



MEFED



THE ROAD TO MEFED2024 LEVERAGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ENERGY COOPERATION

5 DEC. 2023 | 16:30-17:30

COP28 | BLUE ZONE | GREEK PAVILION

AIM OF THE SIDE-EVENT

Energy cooperation between Europe and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region has gained significant momentum in recent years. The MENA Europe Future Energy Dialogue 2022 (MEFED22) held in Amman demonstrated the growing interest in interconnecting, and decarbonizing energy systems in Europe and the MENA region. Cross-border infrastructure is an essential building block to achieve this aim.

In view of MEFED2024 to be held in Greece, this high-level side-event at COP28 will bring together representatives from Europe and MENA as well as from regional/international organizations to explore the potential of cross-border infrastructure projects in the hydrogen and electricity sectors to promote enhanced energy cooperation between Europe and MENA. Panelists will address crucial questions surrounding these projects, such as the main obstacles faced by cross-regional infrastructure initiatives and how new mechanisms like Projects of Mutual Interest can help overcome these challenges.

The side event addresses the following questions:

- How can infrastructure projects, both on the hydrogen and on the electricity side, be leveraged to promote enhanced energy cooperation between the EU and the MENA region?
- What are the main obstacles cross-regional infrastructure projects are facing today?
- How can new mechanisms such as the Projects of Mutual Interest help overcome these obstacles?
- How can MEFED2024 accelerate cross-regional cooperation on infrastructure to promote energy trade and stronger interconnections?
- What are other priority topics that should be on the agenda for MEFED2024?

AGENDA

AS OF 28.11.2023

Moderation: Dr. Karoline Steinbacher, Guidehouse

10 min

High-level Opening: Recap of MEFED2022 and Outlook to MEFED2024

- H.E. Alexandra Sdoukou, Deputy Minister for Environment and Energy, Greece

- H.E. Stefan Wenzel, Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action
- H.E. Dr. Saleh A. Al-Kharabsheh, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, Jordan (tbc)

5 min

Short input statement: EU's Energy and Climate ambitions and the importance of EU-MENA Energy Cooperation

- Ditte Juul Jørgensen, Director General, Directorate-General Energy, European Commission

45 min

High-level panel discussion: The road to MEFED2024 - Leveraging infrastructure for energy cooperation

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- Ditte Juul Jørgensen, Director General, Directorate-General Energy, European Commission
- Dr Jauad El Kharraz, Executive Director, RECREEE (tbc)
- Mr. Manos Manousakis, President and CEO, IPTO, Hellenic Electricity TSO
- Mrs Maria Rita Galli, CEO, DESFA, Hellenic Natural Gas TSO