

PRESS RELEASE

The EuroAsia Interconnector welcomes the support from the leaders of the Governments Cyprus – Greece – Israel.

Jerusalem, 9 December 2016 – The leaders of the Governments of Cyprus, Greece and Israel re-affirmed during the Tripartite Meeting on 8th of December 2016 in Jerusalem their full support towards the EuroAsia Interconnector, the submarine electric cable with length of 1518 km, which will connect the electricity grids of Israel, Cyprus and Greece-Attica through Crete with mainland Europe. The leaders themselves declared the strategic importance of the Electricity Interconnection.



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“ We, Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of the State of Israel, Nikos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus, and Alexis Tsipras, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, having met in Jerusalem today, 8th December 2016, have agreed to continue strengthening the cooperation between our three countries in order to promote a trilateral partnership in various fields of common interest and to continue working together towards promoting peace, stability, security and prosperity in the Eastern Mediterranean and the wider region.

Following the January 2016 Nicosia Declaration, we welcome the establishment of the Permanent Ministerial Committee on Energy designed to consider strategic and practical aspects of joint action in the field of energy cooperation.

In this context, trilateral meetings were held at Ministerial and Directors' General level.

We wish to reemphasize that the trilateral energy projects, East-Med pipeline to Europe as well as “EuroAsia Interconnector”, both are of strategic importance to us all, through the creation of economic and political benefits for Israel, Greece and Cyprus, as well as for the rest of Europe, enhancing energy security and further diversification of energy sources and routes.”

We express our thanks and our appreciation to the three leaders for their support and welcome the vision and the deepening of the cooperation between the three countries, which opens up significant prospects in the energy sector. We are working intensively to implement the EuroAsia Interconnector and achieve daily progress in cooperation with the governments of the three countries and the European Commission. We are working to complete the Electricity Interconnection between Cyprus, Greece and Israel placing the founding stone in 2017 according completion timeframes 2019, 2020 and 2022 as approved by the European Commission.

For further information contact the implementing authority of the Project EuroAsia Interconnector, tel. +357 22 792 200 or visit the website <http://www.euroasia-interconnector.com>

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Jerusalem, 8th December 2016

From the left: The Prime Minister of Greece Mr. Alexis Tsipras. The Prime Minister of Israel Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu and the President of the Republic of Cyprus Mr. Nicos Anastasiades.

