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ACCELERATING THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AS AN ENERGY CORRIDOR

EMGF HIGH-LEVEL STRATEGIC EVENT

IMPACT REPORT

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SECTION 01 · EVENT OVERVIEW

FROM SHARED VISION TO **JOINT ACTION**

INSIGHTS FROM THE LATEST EMGF HIGH-LEVEL CONVENING

Translating dialogue into action



EVENT OVERVIEW

FROM REGIONAL POTENTIAL TO **REGIONAL DELIVERY**

THE OPPORTUNITY

ENERGY SECURITY IS **BUILT TOGETHER**

At the crossroads of Europe, the Middle East and Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean holds significant potential to strengthen regional energy security and connectivity. Yet realizing it takes more than individual national projects: it calls for a **coordinated regional approach** that brings together resources, infrastructure, investment and policy frameworks to create an integrated, commercially viable energy corridor.

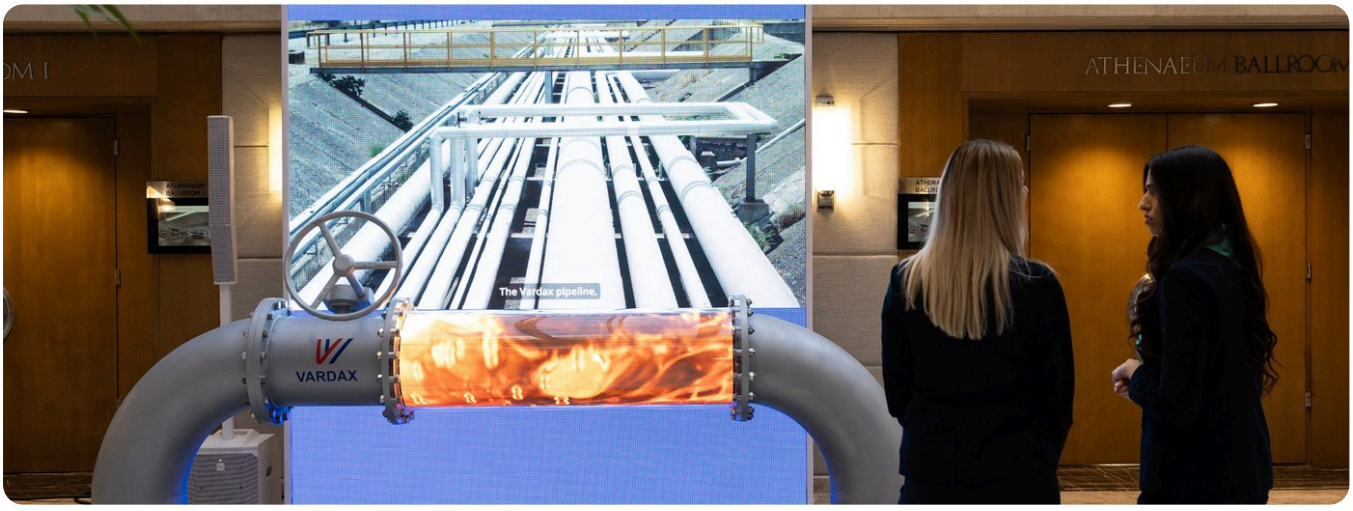
As a regional platform for dialogue and cooperation, the EMGF brings together

GOVERNMENTS + REGULATORS + INDUSTRY LEADERS + INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

to align priorities, identify shared opportunities and create the **enabling conditions for practical cooperation.**

FROM AMBITION TO EXECUTION

The conversation in Athens moved beyond the scale of the region's resources to the **decisions, partnerships and enabling conditions** that unlock regional value, built on three interconnected priorities.



01
CONNECT RESOURCES TO MARKETS

02
ALIGN INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING WITH INVESTMENT

03
CREATE THE TRUST AND PREDICTABILITY THAT MOVE PROJECTS FORWARD

Together, these priorities captured the shift at the heart of the conference: **from regional potential to coordinated delivery**, and from shared ambition to practical action.

EVENT OVERVIEW

ONE REGION. ONE TABLE. A SHARED AMBITION.



MINISTERIAL–INDUSTRY STRATEGIC ROUNDTABLE

On 7 October 2026 in Athens, the East Mediterranean Gas Forum (EMGF), in cooperation with HELLENiQ ENERGY, convened its High-Level Strategic Conference, bringing together Ministers, regulators, industry leaders and international partners around one shared ambition: an integrated Eastern Mediterranean energy corridor.

