

**Radio Vaticana interviewed Michelangelo Celozzi, Med-TSO's General Secretary, 1st December 2014**

Michelangelo Celozzi: In this moment of high tension in many Mediterranean countries, the development and economical and social growth represent the hope for our future, a common future. Our project starts from this assumption: in the lack of basic infrastructures – such as energy, water, transport – there cannot be development. We deal with electric energy and electrical infrastructures allow to share primary energy resources and necessary facilities to transform primary energy in energy accessible to customers.

Interviewer: A very important initiative, maybe, for those countries a little weaker in matter of energy resources...

M.C. It's important for every one of us: starting from Italy, who has no primary energy sources, but even for primary energy producer Countries. Sharing resources means investing for a common future. In this moment of uncertainty it's a need for everyone!

I: After all, to be practical, which are the benefits for the citizens?

M.C.: The first benefit is to support investments in the Mediterranean region: so, the first positive benefit is to create employment, to create development opportunities. The second positive benefit is the optimization of the energetic system: a more open market, regional, of all the Mediterranean; more competition and so a prospect of stable and moderated prices in the near future.

I: In spite of the risk that energy – especially electricity – will run low, that's a guarantee for an always constant dispatch...

M.C.: It's exactly our job: to ensure the balance between the electrical energy supply and demand on the grid. We ensure that the transformation of primary sources in electrical energy which will arrive to the costumers in the more reliable and efficient way .