



Press release

ANRE chairs the 36th General Assembly of Mediterranean energy regulators in Malta

Valleta the 5th December 2023 - The President of the National Electricity Regulatory Authority (ANRE), Mr. Abdellatif Bardach, led the 36th General Assembly of the Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators (MEDREG) in his capacity as President of the Mediterranean Association, this Tuesday, December 5 in Valletta. This event, which was held in the Maltese capital, in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea, brought together the Vice-Presidents of MEDREG, Representatives of the European Commission, as well as the Presidents and representatives of regulators who are members of the Association.

During this General Assembly, particular attention was paid to the Green Hydrogen Task Force, initiated, and managed by ANRE, which promises to play a central role in the Association's achievements. This avant-garde approach redefines the role of regulators in the field of hydrogen, thus meeting the expectations of stakeholders. A theme on which Morocco assumes a pioneering position, under the virtuous leadership of His Majesty the King Mohammed VI may God glorify Him.

In his speech, Mr. Bardach, who also chairs the French-speaking Network of Energy Regulators (RegulaE.Fr), highlighted the importance of serving as a link between Mediterranean regulators and their French-speaking counterparts. This approach aims to encourage extensive and fruitful cooperation between these two associations of regulators.

Key speakers took part in the event, including Malta's Minister for Environment, Energy and Business, Ms. Miriam Dalli, who highlighted her country's significant advances in renewable energy and stressed the importance of ensuring security of energy supply. Furthermore, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Malta Regulator (REWS), Mr. James Camenzuli, as well as its CEO, Mr. Marjohn Abela, emphasized the importance of interconnectivity between the Mediterranean countries.

Representatives of the European Commission, Mr. Cyril Dewaleyne, DG of NEAR, and Mr. Matteo Fumerio, DG of ENER, praised the work of the Association while emphasizing the crucial importance of regional cooperation in achieving the objectives European and global energy sources.

In short, this meeting further strengthened MEDREG's central role as a catalyst for regional cooperation in the Mediterranean and beyond, highlighting the need to work together to achieve global energy goals.