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CHAHER BOULAKHRAS

President of Med-TSO and PDG of Sonelgaz - Algeria

Chaher Boulakhras is a State Engineer in Petroleum Economics who has participated in several national and international events, as a VIP Speaker in different energy related events worldwide.

He joined Sonelgaz in December 1999 as a Design Engineer in the former Constantine Zone / Electricity and Gas Distribution Division. He has held several positions of responsibility as Head of District of Akbou (Center of Bejaia), Head of Commercial Department within the Agency of Bejaia, Regional Director of Tamanrasset Distribution and finally Regional Director of Tizi-Ouzou Distribution, before being appointed Chairman and CEO of SKTM (Renewable Energy Company), and recently CEO of Sonelgaz since May of 2019.

Mr. Boulakhras is the chair of the Algerian Energy Committee/WEC and also member of others associations like AUE, COMELEC, MED-TSO.



FABIO CASTALDO

Vice-President of the European Parliament

Fabio Massimo Castaldo is an Italian politician who, since 2017, is the Vice-President of the European Parliament, becoming the youngest vice president ever in the history of the institution. He's also a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence.

On July of 2019, running as an independent, he was re-elected with the support of over 40 MEPs from various political groups. That election represented the first success of an independent belonging to the Non-Inscrits group.

He's part of the delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union, including the EU-Morocco, EU-Tunisia and EU-Algeria Joint Parliamentary Committees.

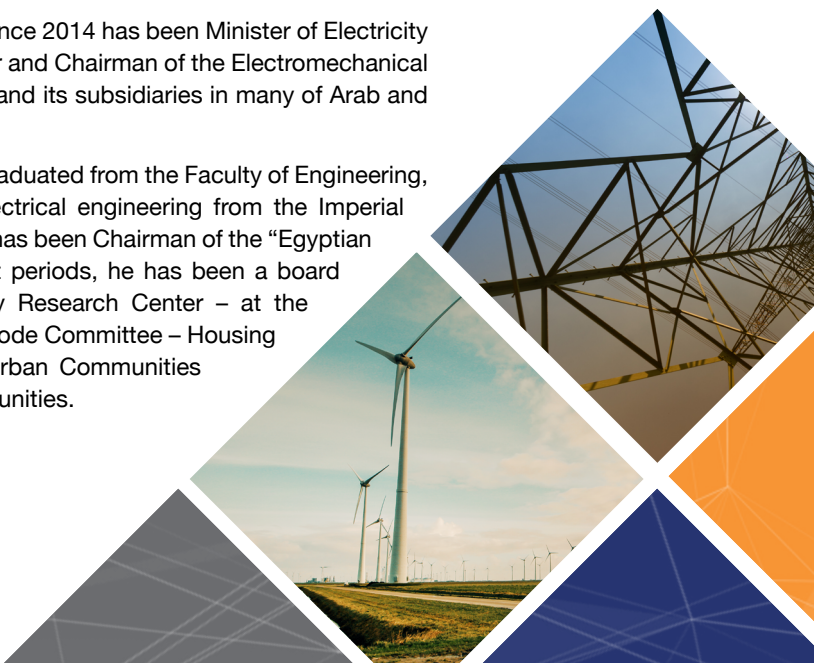


H.E. MOHAMED SHAKER

Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy of Egypt

Prof. Dr Mohamed Shaker is an Egyptian engineer who, since 2014 has been Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy. Since 1982, he is also the founder and Chairman of the Electromechanical Consulting Engineering firm SHAKER Consulting Group, and its subsidiaries in many of Arab and African Countries.

He has vast experience in the fields of engineering: he graduated from the Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University in 1968 and earned a doctorate in electrical engineering from the Imperial College, the University of London in 1978. Since then, he has been Chairman of the "Egyptian Fire Protection Association" (EFPA) and, during different periods, he has been a board member of Egyptian organizations such as the Energy Research Center – at the Faculty of Engineering of Cairo University, the Electrical Code Committee – Housing and Building National Research Center and the New Urban Communities Authority – Ministry of Housing Utilities and Urban Communities.





