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THE SECOND MED-DESIRE MEETING

On 18 and 19 November in Tunis the second partner meeting of the MED-DESIRE project which aims at favoring the take up of solar energy across the Mediterranean area

Supporting the take up of solar technologies and the improvement of energy efficiency across the Mediterranean area, through tailored financial mechanisms and market stimulation tools useful to remove the many obstacles to distributed solar energy generation.

This is the main objective of the **MED-DESIRE** ("MEDiterranean DEvelopment of Support schemes for solar Initiatives and Renewable Energies") strategic project implemented under the ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme, which is going through the second Steering and Technical Scientific Committee meeting in Tunis on 18 and 19 November.

MED-DESIRE is implemented by a consortium of nine partners from five countries (Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Spain and Tunisia), led by Puglia Region – Economic Development Regional Ministry - Industrial Research and Innovation Department: the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea; the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development; the Andalusian Energy Agency; the Andalusian Institute of Technology; the Center of Energetic, Environmental and Technological Investigations - Solar Platform of Almeria; the Tunisian National Agency for Energy Conservation; the Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation; the Egyptian New and Renewable Energy Authority. The Apulia Regional Agency for Technology and Innovation - ARTI is the co-actuator of the project and supports Puglia Region in managing and coordinating the activities of the whole project.

The meeting in Tunis comes after the official launching event of the project, which took place in Rome in June and started the MED-DESIRE activities. Currently, some activities are already under way, especially those regarding the project management and coordination and the project communication, the distributed solar technologies state of the art analysis, the analysis and identification of tools to remove the barriers that prevent the adoption of solar technologies from local markets, the recognition of innovative financial schemes and market stimulation tools to spread energy efficiency and distributed solar energy technologies and to promote their implementation in the target regions.

Hosted by the Tunisian National Agency for Energy Conservation – ANME, the second project meeting is meant as a focal one for pointing out the state of the art of the activities implemented within the work packages and for jointly agreeing and planning future activities.

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