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*The Future of Natural Gas Supply and Demand in the Mediterranean*  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 – Casa Llotja de Mar – Barcelona  
*Room Golden Salon*

The **Mediterranean Talks** provide an open platform to discuss topics of regional interest considering social, political and economic transformations and business potentialities. Participants will have the opportunity to share their vision on trends, challenges, and possible future opportunities/collaborations for new businesses in several industries in the Mediterranean region.

In order to build a common and sustainable future for the region, the actions and commitments from business community in partnership with the public sector and civil society has become an evidence.

## I. Trending Social, Political and Economic Topics in the Mediterranean Region

- ✓ Gas in the Mediterranean as an opportunity for economic growth and development

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## II. The Event

On the occasion of the *New edition of the Mediterranean economic MedaTalk* within the framework of the *MedaWeek Barcelona 2018* to be held in Barcelona from 21st to 23rd of November 2018, the UfM Gas Platform Secretariat is co-organizing with Ascame a session on ***The Future of Natural Gas Supply and Demand in the Mediterranean***. This meeting will be an occasion to hear the views of leaders of different sectors on the key challenges on the matter.

Natural gas demand in the Mediterranean region more than doubled in the last two decades. This strong increase has had an impact on the region's energy mix. The demand for gas is expected to further increase in the future, so as the share of gas in total energy demand.

Today, the Mediterranean region as a whole is a net importer of natural gas. The North Africa Mediterranean area is a net gas exporter; those exports are outweighed by imports in the North and East Mediterranean regions. This is despite the fact that the Mediterranean region holds 4.6% of the world's proven natural gas reserves. Yet, many areas in the South and East Mediterranean, especially offshore, are still either unexplored or under-explored. Moreover, development of unconventional resources is still in its infancy.

Natural gas production in the Mediterranean, which has nearly doubled since 1990, is expected to double again until it reaches its peak. Although gas export potential from the region will further increase in the next two decades, the magnitude of the overall net gas trade will depend on the policies formulated today.

For this reason, *regional cooperation in the gas sector in the Mediterranean area can deliver important benefits to all parties concerned*. This is particularly necessary in Eastern Mediterranean, where recent discoveries present many challenges and beneficiary countries need to organize themselves to take benefit of this situation.

*Gas exploitation in the Mediterranean represents a great opportunity not only for the socio-economic growth of new producing countries but also for the European Union in terms of diversification of its supply sources and increase the capacity of gas exports through the Mediterranean. It is also important as support of the energy transition in the Mediterranean region.*

Last but not least, as the gas market develops further in Europe and security of supply remains a top priority on the European political agenda, the Mediterranean basin stands to offer a portfolio of both sources and routes of supply.

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### III. The Program

#### 10:45 – 11:10 Welcoming Remarks

- Jorge Borrego, Deputy Secretary General for Energy and Climate Action, UfM Secretariat
- Houda Ben Jannet Allal, General Director, OME
- Leonidas Kioussis, Senior Expert, DG ENER, European Commission

*Keynote speaker:* Francisco Reynés Massanet, CEO, Naturgy (tbc)

#### 11:10 - 12:25 Meeting the Scene: Regional Outlooks, Key Challenges & Opportunities

*Speaker:* Mediterranean gas outlook to 2040, Sohbet Karbuz, Director of Hydrocarbons, OME

*Speaker:* An overview of gas developments in Eastern Mediterranean, Charles Ellinas, CEO, e-CNHC

*Speaker:* Challenges and opportunities for enhancing energy security in the Mediterranean region, Francis Ghiles, Associate Senior Researcher, CIDOB

#### 12:25 – 12:40 Coffee break

#### 12:40 - 14:15 Country Specific Outlooks

*Speaker:* Outlook for natural gas in Algeria, Sabrina Heddar Seddas, Head of Department, Energy Markets Analysis, Sonatrach, Algeria

*Speaker:* Outlook for natural gas in Egypt, Emanuele Calviello, VP Business Development, ENI, Italy

*Speaker:* Outlook for natural gas in Israel, Amir Foster, Head of Strategy & Research, Association of Oil & Gas Exploration Industries, Israel

*Speaker:* Outlook for natural gas in Turkey, Emin Danis, Strategy and Research Director, GER Partners, Turkey

#### 14:15 – 14:30 Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks

- Sohbet Karbuz, Director of Hydrocarbons, OME

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