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MEDCOP21: Capenergies and its members, leading players in the energy transition across the Mediterranean

The MEDCOP21 conference – held prior to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 21) – took place on 4-5 June 2015 at the Villa Méditerranée, organised by the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region.

As a MEDCOP21 partner, Capenergies joined forces with IMEDER to organise a workshop entitled: **“Energy transition and circular economy”**. The event was attended by 130 audience members and speakers from the north and south shores of the Mediterranean, presenting projects and initiatives run by various stakeholders from across the region.

There was also a **“Village of Solutions”**, featuring around 30 innovative projects led by public and private organisations from Mediterranean countries. Before giving the opening address for the conference, French President François Hollande visited exhibitors' stands to learn about the companies behind these innovations, including two Capenergies members:

- **In-Situ's TOTEM mobi project** – the solution behind the self-service electric vehicle rental scheme in Marseille and the surrounding towns, whereby people can hire a Renault Twizy using a subscription system and a vehicle geolocation and booking app.
- **Giordano Industries**, the leading solar water heating specialist in French-speaking North Africa and the firm behind SOLARPUMP – a thermodynamic solar-powered device that produces domestic hot water and heating.

MEDCOP results: implementation of a “Solutions Agenda” for Mediterranean countries in preparation for the COP 21 and MEDCOP22 (scheduled to be held in Morocco). Four of the thirty-or-so solutions chosen are directly connected to Capenergies' areas of expertise: development of **Smart Grids**, strengthening of the **concentrated solar thermodynamic sector with storage, energy recovery from urban, industrial and agricultural waste**, and **creation of a Mediterranean inter-cluster** to develop energy efficiency solutions for buildings in the Mediterranean.

About the Capenergies Competitiveness Cluster

The Capenergies Competitiveness Cluster and PRIDES, which focuses on the production of low-carbon energy, has more than 1,400 partners and 540 members, including businesses, research and training organisations, and financial backers. The cluster supports innovative projects in three key, market-oriented areas: - Energy efficiency and rational energy use - Meeting the energy needs of island systems and remote areas - Increasing low-carbon energy as a percentage of the energy mix. The cluster fosters networking and helps its members play a leading role in the energy transition across the areas in which it works: PACA, Corsica, Principality of Monaco, Guadeloupe and Reunion. To date, Capenergies has certified 553 innovative projects and funded an additional 301 projects, with total assistance amounting to €408 million.

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