

Progress on 2019 activities



INS Working Group Objectives

- Guiding MEDREG members in implementation of a common set of principles
- Assisting member countries in creation of independent energy regulator for electricity and gas
- Assisting member countries in the implementation of national regulatory reforms
- Supporting other WGs along the process of improvement of the national legal and regulatory frameworks of Mediterranean countries



National Reforms Initiatives





- Peer-review activities and support in the drafting of secondary legislation;
- Training and capacity building to address specific technical issues and to empower regulatory institutions;
- Institutional partnerships via MEDREG Cooperation Protocols (Med-TSO, PAM), coordination with European Union and engagement with IFIs;
- Ad hoc studies and benchmarking, where appropriate and as relevant with support of technical experts
- Support to ongoing cooperation efforts in the region, especially those involving South-South cooperation and European tools, such as twinning projects and Technical Assistance and Exchange Instrument of the European Commission (TAIEX) missions, most notably as regards the scope and preparatory phases of these activities.
- Coordination of member to member projects, such as expert exchanges.



National Reforms Initiatives





MEDREG

Needs Collections Preliminary Proposals Support Delivery Shared Work Program

Evaluation of potential issues

Questionnaires

Interviews

Tools

Focus on key issue

Expertise

Time

Topics

Expertise

Referent NRAs

Institutional & Capacity Building

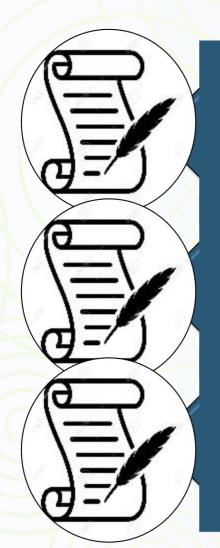
Monitoring

Following Up



INS WG Action plan 2019





Update of the Terms of Reference of the Support to National Reforms

Update of the questionnaire of the Support to National Reforms

Guideline to evaluate the impact of MEDREG deliverables



Evaluation of the impact of deliverables







Effectiveness

 Considers how successful the action has been in achieving or progressing towards its objectives



Efficiency

 Considers the relationship between the resources used by an intervention and the changes generated by it



Relevance

 Considers how the objectives of the intervention correspond to wider MEDREG goals and priorities



Coherence

Evaluation of how well or not, do different actions work together



Added Value

Searches for changes that can reasonably be due to the MEDREG intervention



Training for the Israli regulator PUA





Beneficiary

Public Utilities Authority (Israel)

Objectives

It Supported the development of the Electric Master Plan OR a competitive market, focusing on how wholesale electricity markets evolve over time and how to coordinate them with regulated segments. The training also provided hints on how to evaluate price formation to balance demand and supply, how to monitor the market and design RES support mechanisms.

Deliverables

A 2 day training conducted on 14-15 May, 2019 in Jerusalem, Israel on "The Economics of Regulation. Moving from Monopolies to Competitive Wholesale Electricity Markets".

Resources

CRU, Med-TSO, EMRA, Academicians



Study Visit for Ministry of Energy of Tunisia

Beneficiary

Tunisian Ministry of Energy

Objectives

Enhancing the knowledge and skills of the Tunisian Energy Ministry's staff concerning the realization of cross-border electricity interconnection projects, including the management of the cables by the identification of appropriate business models

Deliverables

Study visit on management of cross-border interconnections

Resources

ARERA & Med-TSO

Next Steps

The study visit of Tunisian ministry representatives will be held the second part of the year



Study Visit for ANRE (Morocco)



Beneficiary

Moroccan Electricity Regulatory Authority (ANRE)

Objectives

Provide additional knowledge concerning potential relationships of the regulatory authorities and other bodies that are involved in the regulatory decision making process

Deliverables

Competences of a regulator and relationships with other public bodies

Resources

RAE and CNMC

Next Steps

Study visit will be held if confirmed between 1st and 15th of July, 2019



Report for the Lebanese Ministry of Energy

Beneficiary

Ministry of Energy and Water of Lebanon and Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation

Objectives |

Report on the changes that the creation of a regulator could have on the Lebanese electricity market in terms of issue management and sharing of responsibilities with the Energy Ministry.

