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Rome Euro-Mediterranean  
Energy Platform

# ***Potential Role of the Rome Euro-Mediterranean Energy Platform (REMEP) in the Euro-Med Energy Co-operation***

**Euro-Mediterranean Energy Forum 3<sup>rd</sup> Experts' Group Meeting  
Brussels, 16 October 2007**

## Outline

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## A1 Background and Framework

- The Euro-Mediterranean Energy Ministers Conference, Rome, December 1 – 2, 2003 launched the Rome Euro-Mediterranean Energy Platform (REMEP) as the energy driver of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership
- The REMEP Conference held in Rome, October 2004, decided that REMEP should have an Energy Secretariat and an action plan
- The Euro-Mediterranean Energy Forum Meeting of September 21, 2006 in Brussels confirmed the interest in REMEP of participating countries

## A2 Why REMEP ?

- To implement the Euro-Mediterranean energy co-operation while providing effective and continuing technical support as needed
- To enhance the effectiveness of the initiatives promoted by the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Forum and the Euro-Mediterranean countries
- To further develop the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and dialogue between the EU and the Mediterranean countries towards an energy community in the region

## **A3 MEDREG: A New Milestone**

- **The Mediterranean Working Group on Electricity and Natural Gas Regulation (MEDREG) was created on the occasion of the conference of the Euro-Mediterranean national energy regulators in Rome, 29 May 2006**
- **Strong institutional collaboration between REMEP and MEDREG is foreseen**
- **MEDREG will benefit from the back up by the Italian Government, the European Commission and the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) as well as the logistical support of REMEP**

## **B1 The Draft Work Plan**

- **Core activity including:**
  - ✓ energy data collection;
  - ✓ information exchange;
  - ✓ links to existing databases;
  - ✓ review of existing energy partnerships.
- **Directions of commitment:**
  - ✓ energy market harmonisation;
  - ✓ cooperation on energy regulation and government-industry partnerships for energy project development;
  - ✓ new energy interconnectors and infrastructure;
  - ✓ sustainable energy development and renewable energy promotion.

## **B2 Energy Market Harmonisation and Coordination**

- **Creation of a database for the harmonisation of the energy policies**
- **Assess progress and perspectives of energy sector reform and of the legal and regulatory framework**
- **Develop appropriate set of tools such as demand/supply forecast, performance indicators**
- **Identify national energy institutions and their roles**



## **B3 Co-operation on Energy Regulation (MEDREG)**

- **Common analysis and comparison of existing energy legislation and regulation**
- **Organisation of shared specialised training, technical assistance, exchange of know-how and experience**
- **Development of common positions on regulatory issues, including criteria related to cross-border electricity and gas trade**
- **Promotion of Euro-Mediterranean regional electricity and natural gas markets towards their integration**
- **Promotion of harmonised, transparent and non discriminatory market rules**



## **B4 New Energy Interconnectors and Infrastructure**

- **Establishment of a database for the main energy investment projects in the Euro-Mediterranean Region**
- **Defining prerequisites and prospects for the gas and electricity Med-Ring as well as other interconnectors**
- **Monitoring the implementation of oil, natural gas and power infrastructure**
- **Promoting the optimisation and use of existing financial support schemes and further financial support**

## **B5 Sustainable Development & Renewable Energy**

- **Establishment, in coordination with Euro-Mediterranean Countries, of an information system to support policy makers in their response strategies to environmental challenges towards sustainable development**
- **Studies to promote energy efficiency and expand the use of renewable energy sources in the Euro-Mediterranean region while defining financial support mechanisms**
- **Designing a facility for flexible mechanisms aimed at energy efficiency and deployment of renewable energy sources**

## **B6 Outreach Action**

- **European Mediterranean Partnerships**
- **Energy Community of South-East Europe**
- **OME**
- **European and international financial institutions**

## C1 The Energy Secretariat Organisation and Operation

- The **Energy Secretariat** will have a **flexible and light structure** to play a role of catalyst, to take advantage from the **existing mechanisms and programmes**, to activate **co-operation networks** and maintain **working groups** which are already operational
- The **Government of Italy** has foreseen to provide the **Secretariat**, based in Rome, with:
  - ✓ initial resources and staff;
  - ✓ infrastructure and equipped offices;
  - ✓ a web portal (with e-mail address and logo);
  - ✓ contacts and agreements with existing organisations for collaborations;
  - ✓ training of a technical group.

## **C2 The Energy Secretariat Operations**

- **A charter will define the criteria and guidelines for the operation of the Secretariat**
- **Transparency will be ensured while abiding to the rules of the European Commission**
- **A High Level Energy Steering Committee made up of representatives from the European Commission, the Euro-Mediterranean countries and major financial institutions will provide the Secretariat with directions and priorities**
- **Secondment of personnel and contributions are foreseen by participating countries and EU Member States**

## D1 The Steps Ahead

- The **Energy Secretariat** will be operational within the year 2007 including the finalisation of the **draft of charter**, **definition of legal status** and **work plan**
- **Meeting of the Experts' Group of the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Forum, Brussels, 16 October 2007**
- **9<sup>th</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Lisbon, 5-6 November 2007**
- The **Euro-Mediterranean Energy Ministers Conference**, winter 2007/2008 should mark REMEP take off and operation

## D2 The Energy Secretariat: Location

- The Energy Secretariat is located in the Headquarters of IPI (Institute for Industrial Promotion, an Agency of the Ministry of Economic Development):

