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The policy outlines a plan to harness offshore renewable energy through six strategic zones, with one area identified as the "preferred" site for offshore wind energy on marine structures.

"This initiative not only advances our ambition for renewable energy but also strengthens Malta's role in sustainable development in the Mediterranean region," Dalli said, noting that offshore energy would be crucial to reach these targets, with floating wind and solar energy projects expected to play a vital role in the transformation.

Malta is also exploring the potential of offshore solar technology, which can be implemented closer to the coast, reducing visual impact while contributing to the country's renewable energy goals.

According to the National Statistics Office, Malta's electricity supply in 2023 amounted to 2,918 GWh, with 10.9 percent coming from renewable sources. ?

VALLETTA - Energy ministers from nine European Union (EU) countries agreed on Thursday to turn the Mediterranean region into a green energy hub.

At their meeting in Valletta, the capital of Malta, the ministers of the so-called MED9 alliance, including Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain, signed the Malta Statement, a joint declaration aimed at facilitating renewable energy investments in southern Europe.

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Miriam Dalli, Malta's minister for the environment, energy, and enterprises led the meeting, which was also attended by EU Energy Commissioner Kadri Simson. "We all recognize that investments in renewable energy infrastructure are not simply a forward-looking commitment with long-term objectives. These investments are the best solution to our current challenges," Dalli said in a statement.

They also called for the European Commission to look into the potential of creating green energy corridors



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that would link Europe with renewables-rich North African countries and to prioritize EU funding for the development of key Mediterranean interconnections.

The discussions in Valletta took place on the first anniversary of launching the bloc's REPowerEU plan, which aims to accelerate the deployment of renewables and to increase investment in energy efficiency throughout the EU.

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