



**BETTER**  
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## HOW CAN EU AND THIRD COUNTRIES BENEFIT FROM COOPERATION ON RENEWABLE ENERGY?

A HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DISCUSSION ON THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF  
COOPERATION ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

In light of the European Year of Development EYD2015  
Under the framework of the Intelligent Energy Europe BETTER project

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**Timing: 9h00-13h00**

### Organizational contacts

This event is organized by the IEE BETTER project consortium. The BETTER partners in charge of the organization are the **Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Énergie (OME)** and **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**.

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- What are the opportunities offered by the RES Directive 2009/28/EC (Art 9), why are they not used in its full potential, is there still time for that?
- How much cost savings and what renewable energy technology deployment can be achieved in EU and Third Countries if cooperation mechanisms are used?
- What are the main socio-economic and environmental benefits coming from renewable energy cooperation for both EU and Third countries?

The Intelligent Energy Europe project “**Bringing Europe and Third Countries Closer together through Renewable Energies**” (**BETTER**) has conducted a critical analysis of the drivers and obstacles of renewable energy cooperation as well as of the main potential socio-economic and environmental benefits for both EU and Third countries.

A combined quantitative analysis through bottom-up and top-down approaches with intensive dialogue and exchange with numerous stakeholders has been done - project findings incorporate voices of key partners and beneficiaries in host countries.

An integrated assessment with scenario analysis indicates the impact of cooperation to achieve the renewable energy targets in accordance with the 2009 directive. A set of roadmaps, policy recommendations and guidelines to project developers are provided.

## Meeting purpose

The purpose of this event is **twofold**:

- To present the **main results** of the **BETTER** project, in particular:
  - ✓ A synthesis of the three regional case studies: North Africa, Turkey and West Balkans
  - ✓ Clearly communicate the key messages for policy-makers coming out of the regional case studies and asking for action (either to remove challenges or to foster cooperation and use it in its full potential)
  - ✓ Potential and prospects of cooperation mechanisms in helping Europe achieve its RES-E targets in 2020 and beyond, under different scenario conditions
  - ✓ A set of action plans tailored to the specific case study regions
  - ✓ A policy roadmap
- To have an informed discussion on the main **policy implications** and **priorities** for the **post-2020 framework**, namely:
  - ✓ How should cooperation mechanisms further evolve in order to become a more attractive and cost-effective option both for policy makers and investors?
  - ✓ What are the long-term economic benefits that can be reached at the EU and Third country level under different energy policy cooperation assumptions?
  - ✓ What are the main other positive side-effects of enhanced energy cooperation between the EU and its neighboring countries?
  - ✓ Which lessons are to be retained to create a framework for increased Euro-Mediterranean energy policy cooperation, twenty years after the launch of the Barcelona process?

## Speakers and audience

Speakers include members of the BETTER consortium, Members of the European Parliament involved with energy policy, other policy representatives and relevant stakeholders from industry, business, energy agencies, NGO and academia. This by-invitation-only event is open to senior experts involved with regulatory aspects, national energy planning, business development, electricity transmission and distribution, and other audience having specific interest in cooperation mechanisms who are willing to actively contribute to the workshop outcomes.





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## DRAFT AGENDA

<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Welcome Coffee and Registration</b>
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>
	<i>Welcome Speeches:</i> Mr. Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-president for Energy Union
9:00-9:20	Pierre Harzé, Deputy Director at the UNDP Brussels office Houda Allal, General Director, OME Natalia Caldés, CIEMAT, BETTER Project Coordinator
9:20-9:40	<i>Assessing the benefits of enhanced cooperation between EU and third countries – A scenario analysis to 2020 and beyond</i> , Gustav Resch, Technical University of Vienna
9:40-10:00	<i>Roadmap for enhanced cooperation between EU and third countries – Recommendations for policy makers and project developers</i> , Ayla Uslu, ECN
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	<b>COOPERATION MECHANISMS: AN UNEXPLOITED OPPORTUNITY</b>
	<b>Roundtable discussion with BETTER consortium members, Members of the Parliament and other EU stakeholders</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Miriam Barolet, EON, BETTER Advisory Board Member <i>Discussants:</i> Davor Škrlec, Member of the Parliament; Martin Krause, UNDP; Boris Schinke, Germanwatch; Andreas Türk, JR; André Ortner, TuWien; Karina Veum, ECN
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>11:15-12:15</b>	<b>WHAT IS THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE COOPERATION MECHANISMS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION?</b>
	<b>Roundtable discussion with representatives of the regional initiatives in the Euro-Mediterranean region</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Houda Allal, General Director, OME <i>Discussants:</i> Roberto Vigotti, RES4Med; Tareq Emtairah, RCREEE; Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Regional Environmental Center; Olgu Okumuş, Union for the Mediterranean
<b>12:15-12:45</b>	<b>STATEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS FROM THIRD COUNTRY STAKEHOLDERS</b>
	<i>Moderator:</i> Abdenour Keramane, Director, MedEnergie magazine <i>Discussants:</i> Abdellatif Bardach, Head of Transmission Department, ONEE, Morocco; Adel Tawfik Soliman Beshara, GREEsol Chairman, Egypt; Ezzedine Khalfallah, International Energy Consultant, Tunisia; Dejan Stojadinovic Energy Transition Consulting, Serbia
<b>12:45-13:00</b>	<b>CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEXT STEPS</b>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Networking lunch</b>

