



Photovoltaica confirms the determination of Morocco to seize the opportunities of the green economy. RES4MED remains a loyal partner of Photovoltaica participating to the exhibition and organising a side event.

The kingdom of Morocco is determined to take the opportunities that the green economy offers, satisfying the increasing energy needs of the population and dealing with the issue of climate change.

During the last couple of years, **Morocco has established itself as a regional renewable energy leader with some of the biggest projects on the continent**, ranging from the largest wind-farm in Africa to an enormous solar power plant in the Sahara desert, which opened earlier this year. During the COP 21 in Paris, Morocco raised its renewable energy target to 52% by 2030. Moreover, in November, the kingdom will host the COP22 climate summit to discuss preparations for implementing the Paris climate agreement.

Following the recent Memorandum of Understanding signed between Res4med and Société d'investissements Energetiques (SIE) the Italian renewable energy industry confirmed once more its support to the sustainable development of Morocco, participating in the 2nd edition of Photovoltaica, the largest international exhibition in Africa dedicated to the development of solar energy.

The event took place in Casablanca from September 7th to 9th 2016 under the patronage **of the Moroccan Ministry of Energy and Mines, Water and the Environment**. The first edition took place two years ago and was considered as a big success. The event provides a platform for policy makers, IPPs, EPCs, technology providers and other sector representatives to share their knowledge, keep up to date with the extraordinarily rapid advances and create their network with leaders in the solar energy sector.

On the exhibition part, **RES4MED and Enel Green Power** presented a joint stand where also five of RES4MED members were present: **CESI, Enerray, ERM, Italgas and Pöyry**. This stand allowed to ENEL Green Power, RES4MED and his members to

exchange with public and private entities from Morocco and other countries on future projects.

On the first day of Photovoltaica Conference , during the opening session led by **Minister Amara, Francesco Venturini CEO of ENEL Green Power and President of Res4med** emphasised the competitiveness and the relevance of solar energy's deployments.

The Side-event entitled "**PV deployment, lessons learned and potential of application in Morocco and Western Africa**" organised by RES4MED and ENEL Green Power, in collaboration with Italgen, Pöyry, ENERRAY, CESI and ERM took place on the second day of Photovoltaica (September 8th). On that occasion, several members of RES4MED had the opportunity to present their activities and projects on Solar PV. The side event offered a large panel of significant knowledge on many aspects of solar energy. Indeed, all members offered their expertise regarding their specificities, giving a complete overview of PV deployment especially for Morocco and West Africa.