

“Call for Ideas - Mediterranean Region”: young researchers to present solutions for the energy transition.

OMC – Med Energy Conference, in cooperation with the Union for Mediterranean (UfM) and Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), has recently launched the second edition of the “Call for Ideas - Mediterranean Region,” an opportunity for new generations of researchers and young professionals to emerge, offering them the possibility to present their ideas and projects on energy transition to accelerate the pathway toward more clean, affordable and secure energy and provide solutions to achieve socio-economic growth for the territory and the community.

The “Call for Ideas – Mediterranean Region” addresses **young researchers born in or after the year 1982 of nationality and citizenship of the Mediterranean Area, in possession of a Master’s Degree, and who have developed a well-defined project idea or a project either at a university, a university spin-off, or a research institute of this region on the areas covered by the following Technical Streams: Operational Excellence, Technologies (in terms of either breakthrough solutions or innovative usage of existing ones), Carbon Neutrality and Circular Economy.**

*“The Call for Ideas - Mediterranean Region is an opportunity to involve all the stakeholders who can contribute to the energy transition,” said **Monica Spada, President of OMC.** “Creating alliances is our ambition: we are truly convinced of the power of cooperation because we can only guarantee an equal and just transition for all by putting in common know-how, experience, and resources. We are very pleased to cooperate with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) in launching the second edition of the Call for Ideas - Mediterranean Region”, she added.*

For his part, **Grammenos Mastrojeni, UfM Deputy Secretary General for Energy and Climate Action, stated:** *“The UfM, together with FEEM and OMC, seeks to promote innovation in renewable energies, as they are progressing due to rapid technological improvements and the need for more energy independence. Yet, in the Euro-Mediterranean region, the Northern markets need more renewable energy than they can produce. Southern shore States and the Balkans have a production potential that largely exceeds their needs. Higher regional integration will create in-sector synergies and produce numerous co-benefits such as employment, security, or decarbonization, among others”.*

*“The energy, ideas, and enthusiasm of young people have always been part of FEEM DNA, which over the course of more than 30 years of activity has accompanied the professional growth of numerous generations of researchers”, said **Alessandro Lanza, Executive Director of FEEM.** “The energy future of Europe and the Mediterranean Region are inextricably linked: it is of paramount importance today to identify, support and accompany any solution born in local contexts that can meet the challenges posed by the need for energy security and economic growth in a context of full environmental and social sustainability,” he added.*

The winners will be invited to **present their projects at the Innovation Room on May 25th 2023**, during the OMC - MED Energy Conference in Ravenna. The OMC organization will cover all visa, travel, and accommodation expenses.

The **deadline** for the presentation of the candidature expires on **March 20th 2023, at 5 PM. CET - Central European Time.**

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OMC - Med Energy Conference and Exhibition is an annual event hosting all major players of the energy world. Since 1993, OMC has reached a leading position among the energy events in the Mediterranean Area, turning the city of Ravenna into the Italian capital of the energy industry.

Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) is an intergovernmental Euro-Mediterranean organization that brings together all countries of the European Union and 16 countries of the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean and whose aim is to enhance regional cooperation, dialogue, and the implementation of projects and initiatives with tangible impact on citizens, with an emphasis on young people and women, to address the three strategic objectives of the region: stability, human development, and integration.

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) is a leading international institute providing cross-cutting rigorous analysis of the *Economy, Energy, and Environment* at a global and local scale, and whose aim is to carry out independent, high-quality research addressing the world's most significant challenges to foster a more comprehensive understanding of global issues among stakeholders and to contribute to policy engagement.