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Session title:

“A Green Deal for the Mediterranean – North-South Energy Partnerships”

Date and location:

15 November 2022 (Energy Day of the COP27), 12:30-13:30 in Sharm El-Sheikh

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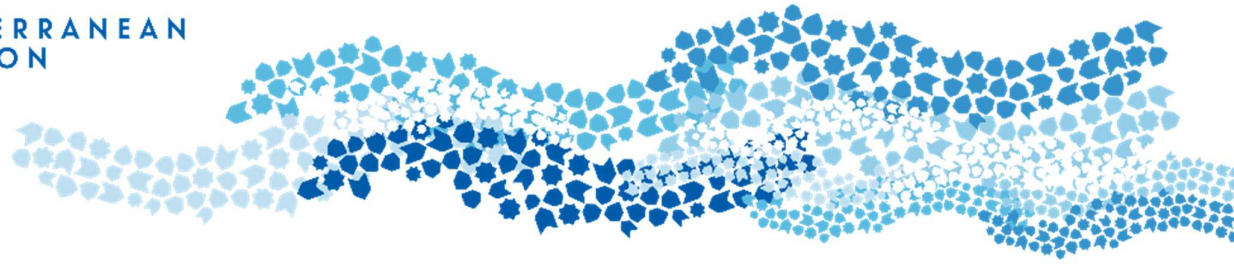
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Short description

The Mediterranean countries are severely threatened by climate change and environmental degradation. It is therefore imperative to step up measures for emission reductions and the production, trade and use of renewable energy sources. The event will discuss how new and effective energy partnerships between the European Union and its neighbouring countries in North Africa can contribute to the green transition as well as energy security. However, attention must be paid to ensure that this transition does not further deepen the technological and trade gap between the EU and the countries in the Southern Mediterranean countries.

Background

Prompted by its commitment to the objectives of the Paris Agreement as well as by Russia’s war in Ukraine, the EU is increasing its efforts to facilitate energy diversification and to build long-term energy partnerships with new partner countries, including on green hydrogen and other renewable energy sources. The 2022 EU External Energy Strategy, the EU Green Deal as well as the EU’s current energy diplomacy in North Africa are clear indicators of this new dynamic, which could entail huge opportunities for the EU as well as for its neighbours in the Southern Mediterranean.



Event objectives

Panelists will discuss the prospects of North-South energy partnerships between the EU and the North African countries. The panel will showcase initiatives concerning clean energy initiatives by the European Union as well as by individual EU Member States. Examples of the implementation of energy partnerships projects will be presented by actors of international development cooperation.

Current agenda draft:

Time	Activity	Speaker
5 minutes	Welcoming remarks	Jonathan Buhl , Moderator
10 minutes	Introduction/Keynote	H.E. Nizar Baraka , Minister of Equipment and Water, Kingdom of Morocco
30 minutes	Panel Debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cristina Lobillo Borrero, Director of the Energy Task force, DG ENER, European Commission • Binu Parthan, Head of Regions, IRENA • Layla El Hares, CEO, Siemens Energy • Máté Heisz, Director of Global Affairs, SolarPower Europe
10 minutes	Q/A session	Moderator, panelists and audience
5 minutes	Final remarks	Moderator