> The conference theme — *"Accelerating the Eastern Mediterranean as an Energy Corridor: From Dialogue to Corridor Realization"* — reflected a defining shift in the region's energy agenda.

At a single table, national priorities and commercial interests converged around one objective: turning regional energy potential into commercially viable action. This is EMGF's convening power at work, transforming the narrative —

- From resources to routes
- From potential to projects
- From cooperation to connectivity

A CONVENING PLATFORM FOR THE ENTIRE ENERGY VALUE CHAIN

The conference united key regional leaders — including **H.E. Michael Damianos**, Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry of Cyprus; **H.E. Karim Badawi**, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources of Egypt; and **H.E. Stavros Papastavrou**, Minister of Environment and Energy of Greece — alongside EMGF Secretary General **H.E. Osama Mobarez**, regulators and leading voices from the private sector.

Beyond its diverse representation, the gathering bridged public policy, technical capacity and commercial enterprise in a single, strategic conversation.

1 roundtable
Regional leaders, regulators and industry partners at one table

4 panels
From physical infrastructure to human capital

36 voices
Across the Ministerial Roundtable and four strategic panels

SECTION 02

STRATEGIC DIALOGUES & PANELS

From Ministerial Decisions to Infrastructure Realization — Moving Beyond Potential into Action



MINISTERIAL–INDUSTRY STRATEGIC ROUNDTABLE · 7 OCTOBER

THE CONVERSATION THAT MOVED **BEYOND POTENTIAL**

THE TABLE

At the heart of the day, the Ministerial–Industry Strategic Roundtable brought together the Energy Ministers of Cyprus, Egypt and Greece, alongside EMGF Secretary General H.E. Osama Mobarez, policymakers, regulators and industry leaders. By gathering the entire energy ecosystem around a single table, the EMGF created an essential space for candid dialogue on what it takes to make a regional corridor work in practice.

FIVE PRIORITIES, ONE MESSAGE

The discussion connected five interdependent priorities: security of supply, cross-border infrastructure, regulatory coherence, commercially viable project structures and investment readiness. Its central message was clear: regional cooperation creates greater value when political commitment, operational capabilities and private-sector capital move in step.

PRIORITIES BROUGHT INTO FOCUS

01

Identify cross-border corridors and infrastructure opportunities that can build on existing regional assets.

02

Clarify commercial, regulatory and investment barriers standing between promising projects and FIDs.

03

Strengthen coordination among governments, regulators and industry to advance practical next steps.

FROM THE MINISTERS' REMARKS



H.E. MICHAEL DAMIANOS
Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Cyprus

"Cooperation in the area can lead to great results, even for a small country like Cyprus. We're a million people — but partnering in the region, with good relations with your neighbours and the companies, you are able to proceed."



H.E. KARIM BADAWI
Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Egypt

"Looking at cross-border collaboration, this is another fantastic opportunity for the EMGF ... to move beyond conversation and deliver a practical playbook for execution."



H.E. STAVROS PAPASTAVROU
Minister of Environment and Energy, Greece

"We are seeing a growing shift toward energy realism, with more member states speaking up for a pragmatic approach."

STRATEGIC PANEL PERSPECTIVES · 7 OCTOBER

FOUR STRATEGIC PANELS: FROM INFRASTRUCTURE TO HUMAN CAPITAL



01 CORRIDOR ARCHITECTURE
Connecting the Regional Energy System

The first panel explored the foundations of an integrated energy corridor: how supply sources, demand centres, cross-border links and existing infrastructure can function as a coherent system rather than disconnected national assets. Drawing on Jordan's experience of supply disruptions, the discussion underlined that resilience depends on diversified routes, flexibility and thoughtful redundancy. The strategic question was not simply where to build more, but how to connect the region more intelligently and reliably.

SPEAKERS Eng. Amani Alazzam · Mr. Kyriakos Iordanou · Ms. Despoina Paliarouta · Mr. Sayed Selim · Mr. Channa Kurukulasuriya
MODERATOR Mr. Peter Stevenson



02 INFRASTRUCTURE ACCELERATION
Making Opportunities Investable

Shifting from architecture to execution, the second panel examined how LNG facilities, pipelines, storage and interconnections bridge the gap between discoveries and markets. Participants explored how cooperation cuts duplication, manages risk and improves project economics — highlighting regional seismic collaboration, energy-efficiency measures and a shared regional gas model to drive evidence-based planning and investment confidence.

