



Hydrocarbons in SE Mediterranean.

A new challenging era is rising up!

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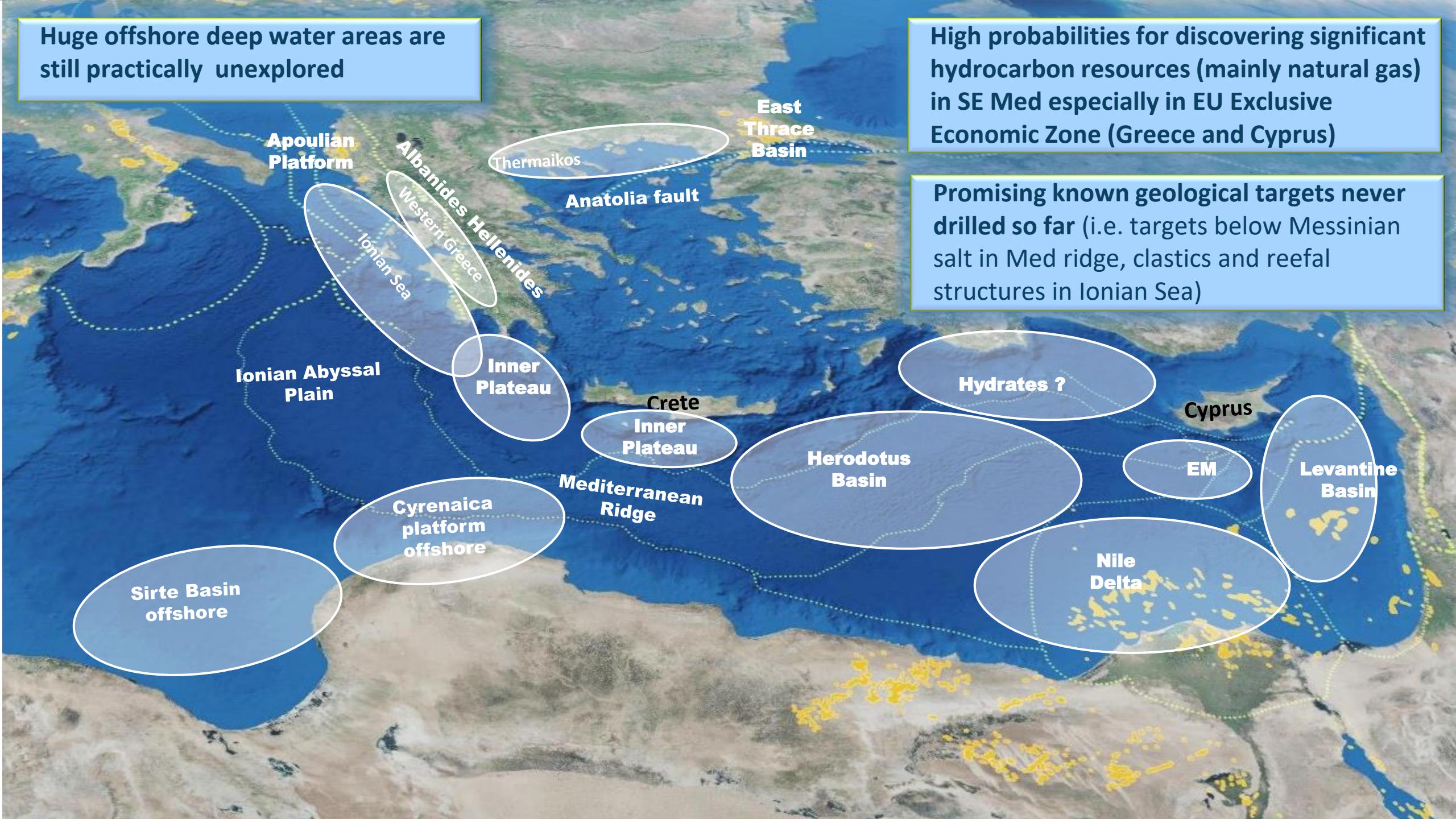
Agenda

- ❖ Current exploration and production activities and hydrocarbons potential in SE Med countries
(including some major geopolitical facts)
 - Greece
 - Libya
 - Egypt
 - Israel
 - Lebanon
 - Cyprus

Huge offshore deep water areas are still practically unexplored

High probabilities for discovering significant hydrocarbon resources (mainly natural gas) in SE Med especially in EU Exclusive Economic Zone (Greece and Cyprus)

Promising known geological targets never drilled so far (i.e. targets below Messinian salt in Med ridge, clastics and reefal structures in Ionian Sea)