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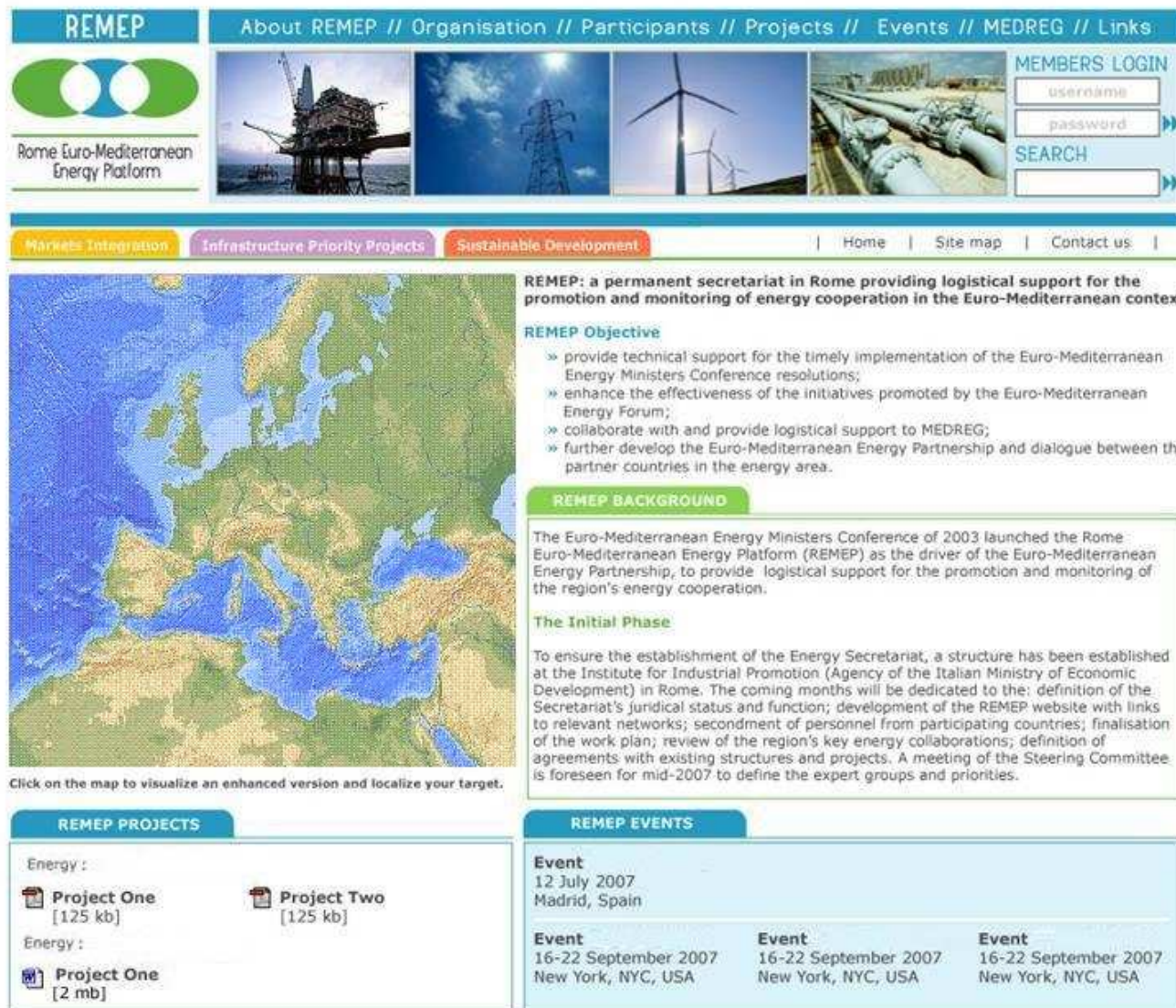
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**REMEP: a permanent secretariat in Rome providing logistical support for the promotion and monitoring of energy cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean context**

**REMEP Objective**

- » provide technical support for the timely implementation of the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Ministers Conference resolutions;
- » enhance the effectiveness of the initiatives promoted by the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Forum;
- » collaborate with and provide logistical support to MEDREG;
- » further develop the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Partnership and dialogue between the partner countries in the energy area.

**REMEP BACKGROUND**

The Euro-Mediterranean Energy Ministers Conference of 2003 launched the Rome Euro-Mediterranean Energy Platform (REMEP) as the driver of the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Partnership, to provide logistical support for the promotion and monitoring of the region's energy cooperation.

**The Initial Phase**

To ensure the establishment of the Energy Secretariat, a structure has been established at the Institute for Industrial Promotion (Agency of the Italian Ministry of Economic Development) in Rome. The coming months will be dedicated to the: definition of the Secretariat's juridical status and function; development of the REMEP website with links to relevant networks; secondment of personnel from participating countries; finalisation of the work plan; review of the region's key energy collaborations; definition of agreements with existing structures and projects. A meeting of the Steering Committee is foreseen for mid-2007 to define the expert groups and priorities.

**REMEP PROJECTS**

Energy :  
Project One [125 kb] Project Two [125 kb]  
Energy :  
Project One [2 mb]

**REMEP EVENTS**

**Event**  
12 July 2007  
Madrid, Spain

**Event**  
16-22 September 2007  
New York, NYC, USA

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## D4 Conclusions

- **The Rome Euro-Mediterranean Energy Platform**
- **The Energy Secretariat**
- **A shared vision for the future**