

MED9 Energy Ministerial Meeting, Portorož, Slovenia, June 2nd, 2025

JOINT STATEMENT

The Energy Ministers and/or their representatives of Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, and Spain reaffirm their commitment to a clean, just, inclusive and competitive energy transition in the Mediterranean, fully aligned with the European Green Deal, the EU climate and energy framework for 2030, and the EU's objective of climate neutrality by 2050.

The Mediterranean region holds a unique geostrategic position and vast renewable and clean energy potential. As such, it is well-positioned to serve as a key platform for cross-border and intercontinental energy cooperation.

The Ministers share a vision of transforming the Mediterranean into a green energy hub and corridor for renewable and clean energy, strengthening energy security, sustainability, and economic resilience. They reaffirm their commitment to working together under the MED9 framework, first established in Valletta, Malta, in 2023 and continued in Larnaca, Cyprus, in 2024.

By reinforcing cooperation and accelerating concrete actions, the ministers reaffirm their dedication to building a sustainable, interconnected, and resilient energy system that benefits all.

Recognizing the urgency of the energy transition and the strategic importance of enhancing Europe's energy resilience, the Ministers emphasized the need to:

1. Strengthen cross-border and cross-Mediterranean energy interconnections by:
 - Expanding electricity interconnections and exploring the potential of clean energy solutions to enhance energy security and market resilience;
 - Working together to achieve the European goal of ensuring 15% cross-border interconnection capacity between EU member states by 2030;
 - Accelerating permitting and regulatory alignment to facilitate investments in grid infrastructure;
 - Advancing sector coupling, smart grid, and energy storage solutions to improve system flexibility, efficiency, and integration across energy carriers.
2. Enhance cooperation in renewable energy projects by:
 - Identifying and developing joint cross-border renewable energy initiatives;
 - Leveraging EU funding mechanisms to support these projects;



- Sharing best practices and streamlining permitting and administrative procedures to accelerate their deployment;
 - Supporting the development and scaling up of renewable energy technologies adapted to the Mediterranean context, promoting diversification and long-term sustainability.
3. Ensure competitiveness, affordability, and social fairness through clean energy by:
- Protecting EU citizens and businesses from high energy costs while ensuring a secure and affordable energy supply;
 - Fully integrating and connecting EU energy markets to boost resilience;
 - Unlocking the full economic potential of clean energy for growth, innovation, and job creation;
 - Developing a robust and forward-looking EU energy and climate framework for 2040 to enable a fair, cost-effective, technology-neutral, and inclusive energy transition towards climate neutrality by 2050.

The Ministers reviewed progress made in 2024 and, in line with the 2025 Work Programme, agreed on the following next steps:

- Organising an online workshop on best practices in permitting procedures for renewable energy projects;
- Deepening collaboration with the European Commission to align MED9 efforts towards the realisation of a green energy hub in the Mediterranean region;
- Developing a gap analysis on the Mediterranean's potential as a clean energy corridor, benefiting MED9 countries and their closest neighbours, to be financed on a voluntary basis from the MED9 countries.

