

A Regional Initiative to Promote Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency: RECREEE



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What is RECREEEE?



- RCREEE stands for « Regional Centre for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency »
- RCREEE is an independent regional policy think tank, based in Cairo, dedicated to the promotion of renewable energies (RE) and energy efficiency (EE) in the MENA region.



Why *RECREEE*?



Renewable energies and energy efficiency are high on the political agenda throughout the MENA region:

- energy security;
- climate change;
- industrial development.

In the MENA region, the countries often face similar challenges.

- inadequate or missing regulatory framework for RE;
- missing or wrong incentives (energy subsidies);
- no functioning regional policy platform.



The Driving forces behind RECREEE



RCREEE Charta



- Rights and obligations of RCREEE member states and bodies (BoT, EC, Secretariat);
- RCREEE as an independent organization, whose supreme body is the BoT, defining the over all work program, which then is implemented through the EC and Secretariat;
- RCREEE as a regional organization, where members have equal rights and obligations/regional representation safeguarded



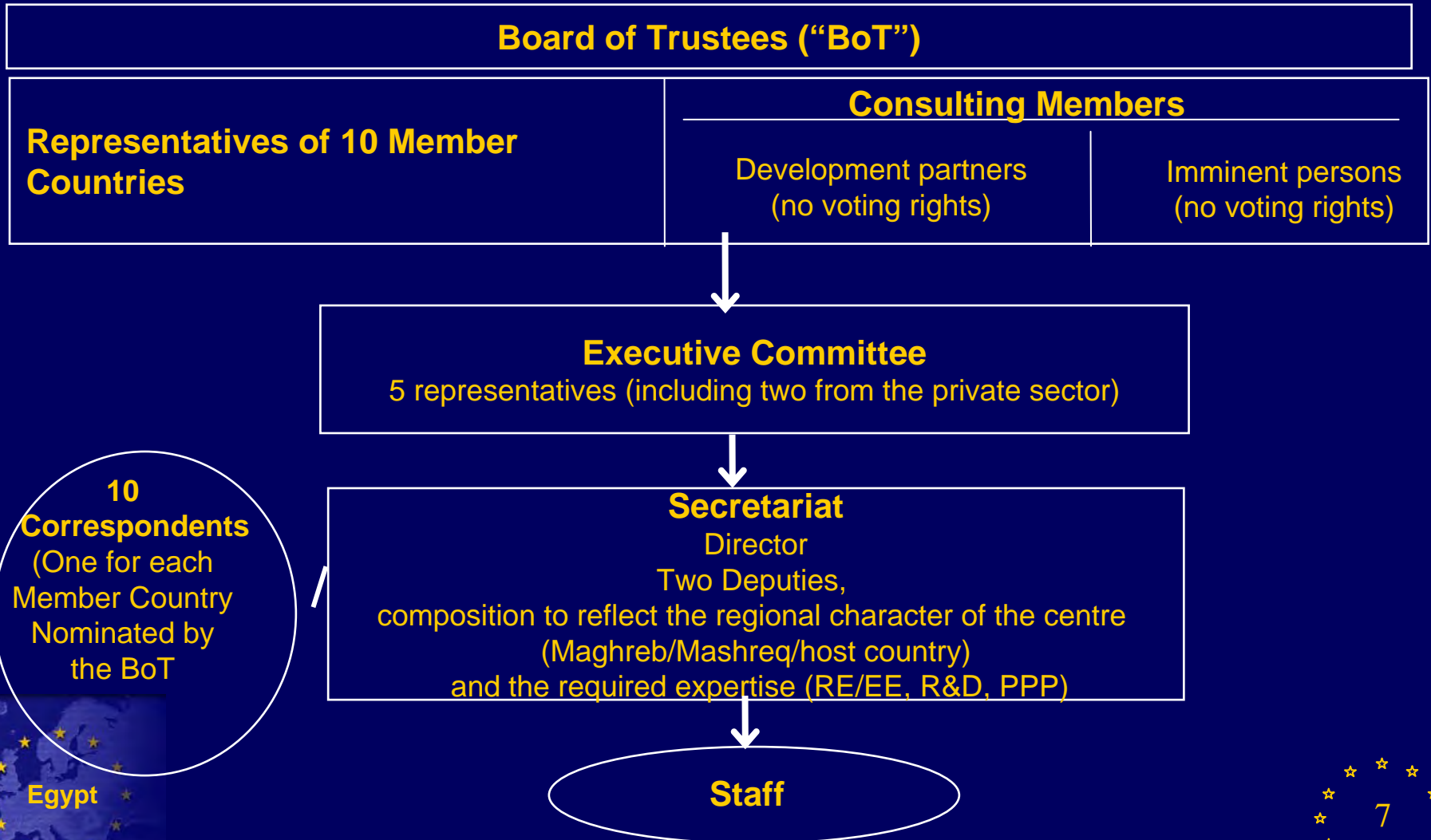
Interim Secretariat



- **Four members** representing Egypt, Mashreq, Maghreb and Development Partners
- Operational end November 2009, term of office 6 months.
- **Activities**
 - Design of **Webpage**
 - Preparation of **BoT Meeting** Jan 12 to 14, 2009
 - Finalization of set up (**Charta, HCA** etc.).



The organizational structure



Role of the development partners



Support in the set-up process

- advice on organizational design, legal structure etc.

- advice with regard to initial work program;

- Access to EU/international expertise;

- Mobilizing funds;

- Mediation of regional co-operation:

finding the right balance between stakeholders/support negotiations;

maintain the regional character of the initiative.



Activities of RECREEE



- Studies with a regional dimension (e.g. on regulation of RE and EE, solar cooling);
- Regulations data base (for regulators, academia, investors);
- Round tables in order to enhance discussion on topical issues;
- Position Papers;
- Events;
- Training (Application for FP VII).





Studies

- Topics identified as priority issues by member countries in Tripoli Workshop in May 2008:
 - Economical, Technological and Environmental Impact Assessment of National Policies and Incentives for RE/EE
 - Solar Cooling Technologies and District Cooling
- Ad hoc request, triggered by MSP :
 - Use of EU Policy Initiatives to promote RE-based Electricity Generation in MENA Countries – Inputs to policy Discussions.

Activities : MEDEMIP Project



MED-EMIP – “Support to Euro-Mediterranean Energy Market Integration”

- Duration: 3 years, starting 21 January 2008

Objectives:

- (i) securing energy supply;
- (ii) promoting sustainable development in the energy sector;
- (iii) supporting regional integration process;

EC Contribution (grant): € 4,300,000



Activities: MEDENEC II Project



MED-ENEC-Phase II (Euro-Mediterranean Energy Efficiency in Construction Sector – Phase II)

- Duration: 3 year, starting 1 July 2009
- EC Contribution (grant): € 5,000,000
- Modus-Operandi Approach: demand-driven on both level of bilateral, clustering of Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs) /regional



Management Information System



- **MCREEE MIS & DSS (Under-Preparation)**
- **Duration : 2-3 Years, starting second-half of 2009**
- **EC Contribution (grant) : Up to €3 million via SAAP with Egypt**
- **- The programme is to be designed jointly between RCREEE and EC, including the adoption of the EU Member States Twinning “acquis”...this reinforces the credibility of MCREEE**



Next Steps



- Meeting of BoT on Jan 12-14, 2009, in Cairo:
 - Invitation letters/nomination of delegates
(to be sent out signed by the Egyptian Minister of electricity by end of November 2009)

- Agenda of BoT Meeting (draft to be finalized end November)
 - Report from Interim Secretariat
 - Governance and Legal Structure
 - Recruiting Procedure and Job Descriptions
 - Round tables on (i) response to Mediterranean Solar Plan and (ii) reform of electricity laws.



Next Steps



- **Design of job descriptions and recruitment procedure of executive committee and secretariat (by end December 2008, recruitment expected to be completed in 2009)**
- **Draft RCREEE Action Plan for 2009 (early Jan 2009)**
- **Draft ToR for Management Information System/RCREEE Data Base (mid 2009)**
- **Participation in MENAREC V in Marrakesh in June 4-6, 2009 (June 2009).**



Egypt

Challenges

- Regional co-operation;
- Identifying joint interests;
- A Multidisciplinary sector;
- Competition
- Pace of discussions.





Thank You

