See also UfM dedicated webpage on Energy Platforms at: https://ufmsecretariat.org/ufm-energy-platforms/

Newsroom

Concrete and effective dissemination of information about the UfM Gas Platform and its activities to the stakeholders of the platform and to the broader public are key elements to ensure the successful implementation of the work programmes of the platform.

A quarterly newsletter is produced by the Secretariat of the UfM Gas Platform. Available in English, French and Arabic, the newsletter is disseminated in electronic format by e-mail and made available on the website of the platform. The newsletter covers platform-related activities, working group meetings, workshops, abstracts of platform studies and reports, as well as forthcoming events.

A dedicated website was launched in June 2018. Administered and updated by the Secretariat of the UfM Gas Platform, it is designed to act as an interface between the Secretariat and stakeholders of the platform on the one hand, and as a mirror to disseminate the platform activities and related news on the other hand. As for the quarterly newsletter, the website is available in English, French and Arabic.
The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Gas Platform aims at enhancing a regional structured dialogue, allowing the gradual development of a more secure, transparent and predictable Euro-Mediterranean gas market; strengthening regional cooperation in the Mediterranean on energy for the region and beyond. They also agreed that further initiatives will be carried out under the three UfM energy platforms of cooperation between them.

The Thematic studies with deliverables

1. Gas supply and demand

Task 2.1. An Advisory assessment of the existing and future gas supply-demand balances in the Euro-Mediterranean region. This assessment will include factors and challenges affecting future development of gas projects and the EU’s Gas market strategy as well as new uses of LNG and chemicals offered by the Mediterranean region, as well as the principal market players of producing and consuming countries.

Task 2.2. The role of LNG in gas supply security in the Euro-Mediterranean region. It will also take into account infrastructure cost, the socio-economic and environmental impact, as well as the potential of infrastructure projects and the EU LNG Task 2.5. Southern Gas Corridors.

Task 2.6. An annual review meeting of the UfM Gas Platform, to discuss next steps (as in the working guidelines); targeted events and meetings; capacity-building takes place through specific training sessions on gas-related matters.

- An annual UfM Gas Platform Conference to report on progress and future tasks (e.g. workshops on LNG or the Southern Gas Corridors).

- An annual meeting of the UfM Energy Platforms.

Programme of work

The two-year Work Programme on behalf of the Energy Ministers of UfM Member States and the Gas Task Force of the Energy Platforms and their possible resulting platform activities, concrete deliverables and deadlines are introduced.

The Work Programme consists of three elements: thematic studies with deliverables, events and investigations on cross-cutting or specific issues.

Thematic studies are broken down in three subject areas:

1. Gas supply and demand

2. Infrastructure


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- Three new Euro-Mediterranean platforms (on gas, renewable energy and energy efficiency).

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