



Mediterranean and National Strategies for Sustainable Development

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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Recommendations

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Summary of recommendations: 6 key points

- Considering that energy development in the Mediterranean must contribute to the region's sustainable development especially by reinforcing security of supply, controlling emissions of greenhouse gases, reducing pollution connected with it at local and regional level, promoting access to energy and energy services and improving energy efficiency,
- Estimating that these challenges are closely linked with the socio-economic and environmental challenges, particularly climate change, which the Mediterranean countries are also facing,
- Considering that energy demand in the Mediterranean is expected to increase by 415 Mtep between 2005 and 2020 to reach 1360 Mtep, that the region has one of the highest potentials for renewable forms of energy in the world and that the various losses due to transformation, transport and different uses could reach 20 to 50% of the energy consumed depending on the country,
- Taking into consideration the decisions of the European Council to achieve 20% of energy savings and a share of 20% renewable energy in the total European consumption by the year 2020,
- Attached to the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and the objectives of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD),

The participants to the meeting of experts on energy and sustainable development, convened at Monaco, on 29 and 30 March 2007, recommend to the national political authorities of the Mediterranean countries to:

- include, in accordance with the MSSD orientations, the rational use of energy (RUE) and the development of renewable energy (RE) in the national strategic priorities and to transpose by 2008 the relevant regional objectives to the national level as objectives which are clear, ambitious, differentiated by sector and paced in time,
- set up by 2010 an institutional and regulatory framework to promote the development of the RUE and RE as well as the strategies for the mobilization of various fiscal, tariff and market tools and instruments available to them, by taking into consideration the local contexts and favoring both small-scale projects and industrial ones,
- promote public outreach on the questions of the RUE and RE, especially by developing programmes of environmental education which focus on these issues; further to set up instruments for the effective participation of the various categories of stakeholders, particularly women, in the decision-making process concerning RUE and the promotion of RE,
- submit to public and private partners, especially donors, projects on the RUE and the promotion of RE, while ensuring the coordination of their interventions at the various relevant territorial scales,
- put in place a system for the follow-up and assessment of policies and actions undertaken in the fields of RUE and RE, by sharing and documenting the relevant indicators developed by the competent organizations, especially those used in the MSSD,
- reinforce regional cooperation in the RUE and the promotion of RE , especially by mutually reinforcing research and assessment capacities and sharing good practices.

Moreover, the Blue Plan in collaboration with its partners is expected to:

- contribute to the collection in the field of energy of information which is clear, reliable, regularly updated and comparable from country to country,
- continue its prospective work in the energy sector by basing its scenarios on clearly formulated assumptions, particularly the economic aspects,
- carry out a more in-depth analysis of the link between climate change and energy by integrating the cost estimate of climate change and the adaptation and abatement measures,
- prepare, every two years, a report on progress registered in the Mediterranean in the fields of RUE and RE, by developing and documenting shared and relevant indicators, established according to tested methodologies and to contribute to setting up a platform for the exchange of good practices.