H.E. CHEMS EDDINE CHITOUR

**Minister of the Energy Transition
and Renewable Energies of Algeria**

Chems Eddine Chitour is an Algerian scientist and politician who was born October 13, 1944 in Bordj Bou Arreridj.

He is a chemical engineer from the National Polytechnic School of Algiers and the Algerian Petroleum Institute, a doctor of engineering from the University of Algiers, and a doctor of science from the Jean-Monnet University. Since 1976, he has also been a professor of chemistry, thermodynamics refining and oil economics and has also been a visiting professor and associate professor at IGC and then at ENSIACET in Toulouse.

He is also known as the founder of the Fossil Energy Valorization Laboratory and between 2016 and 2019, he published several texts calling for changes in the Algerian education system between 2016 and 2019.



BELHASSEN CHIBOUB

**Director-General of Electricity and Energy Transition
at Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines, Tunisia.**

Mr Chiboub is a Tunisian industrial engineer with more than 20 years of experience in the energy field as an energy senior specialist. Before becoming the first responsible of Energy Program at the Ministry, he was the co-Manager of Elmed - Etudes Joint Venture Company STEG-TERNA.

He also has a background on IPP tender process and energy strategy implementation and he's an expert about power generation from gas and Renewable Energies.



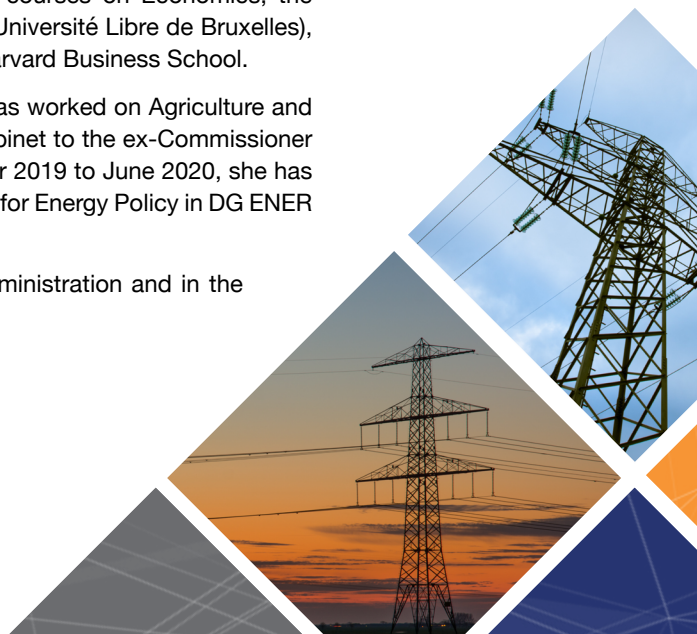
CRISTINA LOBILLO BORRERO

Director Energy Policy European Commission DG ENER

Cristina Lobillo Borrero has a degree on Law and post-graduate courses on Economics, the European Union Law and management and leadership in the ULB (Université Libre de Bruxelles), the Spanish School of Diplomats, the European Commission and Harvard Business School.

Since 2004 she is official in the European Commission where she has worked on Agriculture and Trade policies and from 2014 to 2019 she has been the Head of Cabinet to the ex-Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, Miguel Arias Cañete. From December 2019 to June 2020, she has been Principal Adviser in DG AGRI and since 16 June, she is Director for Energy Policy in DG ENER in the European Commission.

Before joining the Commission, Cristina worked in the Spanish Administration and in the Universities of Córdoba and Alcalá de Henares.





KEISUKE SADAMORI

**Director Energy Markets and Security of IEA -
International Energy Agency**

Keisuke Sadamori took up his duties as Director of the Office for Energy Markets and Security at the International Energy Agency in October 2012. Previously, he held the post of Deputy Director-General for Policy Co-ordination at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) in Japan. He had been involved with the IEA for a number of years as IEA Governing Board Representative for Japan and as Co-Chair of the Standing Group on Long Term Co-operation. Over the years, Mr Sadamori has served in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Japan and has co-ordinated numerous important projects, including work following the Fukushima-Daiichi accident in March 2011.