SPEAKERS Eng. Karim El-Dessouky · Mr. Blake Blackwell · Mr. Shady Shaker
MODERATOR Mr. Philip Vorobyov



03 EXECUTION READINESS
Creating the Conditions to Deliver

Energy infrastructure cannot advance on technical feasibility alone. The third panel addressed the regulatory, political and commercial conditions that determine whether projects proceed: predictable permitting, cross-border alignment, transparent access arrangements and balanced risk allocation. Its contribution to the conference narrative was essential: regional ambition becomes bankable only when governments, regulators and industry can translate strategic agreement into clear, workable execution pathways.

SPEAKERS Mr. Sagi Ganot-Shachar · Mr. Efthimios Tartaras · Prof. Dr. Kostas Andriosopoulos
MODERATOR Dr. Michalis Mathioulakis



04 HUMAN CAPITAL & LEADERSHIP
The People Behind the Corridor

The final panel — delivered in partnership with the EmpowerMed Women Network — focused on the human foundation of corridor realization. Discussions underscored that the region's capacity to plan, finance, regulate and build an integrated energy system ultimately rests on its talent and leadership. Strengthening technical expertise, empowering the next generation and expanding the contributions of women professionals are essential drivers of long-term competitiveness and delivery capacity.

SPEAKERS Ms. Alexandra Sdoukou · Mr. Michael Thomadakis · Eng. Amro Ismail Elsharkawi · Ms. Dorina Papadimitriou
MODERATOR Eng. Iman Hill

SECTION 03

EVENT OUTCOMES & STRATEGIC RESULTS

Translating Regional Dialogue Into Practical Cooperation



EVENT OUTCOMES & STRATEGIC RESULTS

WHERE REGIONAL DIALOGUE BECAME **PRACTICAL COOPERATION**



EGYPT · CYPRUS · GREECE — TRILATERAL MEETING, ATHENS

01 · EGYPT–CYPRUS–GREECE: ADVANCING TRILATERAL ENERGY COOPERATION

By bringing regional energy leaders together under one platform, the EMGF High-Level Strategic Conference in Athens created a valuable opportunity for the Ministers of Egypt, Cyprus, and Greece to convene in a trilateral meeting on the sidelines of the event. The meeting reflected EMGF's convening power in action, providing a platform to strengthen trilateral energy cooperation, align shared priorities, and advance practical opportunities for cross-border collaboration.

Building on the complementary strengths of the three countries—Cyprus's gas resources, Egypt's established processing and liquefaction infrastructure, and Greece's connectivity to European markets—the discussions reinforced a shared focus on leveraging existing infrastructure, accelerating regional gas development, and strengthening the Eastern Mediterranean's role as an integrated energy corridor.

EVENT OUTCOMES & STRATEGIC RESULTS

FROM ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY

02 · PRIVATE-SECTOR ENGAGEMENT: CONNECTING DIALOGUE WITH OPPORTUNITY

Building on this momentum, the Athens Conference further demonstrated EMGF's convening power by bringing policymakers, regulators, and industry leaders together, creating valuable opportunities for direct engagement and stronger cooperation across the regional energy value chain.

Beyond the formal sessions, the gathering provided a unique setting for high-level bilateral meetings and exchanges among key industry players and decision-makers, opening avenues for strategic partnerships, advancing discussions, and laying the groundwork for potential large-scale energy agreements and investments. These interactions highlighted the Forum's role in creating the space for meaningful connections that can translate regional energy potential into tangible opportunities.



INDUSTRY LEADERS IN CONVERSATION



03 · AMPLIFYING THE CONVERSATION

The impact of the Athens Conference extended well beyond the discussions held in the room. Through media coverage, official communications, and social media engagement, the event's key messages gained wider visibility, bringing the dialogue on regional energy security and cooperation to audiences across the region and beyond. The following section captures how this momentum translated into broader reach and public engagement.

SECTION 04

BEYOND THE ROOM

How the Athens Conversation Echoed Across Borders



EARNED MEDIA IMPACT · 1 OF 2

A REGIONAL CONVERSATION THAT TRAVELLED BEYOND ATHENS

The impact of the Athens convening extended far beyond the conference rooms, resonating across regional and international media in Egypt, Greece, Cyprus and beyond. The coverage carried a definitive central message: the Eastern Mediterranean's energy future is anchored in practical connectivity, trilateral synergy and an immediate shift from shared ambition to active execution.