Deliverables

Report on the "Impact of the creation of a regulator on the Lebanese electricity market"

Resources

MEDREG Secretariat and external consultants

Next Steps

The MEDREG Secretariat is currently hiring an external consultant for the drafting of the report.

Follow-up of 2016 peer review





Beneficiary

Egyptian Electric Utility and Consumer Protection Regulatory Agency (EgyptERA)

Objectives |

Provide support to EgyptERA in order to reinforce its capacity in: Tariff settings, prevention of conflict of interest, consumer disputes and unbundling & market competition measures

Deliverables

Review and update of the draft code of ethics & ex-ante regulatory indicators

Resources

RAE, CREG, EMRA, CRE

Next Steps

Completion EgyptERA report (End of the year)



Training for CREG (Algeria)





Beneficiary

Electricity and Gas Regulation Commission (CREG)

Objectives |

It will provide information on the design and imposition of public service obligations as well as activities, procedures, methods and instruments for taking over the tasks related to the monitoring and evaluation of the execution of the public electricity and gas services, in particular on the role and responsibility of the actors involved

Deliverables

Methodology for determining the financing, definition and identification of public service obligations for electricity and gas

Resources

MEDREG Secretariat

Next Steps

The workshop will be held in 15-16 of October, 2019 in Algiers



Workshop for the EMRC (Jordan)



Beneficiary

Energy and Minerals Regulatory Commission (EMRC)

Objectives

It will address the regulatory tools that regulators should have to correctly monitor licensees as well as the issues related to storage regulation in the context of the current single-buyer business model of the Jordanian electricity market

Deliverables |

"Regulatory tools to monitor electricity licensing procedures" and "Structuring the regulatory framework to enable the electricity storage"

Resources

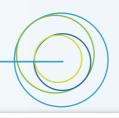
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Next Steps

The workshop will be held in 27-28 of November, 2019 in Amman



Training for GasReg (Egypt)





Beneficiary

Gas Regulatory Authority (GASREG)

Objectives |

Training on the regulatory tools necessary to monitor the Egyptian gas market, particularly the transmission and distribution sector, based on the competences given to the newly-established regulator.

Deliverables

Monitoring of the transmission and distribution segments of the gas market

Resources

MEDREG Secretariat

Next Steps

The GAS WG and the training for GasReg will be held on 24-26 of September, 2019 in Cairo



Joint Med-TSO MEDREG Training on "Regulating infrastructure investment"





Beneficiary

Staff of MEDREG and Med-TSO members.

Objectives |

It will examine how to determine allowed revenues; the inclusion of assets in the regulated asset base (RAB) and will address cost allocation and revenue recovery issues.

Deliverables

"Regulating infrastructure investment – Planning and feasibility, network integration and incentives"

Resources

MEDREG Secretariat - Med-TSO

Next Steps

The joint MEDREG-Med-TSO training will be held on 10-12 December 2019.





Beneficiary

Commissioner of MEDREG members

Objectives

It will deal with regional issues that have an impact on the various countries of the Mediterranean Basin at policy and technical level, including different country-specific problems and challenges.

Deliverables

"Mediterranean electricity market designs: How to tackle market power and increase regulatory compatibility"

Resources

MEDREG Secretariat

Next Steps

The advanced workshop for commissioners will be held on 5^{th} November, 2019.



Additional activities



RES Workshop to present several case studies on auction management (Tirana, 17 June 2019)



Annual Forum on the liberalization of the gas markets (Brussels, 6 November 2019)



Top priorities for 2020 - 2022



- ACTIVELY ENGAGE WITH OUR MEMBERS TO FURTHER IMPROVE IN A TAYLOR-MADE MANNER THEIR TECHNICAL CAPACITIES IN IMPLEMENTING AND/OR MONITORING ENERGY MARKETS
- REINVIGORATE THE ROLE OF THE INS WG AS MEDREG'S CAPACITY BUILDING HUB THROUGH A RENEWED INTERNAL FUNCTION (WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS) IN COOPERATION WITH THE PRESIDENCY AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARIAT.





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