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MED-DESIRE launches training sessions in the Mediterranean to spread energy efficiency and distributed solar energy technology

The **Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS)** and **Studiare Sviluppo** in collaboration with the Tunisian National Agency for Energy Conservation (**ANME**), the Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (**LCEC**) and the Egyptian New and Renewable Energy Authority (**NREA**) are organising **6 training sessions**, in order to spread and consolidate knowledge in finance and regulation for energy efficiency and distributed solar energy technology support in the **Mediterranean Partner Countries**, in the framework of the EU funded Project **MED-DESIRE**.

The **training sessions** will be held in **Tunisia, Lebanon and Egypt** starting from the end of September 2015. Two sessions per Country will be devoted respectively to **financial instruments for distributed solar technology market support** and to **innovative regulatory instruments for local support to distributed solar technology**, namely **Solar Ordinances**.

The training initiatives on **“Financial instruments for distributed solar energy technologies”** aim at strengthening knowledge and capacity building in a target group including economical operators, public administration officers, banks and financial institutes. The expected results include the definition and implementation of a local enabling environment needed for the promotion of the solar technologies. The first training session will start in Tunis on **29-30 September, 2015**.

On the other hand, the training initiatives on **“Solar Ordinances”** address relevant political bodies and public administrations responsible for energy policy and local development planning in their own Countries and Regions. Trainings will take place in each selected local Administration, with the aim to provide the staff with the necessary skills for implementing solar ordinances. To this purpose, international experiences and best practices at a local and regional scale will be presented. The first training session will be held in Hammam-Sousse on **20-21 October, 2015**.

MED-DESIRE, co-funded by the European Union through the **ENPI CBC MED Programme 2007-2013** for an amount of 4.192.000 Euro, aims at spreading energy efficiency, and in particular, solar energy across the Mediterranean area through the definition of innovative financial schemes and market stimulation tools. Its main priority is to remove barriers **related to the legal, regulatory, economic and organizational framework of distributed solar energy technologies**.

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For further information see <http://www.med-desire.eu/>

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