110
Media clippings, incl. mirrored & syndicated stories

68
Distinct outlets and media centres

13
Tier-1 outlets carrying the story

~210M
Combined Reach of Media Outlets Featuring the News

100%
Earned media: no paid or owned placements

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Languages: Arabic, English, Greek

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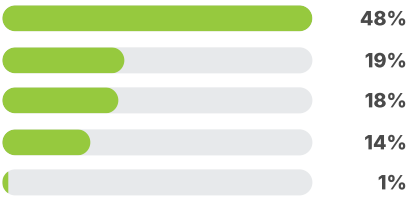
BENCHMARK COVERAGE

'Virtual EastMed' Gas Corridor Takes Shape Through Egypt

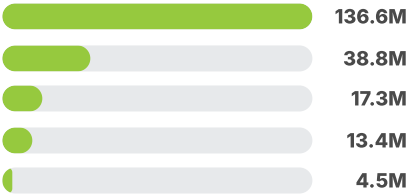
MEES · Issue 69/42 · 16 October 2026 · Peter Stevenson

Specialist energy coverage examined the emerging logic of a regional gas corridor built around closer integration, existing Egyptian infrastructure and access to wider markets. Published nine days after the event, it extended the story's life and complemented mainstream reporting on the Ministers' discussions and the region's energy security priorities.

COVERAGE BY MARKET



MEDIA OUTLET REACH PER MARKET



TIER-1 MEDIA FOOTPRINT

Capital.gr · الأهرام · اليوم السابع
KATHIMERINI · CNA CYPRUS NEWS AGENCY · Newsit

> **Taken together, the coverage reinforced a defining message of Athens: the EMGF provides the space in which regional energy priorities are translated into coordinated discussion, commercial engagement and practical follow-up.**

DIFFERENT MARKETS, A CONNECTED NARRATIVE

EGYPT

YOUM7 · EGYPT
"Petroleum Minister discusses with Cyprus's energy minister accelerating gas connection projects"

AL-AHRAM · EGYPT
"Egypt–Cyprus gas cooperation enters actual implementation"

GREECE

ANA-MPA · GREECE
"Talks on Cyprus gas transport via Greece to Vertical Corridor by 2028"

KATHIMERINI · GREECE
"EMGF Forum: the Eastern Mediterranean, an energy corridor for Europe"

CYPRUS

CNA · CYPRUS
"Cyprus, Greece, Egypt strengthen cooperation on EastMed energy corridor"

ALPHANEWS.LIVE · CYPRUS
"EMGF forum: Accelerating the Eastern Mediterranean's role as an energy corridor for Europe"

EARNED MEDIA IMPACT · 2 OF 2 — SOCIAL & DIGITAL

A MESSAGE AMPLIFIED ACROSS PRESS, SOCIAL AND STAKEHOLDER CHANNELS

~1.04M
Combined social media reach of covering outlets and accounts

583K
Video views — 60% of reach was video-led

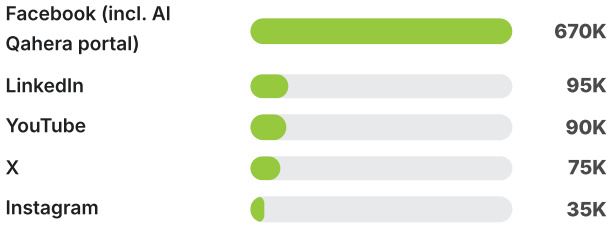
65.1K
Engagements · 6.7% of reach

87%
Of tracked reach from Tier-1 channels

AMPLIFYING REGIONAL MOMENTUM

The digital reach achieved in Athens demonstrates that the EMGF's convening power extends far beyond the venue walls. By mobilizing institutional stakeholders, national ministries and energy operators across digital channels, the Forum amplified the Eastern Mediterranean's collaborative narrative to over one million users.