NASSER KAMEL

Secretary General of UfM-Union for the Mediterranean

Nasser Kamel is an Egyptian statesman and a career diplomat for the Egyptian government, that held the position of Ambassador of Egypt to the United Kingdom from 2014 to 2018. He was also Ambassador to France in the period 2006-2012, during which he took part in the drafting of the Joint Declaration of the 2008 Paris Summit that marked the launch of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Between 2012 and 2014, he was Assistant Minister for Arab and Middle Eastern Affairs. From 2004 to 2006, he was the Director of Egypt's Public Information Service. Prior to this position he served in various embassies in Europe and America.

He currently serves as the Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean, bringing more than three decades of experience in Euro-Mediterranean relations to the role.



GÜLELŞAN DEMİRBAŞ

President of MEDREG-Mediterranean Energy Regulators

Ms. Gülelşan Demirbaş is MEDREG President and the Strategy Development Department Head of EMRA, the Turkish Energy Market Regulatory Authority. She started her career as a research assistant in Middle East Technical University in 1995, and continued in the Privatization Administration (PA) as an expert and Project Group Head for 10 years, she worked for various Turkish companies while also serving as member of board or auditor for them. In 2008 she moved to the Energy Market Regulatory Authority, and served as advisor to the President till she was appointed as Strategy Development Department Head in 2009. She is still heading the Strategy Development Department.

Demirbaş is the author or co-author of several papers on environmental engineering, energy and climate policy.

She served as Chair of ICER Virtual Working Group on "Gas and Other Fuels" and the Executive director of 6th World Forum on Energy Regulation. She is also a member of Women in Energy Steering Group of ICER.





HERVÉ LAFFAYE 
President of ENTSO-E

Hervé Laffaye is the current ENTSO-E President and he is also the deputy CEO of RTE, in charge of International Activities and European affairs.

His career started with R&D in the field of applied mathematics for electrical systems, followed by different operational management positions in distribution of gas and electricity, then as head of the National Control Center during the seven critical years (2000-2007) of the birth of RTE, and finally up to 2016 as COO covering from engineering to maintenance and operation the operational activities of RTE.

Mr Laffaye has an engineering diploma from Ecole Centrale of Paris and has held several high-level functions in both EDF and RTE.



HENRIKE TRAUTMANN
Acting Director of DG NEAR B Directorate
(Southern Neighborhood) - European Commission

Henrike Trautmann is currently Acting Director of the Southern Neighborhood Directorate at DG NEAR (Directorate-General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations - European Commission). She is also the Head of the Regional Programs and Cooperation Unit (DG NEAR B2) within this Directorate. Henrike Trautmann, a historian by training, has worked in the European Commission for more than 25 years, focusing on external relations. She has dealt with Common Foreign and Security Policy, communication, humanitarian assistance and civil protection, as well with a number of policy files related to resilience building in fragile countries.

She strongly supports sound and constructive policy dialogues in the Southern Neighborhood, as a prerequisite for building sustainable partnerships. As regards energy cooperation in the Mediterranean area, she puts as a priority the development of comprehensive regulatory frameworks, the promotion of electricity interconnections, the massive deployment of renewables, energy efficiency measures in numerous economic sectors in order to gradually setup a reliable, integrated and efficient Mediterranean energy market.



MODERATOR
JEAN-MICHEL GLACHANT   
Director of the Florence School of Regulation

Jean-Michel Glachant is the Director of the Florence School of Regulation and the Holder of the Loyola de Palacio Chair. Glachant took his Ph.D. in economics at La Sorbonne in France. He worked in the industry and private sector before becoming professor at La Sorbonne.

He has been advisor of DG TREN, DG COMP and DG RESEARCH at the European Commission and of the French Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE). He has been coordinator and scientific advisor of several European research projects. Jean-Michel Glachant has been editor-in-chief of EEEP: "Economics of Energy and Environmental Policy" (an IAAE journal) and he is vice-president of the International Association for Energy Economics.

