

**RES4MED Survey on the main barriers affecting investments
in RE capacity in the Mediterranean**

In order to create a favourable environment for renewable energy initiatives by Independent Power Producers (IPP), Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Countries (SEMCs) governments are now implementing instruments aiming at reducing related investments risks. Although off-take prices are the most evident signals in attracting investments, many other elements, such as policy context, market regulation, grid access, property arrangements, financing system readiness are as much important in facilitating investment landing. Many of them are not strictly related to the setup of energy markets, but to the environmental and social legislation.

RES4MED is thus carrying out a study aiming at identifying the barriers to renewable energy (RE) investments with a wider view on the mechanisms in place to attract investors from the private sector rather than the purely financial ones.

The analysis is based on a wide stakeholders' consultation carried out through a structured survey involving projects developers, IPPs, market operators, financial players and consultancy firms asking to rate some specific issues related to the entire lifecycle of an investment and gather from them valuable mitigation suggestions to be submitted to policy makers.

Survey results will be presented during the RES4MED Annual conference, to be held in Rome in the second quarter of 2016, entirely focused on the survey's topics.

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The Egyptian Electricity Utility and Consumer Protection Regulatory Authority (EEUCPRA) granted 56 new and renewable energy temporary licenses to set up plants to produce solar and wind power, according to the feed-in tariff system.

[MENA steps up energy efficiency drive](#)

Energy efficiency projects in the Middle East and North Africa will provide attractive investment opportunities as governments in the region, particularly in Gulf Arab states, look to reduce energy consumption as rising demand strains resources.

[NREA to secure €180m in investment for Siemens wind power plant by February](#)

The New and Renewable Energy Authority (NREA) plans to finish negotiations with 10 local and international financial institutions by February to provide €180m in financing for the first phase of the construction of wind fields.

[PowerChina cuts ribbon on 233-MW PV plant in Algeria](#)

PowerChina (SHA:601669) has officially inaugurated the 233-MW photovoltaic (PV) plant it was working on in the southwestern parts of Algeria, subsidiary Sinohydro Corp said last week.

[Egypt revives wind turbine plans](#)

Egypt has set its sights on becoming a regional manufacturing hub for wind energy despite delays in the country's renewable energy targets. Multinational companies such as Siemens and General Electric are looking to develop wind energy manufacturing plants in Egypt while a local company, El Sewedy Electric, is keen to revive pre-revolution plans.

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