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Dear MED-GEM Network member, dear Raya,

We are delighted to bring you the highlights and outcomes of the **EU-Jordan National Consultation Workshop on Hydrogen**, which took place in Amman on November 22, 2023. This workshop marked a significant milestone in the development of the collaborative activities that the MED-GEM Network program has co-designed and is enabling hand in hand with the Jordanian government, the European Commission, and key stakeholders from the private and public sectors in the renewable energy sectors and green hydrogen industry in Jordan.

The workshop commenced with an inspiring opening session featuring distinguished speakers, including **Thibaut Moyer** from the EU Delegation in Jordan, Eng. **Yacoub Marar** from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR), **Frank Wouters**, the MED-GEM Network Director, and **Mustapha Taoumi**, the Key Expert Renewables and Green Technologies from the MED-GEM Network. Their insightful remarks set the scene for the productive discussions to follow.

green hydrogen strategies, while **Carlos Alvarez Aguilera** from the European Commission shared **insights into the EU's renewable hydrogen strategy and renewable energy development**. **Nooraldeen Balah** from GIZ Jordan provided an overview of the **International Power-to-X Hub achievements and next steps**, and **Ali Al Marzouq** from GIZ Jordan discussed the **Project Development Programme for Green Hydrogen in Jordan** (PDP-H2).

Participants then delved into various aspects of Jordan's green hydrogen strategy, showcasing both opportunities and challenges. Expert presentations highlighted **the importance of skill development** in the green hydrogen sector, **the role of the finance sector** in supporting green hydrogen projects, and **the potential of green hydrogen in local and international markets**. Furthermore, **regulatory reforms** necessary for enabling green hydrogen production were also discussed.

One of the key highlights was the session on **common infrastructure for green hydrogen projects**, moderated by Frank Wouters. Expert presentations showcased concrete examples of successful common infrastructure projects, such as **the case of Oman**, and explored challenges and opportunities for hydrogen production in Aqaba. Discussions revolved around **storage facilities, export opportunities**, and the **development of local and regional infrastructure** to support the green hydrogen industry.

The workshop also addressed the **challenges and best practices of powering green hydrogen projects with renewable energy**. Presentations highlighted the **use of excess renewable energy**, the **availability of land and water resources**, and the importance of **guarantee of origin, standards, and certification**. The optimization of **grid-balancing strategies** and the **role of power utility companies** were also explored.

Looking ahead, the workshop has generated a positive outlook for the localization of technology and the growth of the hydrogen industry in Jordan. The collaboration and cooperation between various stakeholders, including international organizations such as **EBRD, UNIDO, EBI, BMZ, KfW, GIZ, and USAID** etc. will play a crucial role in realizing these goals.



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the participants, speakers, and organizations involved in making this workshop a success. Their contributions and insights have paved the way for the future development of the hydrogen industry in Jordan.

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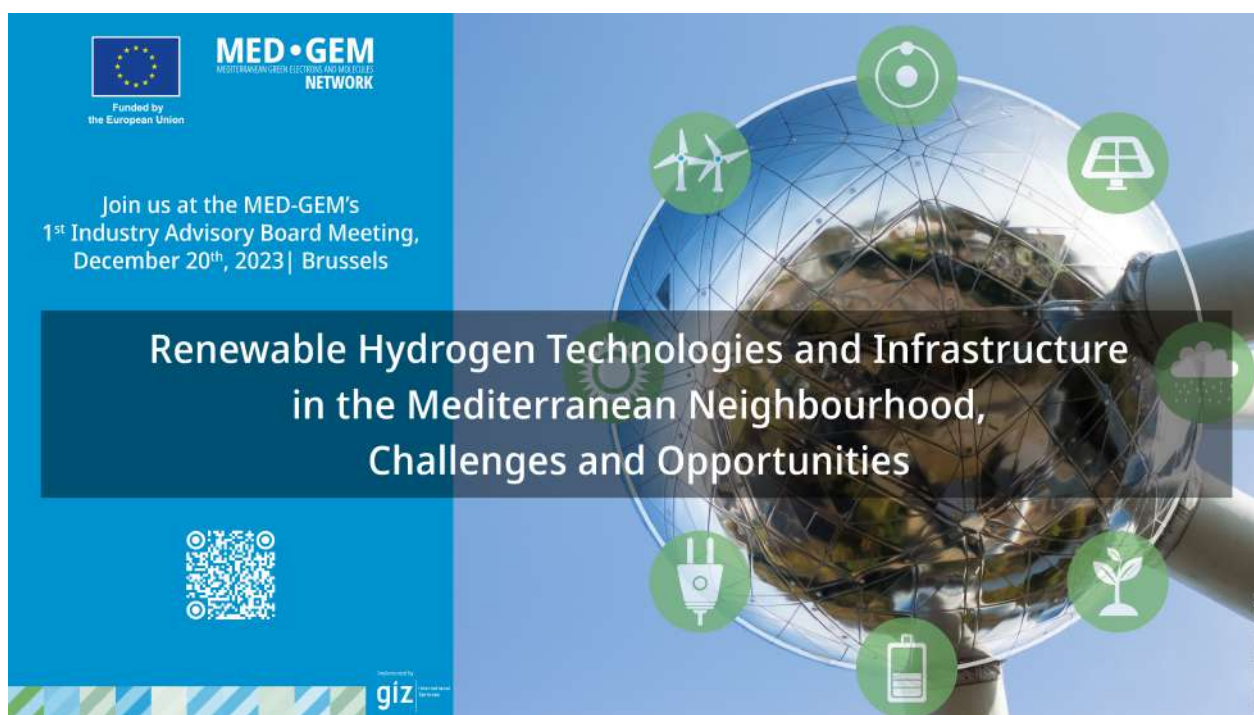
Morocco and the European Union have been engaged in a Green Partnership since October 2022, with energy transition and decarbonization as one of the five sectors of focus. Hydrogen development lies at the heart of this energy transition and is a priority for both the EU and Morocco, requiring close cooperation between the two partners. This event will bring together Moroccan and European stakeholders, industry leaders, policymakers, and international experts to discuss the latest advancements in hydrogen technology and its applications and to identify actions and priorities for the policy, industry, infrastructure, and finance components.

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December 19th, 2023, Brussels, Belgium (private session)

The achievements of the network since September 2023 will be discussed with DG Near and DG ENER of the European Commission, including consultation workshops, webinars, short-term missions, the communication component, UNIDO & PtX Hub cooperation, and the Industry Advisory Board.



MED-GEM's First Industrial Advisory Board Meeting

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renewable hydrogen by sharing best practices, addressing challenges, and identifying actions for the MED-GEM Network's action plan.

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome new subscribers and new stakeholders to our network, including industry players, research institutions, and government agencies. Your expertise, knowledge, and collaboration will further enrich our collective efforts in advancing the hydrogen industry. We look forward to working closely with all of you and fostering fruitful partnerships.

ABOUT MED-GEM

The MED-GEM Network aims to catalyze and coordinate cooperation, particularly on renewable electricity and hydrogen, including policy, industry, infrastructure and financial aspects among stakeholders in the EU and South Mediterranean target countries. The Network addresses stakeholders from both the SMCs and the EU, including energy authorities and policy makers, utilities and industry, financial institutions, investors as well as clean energy associations, research entities and other stakeholders from the energy and climate change sectors.



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