

Press release

On Wednesday, 4 December 2019, ENEA hosted in Rome the meetMED project's workshop "INVESTMENT CLIMATE FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY IN SELECTED MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES" in the presence of high level representatives from both the Italian Ministry of Economic Development and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, experts from the Mediterranean Association of National Agencies for Energy Management (MEDENER) and the Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), as well as other energy stakeholders involved in the meetMED activities.

The workshop presented preliminary country reports developed by ENEA on investment climate for energy efficiency and renewable energy in two strategic countries of the region, Algeria and Palestine. Then, a roundtable was held among experts, to highlight the state-of-the-art among the other meetMED partner countries. The event was attended by actors of the public and private sector, financing institutions and banks, experts and researchers, regional and international organizations as well as of the civil society.

The discussion underlined the need for further dialogue and a greater awareness of the opportunities arising from investments in energy efficiency and renewable energies, also in terms of job creation, as an effective tool to address social issues from a forward-looking perspective. A round table discussion took place among major stakeholders of Mediterranean Energy Associations, RCREEE, MEDENER, NREA, ALMEE, LCEC, REAoL, PEC and highlighted the current barriers faced by domestic and foreign direct investors in energy efficiency and/or in renewable energy and revealed possible solutions to overcome legislative and institutional gaps that were identified at national level.

The meetMED (Mitigation Enabling Energy Transition in the Mediterranean Region) project was launched in 2018 and is aimed at reinforcing regional cooperation in order to foster the energy transition in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia under the umbrella of the UfM REEE platform. meetMED brings together more than 60 experts from national energy agencies and ministries, whose common goal is to exchange best practices, to train professionals and to raise public awareness on sustainable energy choices and investments.