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## Message from the UfM Gas Platform Secretariat

In December 2019, a first Mediterranean Energy Scenarios Experts Meeting was organized by the OME in cooperation with the European Commission. It aimed at defining the bases of a common UfM-OME energy scenario, a "ProMED scenario" to be released in the future OME flagship publication Mediterranean Energy Perspectives 2020. Experts from each Mediterranean country confronted expertise from various fields and topics to provide input on current and future energy trends and policies to help define a shared and contrasted vision of the possible energy future in the Mediterranean region.

In September 2020, experts met a second time to establish a general roadmap for this ProMED scenario, country by country specifications as well as to discuss potential and technical scope.

As the world deals with an unprecedented global health crisis, the economic shock waves across the Euro-Mediterranean region and the world are rippling through the energy sector, threatening to derail current paths and commitments. Therefore, the need for a common vision – a ProMED Scenario – is more than ever essential. And, further strengthening regional dialogue and cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean energy/gas sector (the core of UfM energy platforms' mandate) is a prerequisite to it.

The year 2020 is a milestone from which to judge and assess the progress made in energy and environment and re-evaluate the paths embarked upon in the 21st Century. Establishing clear context and perspectives can help decision making processes to ensure the best possible future for the region and its population.

## Mediterranean Energy Scenarios 2nd Experts Meeting: Building a shared energy vision

The Mediterranean Energy Scenarios 2nd Experts Meeting: Building a shared energy vision was held on Thursday 24 September 2020 via zoom. It was organized by the OME, as part of its activities as the secretariat of the UfM Gas Platform, in cooperation with the European Commission.

The UfM Gas Platform is a concrete outcome of the will of the UfM members and major stakeholders to strengthen dialogue and cooperation between the EU and South and East Mediterranean countries.

More information available at: [ufmgasplatform.org](https://www.ufmgasplatform.org)



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Following-up on the first expert meeting, held in December 2019, the September 2020 meeting has finalized the trajectories expected in all energy sectors for all types. Based on the Reference Scenario and Proactive Scenario provided by OME, experts have confronted their expertise and expectations to help shape a comprehensive ProMED scenario to 2050, including renewables development potential, hydrogen realistic expectations, technology deployments, electrification notably electric vehicles prospects and energy efficiency in all sectors of the economy. This experts meeting also finalized the definition of the ProMED scenario within the Near Zero Carbon framework defined in the first meeting:

- The ProMED scenario will run to 2050 with more accurate 2030 projection and a vision beyond 2030 to 2050,
- A zero carbon target to 2050 was deemed unrealistic and undesirable for south countries where a “near-zero carbon” fair scenario is preferred – a delay of 10 years is considered; But even if this scenario is inspired by the EU Green Deal, energy security must remain the priority,
- The ProMED scenario will consider enhanced renewable deployment in the South compared to the National Climate and Energy plans (NCEP),
- Energy efficiency is also considered a cornerstone and should be boosted in all sectors and especially in buildings,
- Mobility is essential to displace oil consumption: especially electric vehicles (drastic increase in electric vehicle numbers to be integrated) and also modal shift,
- Prospects of hydrogen and ammonia to be included, especially after 2035 on larger scale,
- Development of interconnections to manage peak load and other shortages.

## Recent and upcoming events

In September 2020, the Secretariat of the Platform circulated a final version of the report titled “An assessment of small scale LNG applications in the Mediterranean region”, incorporating all the comments received by the Gas Platform members.

On 30 November 2020, the OME as Secretariat of the UfM Gas Platform, will organize a workshop through video on the use of LNG in maritime transport in the Mediterranean region.

The aim of the meeting is to discuss the key benefits, barriers and uncertainties, relevant challenges as well as future development perspectives of LNG in maritime transport in the Mediterranean area. The importance of including the Mediterranean Sea into the Sulfur Emission Control Areas will also be discussed.

On this occasion, a UfM Gas Platform's new report prepared within the framework of the 2020 Program of Work and entitled “The benefits, challenges, and opportunities of LNG in maritime transport in the Mediterranean region” will be presented by the Secretariat of the Platform to the participants.

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