

# ENERGY AS A BRIDGE THROUGH THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

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## BACKGROUND

The energy sector is crucial for both shores of the Mediterranean. As the demand in the Southern shore is expected to increase in the upcoming years, secure, sustainable and affordable energy will increasingly represent a tool for development and cooperation. In this regard, states that border the Mediterranean have a unique opportunity to work together to develop energy networks, integrating their markets and improving energy efficiency. Cooperation on energy can unfold the region's potential in bringing tangible economic benefits and mitigating long-lasting regional geopolitical tensions and conflicts. Recent oil and gas discoveries in the Eastern Mediterranean and in the Persian Gulf put the spotlight on the need for a closer cooperation among the concerned states. Key components of cooperation in this domain will be the mutually beneficial trade of fossil fuels and, increasingly, the necessity to generate more low carbon power in order to reduce the impact on the environment. Starting from the current regional scenario, this workshop aims to discuss an applicable strategic vision for the future of the Euro-Mediterranean energy relationship.

## AGENDA

### 5.45 PM REGISTRATION

### 6.00 PM INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

**Houda Allal**, General Director, Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Energie (OME)

### PANEL DISCUSSION

**Claudio Descalzi**, CEO, ENI

**Luigi Ferraris**, CEO, Terna

**Moncef Harrabi**, CEO Steg, President OME, President Med-TSO

### *Chair*

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