

## Press Release

### OME'S TRAINING WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON EUROPEAN NATURAL GAS IMPORT REQUIREMENT, IMPORT SOURCES AND ROUTES TO 2030



**Paris, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014** A training workshop on the future of European natural gas supply need, import sources and routes was organized by the OME at its premises in Paris on **6-7 February 2014**.

The objective was to discuss with **senior staff of OME Member companies** the **current situation and future prospects of the European natural gas supply security in relation with its current and future potential suppliers**.

OME staff led this 7<sup>th</sup> session of OME Enermed training programme. Throughout the 2-day workshop, OME staff presented first, in quantitative terms, what the future European gas import needs could be over the next 15 years under two alternative gas demand scenarios. To that end, they discussed European domestic natural gas production and demand by country to 2030. Second they presented how could these needs be balanced with export potential of existing and possible gas suppliers of Europe and through which routes (both by pipeline and via LNG). This involved an in-depth discussion of future domestic gas production, domestic demand, export potential and infrastructure developments for each existing and potential future gas suppliers of Europe. Preliminary assessment produced by OME on future natural gas supply costs to Europe was also circulated among participants.

Vivid discussions followed each presentation. Very positive feedback from the Delegates highlighted the usefulness of the information received/exchanged and encouraged repeating this kind of encounters.

OME is preparing additional training sessions for 2014 (programme to be circulated soon), some of which could be held abroad in order to facilitate the involvement of larger number of participants particularly from the South Mediterranean members.

All materials (presentations, agenda) of the 7<sup>th</sup> ENERMED session are available to Members on the OME website and upon request.

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