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in the Euro-Mediterranean region

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PROGRAMME

09:15–10:00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

10:00–11:00 **Opening session**

Moderator: **Mr Dimitris Dimitriadis**, president of the section for External Relations of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

- ❖ **Mr Tiziano Treu**, president of the **National Council for Economics and Labour (CNEL)**
- ❖ **Ms Christa Schweng**, president of the **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)**
- ❖ **Ms Patrizia Toia**, member of the **European Parliament** *remote participation*
- ❖ **Mr Grammenos Mastrojeni**, senior deputy secretary-general in charge of Energy and Climate Action, **Union for the Mediterranean**
- ❖ **Mr Gian Paolo Gualaccini**, coordinator of the **CNEL** Commission for EU Policies and International Cooperation

11:00–11:30 *Coffee break / family photo*

11:30–13:00 **Session 1: The search for new energy suppliers**

In this session, debates will focus on short-term solutions to the current geopolitical situation, with the search for new suppliers and transportation routes to reduce dependence on a single provider.

Moderator: **Mr Pierre Jean Coulon**, study group president REX/555¹

- ❖ **Mr Lapo Pistelli**, president of the **Mediterranean Energy Observatory** and of **Eni**²
- ❖ **Eng. Youssef Bassim**, board member of the **Federation of Egyptian Industries**, chairman of the renewable energy committee at the **Egyptian Chamber of Engineering Industries** *remote participation*
- ❖ **Dr. Marika Karagianni**, research affiliate of the **Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)**, visiting lecturer of the University of Peloponnese-International Hellenic University

Debate

¹ EESC information report REX/555 - Energy policies and strategies in the Euro-Mediterranean region

² Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi

13:00–14:30	<i>Networking lunch hosted by the EESC</i>
14:30–16:00	<p>Session 2: Mitigating the economic and social impact of rising energy prices</p> <p><i>In Session 2, conference participants will discuss how to alleviate the economic and social impact of high energy prices due to recent geopolitical events and due to new suppliers and alternative transportation routes.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Floriano Botta, CNEL vice president</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ms Baiba Miltoviča, president of the EESC Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society ❖ Ms Tiziana Bocchi, confederal secretary of the Unione Italiana del Lavoro (UIL) ❖ Prof. Raffaele Miniaci, executive committee member of the Italian Observatory for Energy Poverty <p><i>Debate</i></p>
16:00–16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30-17:55	<p>Session 3: Geopolitics of energy transition</p> <p><i>Debates in this session will be dedicated to the geopolitical impact of energy transition on both shores of the Mediterranean, with a significantly reduced dependence on fossil fuel in the medium and long term.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Pietro Francesco De Lotto, EESC CCMI³ president</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dr. Ioannis Maniatis, former Greek Minister of Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Associate Professor at University of Piraeus ❖ Mr Angelo Colombini, confederal secretary of the Confederazione Italiana Sindacati Lavoratori (CISL) <i>remote participation</i> ❖ Dr. Valeria Costantini, Full Professor, Roma Tre University <p><i>Debate</i></p>
17:55-18:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mr Ioannis Vardakastanis, EESC Euromed Follow-Up Committee President ❖ Mr Tiziano Treu, CNEL president

³ Consultative Commission on Industrial Change