Solar Energy Roadmap Development in Morocco Oriental

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Why Morocco and why solar energy

- Morocco is a crucial partner for Italy both in terms of bilateral relations and as an element for stability in North Africa
- The development of renewable energy and in particular solar energy contributes to the reduction of carbon emissions, creates new employment opportunities and increases energy security and independence

Role of Roadmapping

Solar energy roadmap development satisfies all these requirements

Sustainable development

Energy security

Job creation

Solar Energy in Italy

- High incentives for photovoltaic energy in Italy. As a consequence, the capacity installed during 2011 was higher than in Germany, China, USA, France and Japan (source: European Photovoltaic Association)
- At the end of 2011, in Italy there were 12,7 GW installed capacity in 300 000 plants
- Results are consequence of the feed-in premium tariff

To note that:

- Endesa (92% owned by ENEL) is present with a combined cycle power station of 384 MW in Tahaddart Tangiers, since 2005
- Existing interconnection with Europe through an undersea cable with Spain (900 MW import/600 MW export) and interconnection with Northern African countries through Algeria (400 MW)
- Morocco represents the unique possibility to implement article 9 of the European Directive 2009/28/CE

Interest of International Organisations in the Mediterranean area

- Low Carbon Energy Technology Platform, launched during the Italian presidency of the G8 in 2009
- Public-private partnerships and their potential to meet the challenges for infrastructure development (cfr. Joint statement at 9th FEMIP Conference, 30 May 2011, Casablanca, Morocco)
- European Commission: Directorate for Development Cooperation

Next steps

- The Italian government backs ENEL Green Power's participation with a specific panel in the MENAREC V Conference to be held on 15-16 May in Marrakech
- Future initiative: Bilateral Solar Conference to be organised in Italy in autumn 2012 (LCTP – EGP)