
The Future of Natural Gas Supply and Demand in the Mediterranean
November 23rd, 2018 – Casa Llotja de Mar – Barcelona

The **Mediterranean Talks** will provide an open platform to discuss trending topics taking into account social, political and economic transformations and growing economic potentialities. Participants will have the perfect opportunity to discuss challenges, trends, visions, and possible future opportunities and collaborations for businesses in several industries.

In order to build a shared and sustainable future for the region, it is becoming increasingly clear the importance of actions and commitments from businesses in partnership with the public sector and civil society.

I. Trending Social, Political and Economic Topics in the Mediterranean Region

- ✓ Gas in the Mediterranean as an opportunity for economic growth and development

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II. The Event

On the occasion of the *New edition of the Mediterranean economic MedaTalk* within the framework of the *MedaWeek Barcelona 2018* that will be held in Barcelona from 21st to 23rd of November 2018, the UfM Gas Platform Secretariat is co-organizing with Ascame a session on ***The Future of Natural Gas Supply and Demand in the Mediterranean***. This meeting will be an occasion to hear from leaders of different sectors on the key challenges and future development perspectives for the gas supply and demand prospects in the Mediterranean region.

Natural gas demand in the Mediterranean region more than doubled in the last two decades. This strong increase has had an impact on the region's energy mix. The demand for gas is expected to further increase in the future, as so the share of gas in total energy demand.

Today, the Mediterranean region as a whole is a net importer of natural gas. North Africa Mediterranean is a net gas exporter; those exports are outweighed by imports in the North and East Mediterranean regions. This is despite the fact that the Mediterranean region holds 4.6% of the world proven natural gas reserves. Yet, many areas in the South and East Mediterranean, especially offshore, are still either unexplored or under-explored. Moreover, development of unconventional resources is still in its infancy.

Natural gas production in the Mediterranean, which has nearly doubled since 1990, is expected to double again until it reaches its peak. Although gas export potential from the region will further increase in the next two decades, the magnitude of the overall net gas trade will depend on the policies formulated today.

For this reason, *regional cooperation in the gas sector in the Mediterranean area can deliver important benefits to all parties concerned*. This is particularly necessary in Eastern Mediterranean, where recent discoveries present many challenges and beneficiary countries need to organize themselves to take benefit of this situation.

Gas exploitation in the Mediterranean represents a great opportunity not only for the economic growth and for development of new producing countries but also for the European Union in terms of diversification of gas supply and increase the capacity of gas exports through the Mediterranean. It is also important as support of the energy transition in the Mediterranean region.

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Last but not least, as the gas market develops further in Europe and security of supply remains a top priority on the European political agenda, the Mediterranean basin stands to offer a portfolio of both sources and routes of supply.

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III. The Program*

10:45 – 11:00 *Welcoming Remarks*

OME, EC, UfM

11:00 - 13:00 **Meeting the Scene: Regional & Country Specific Outlooks**

Keynote speaker: Francisco Reynés Massanet, CEO, Naturgy

Speaker: Mediterranean Natural Gas Outlook to 2040, OME

Speaker: Outlook for Natural Gas in Algeria, Sonatrach

Speaker: An overview of East Med Gas Developments, Charles Ellinas, CEO e-CNH (tbc)

Speaker: Outlook for Natural Gas in Egypt, Raafat Baltagi (tbc)

Speaker: Outlook for Natural Gas in Israel, Gina Cohen (tbc)

13:00 – 13:15 *Coffee break*

13:15 - 14:30 **Panel Discussion – Key Challenges & Opportunities**

With speakers and industry representatives (Naturgy, Eni, Edison, Shell...)

* Speakers to be confirmed *

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IV. Your Engagement

- Participate at the Meda Talks and showcase your success to become an example to follow.
- Support the importance to adapt to the region's current and future demands and strengthen cooperation in building partnerships for future developments.
- Join our list of Meda Talks Sponsors & Partners.
- Encourage and register team members who are interested in the region's trending topics to attend the Forum.

V. News & Contact

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