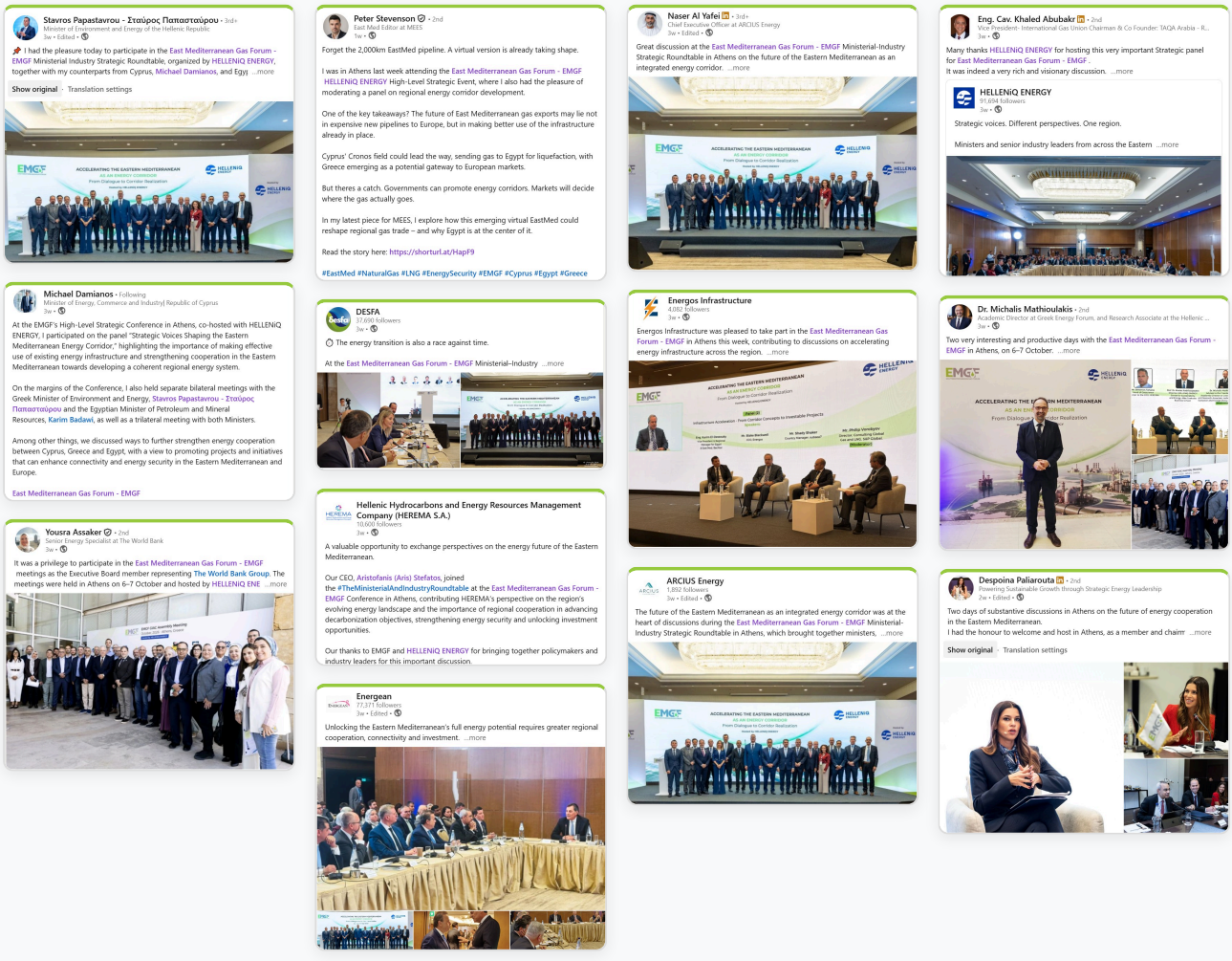
COMBINED REACH BY PLATFORM



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Ministers, regulators, the World Bank, operators and the region's leading energy journalist shared Athens with their own networks — unprompted and overwhelmingly positive.

MINISTERS · REGULATORS & NOCS · WORLD BANK · OPERATORS & TSOS · ENERGY PRESS



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FROM **DIALOGUE** TO **ACTION.**



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THANK YOU

The East Mediterranean Gas Forum extends its appreciation to HELLENiQ ENERGY for co-hosting the high-level strategic conference, and to the Ministers, member-country representatives, regulators, international partners, speakers, business leaders and participants who contributed to a constructive discussion on the region's energy future. Athens reaffirmed a shared commitment to strengthening energy security through cooperation — and to moving from potential toward coordinated, practical execution.