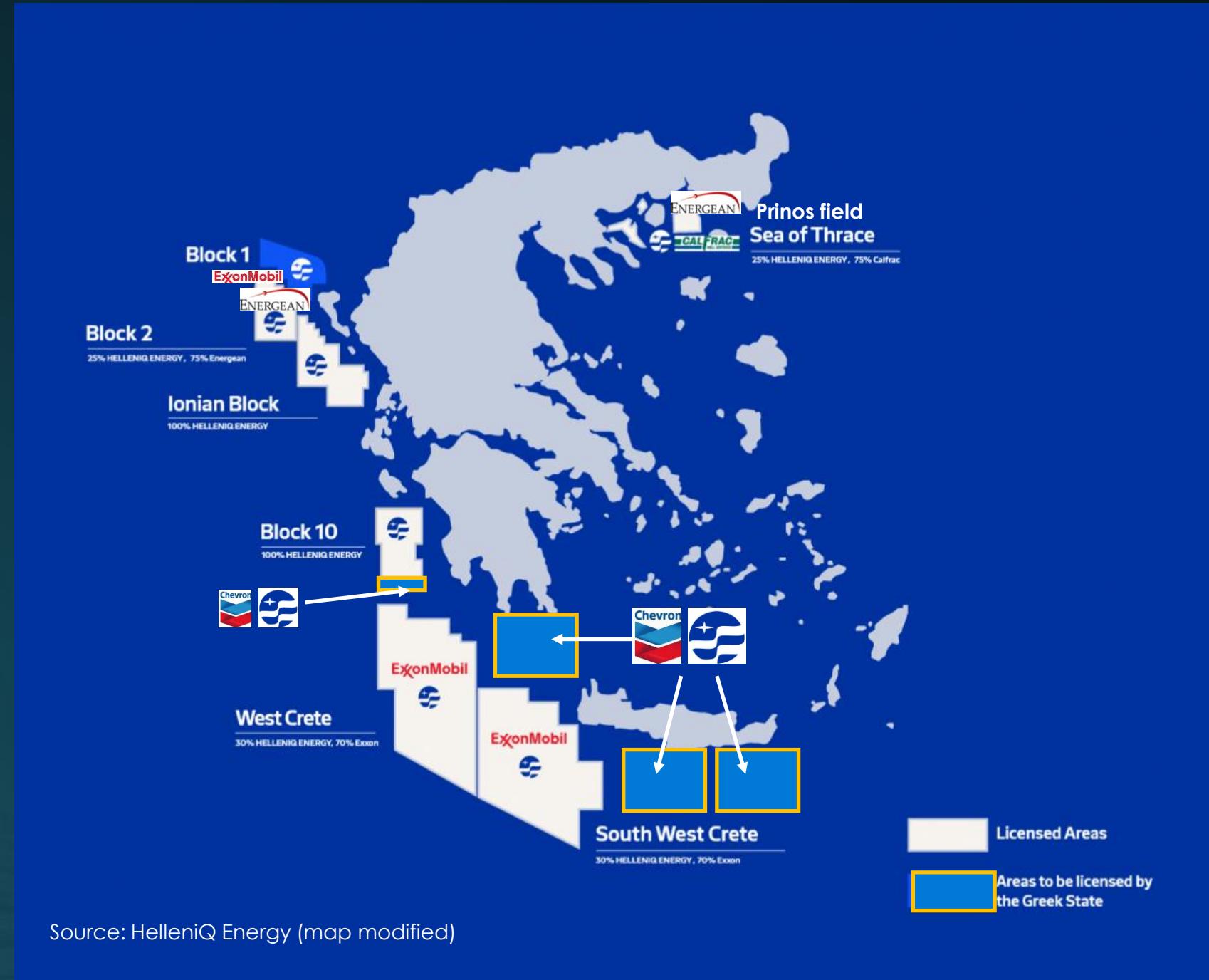
Greece

- ❖ The last 10 years numerous blocks in Ionian Sea, around Crete and onshore W. Greece licenced following international bid rounds
- ❖ Potential **resources** in these areas are estimated to **70 -90 T Cf**
- ❖ There is not any offshore drilling activity in the country the last 40 years, due to lack of political support from the governmental parties, bureaucratic obstacles and environmental concerns from activists.
- ❖ Today's **government recently changed** energy policy **supporting hydrocarbons exploration** – remains to be proved
- ❖ Large offshore promising areas in Greek EEZ are still **unexplored**
- ❖ Currently the main players are the US majors **ExxonMobil** and **Chevron** in JVs with the leading energy company in the country **HelleniQ Energy** (Hellenic Petroleum) and **Energean**, operator in the Prinos field with impressive presence in SE Med

Chevron is entering the country having submitted offers for four offshore blocks in JV with HELLENIQ ENERGY

ExxonMobil farmed-in in **Block 2** joining ENERGEAN and HELLENIQ ENERGY targeting to drill a huge geological target

Exploration works are in progress in blocks **Ionian**, **Block 10**, **W. and SW. Crete** with positive results

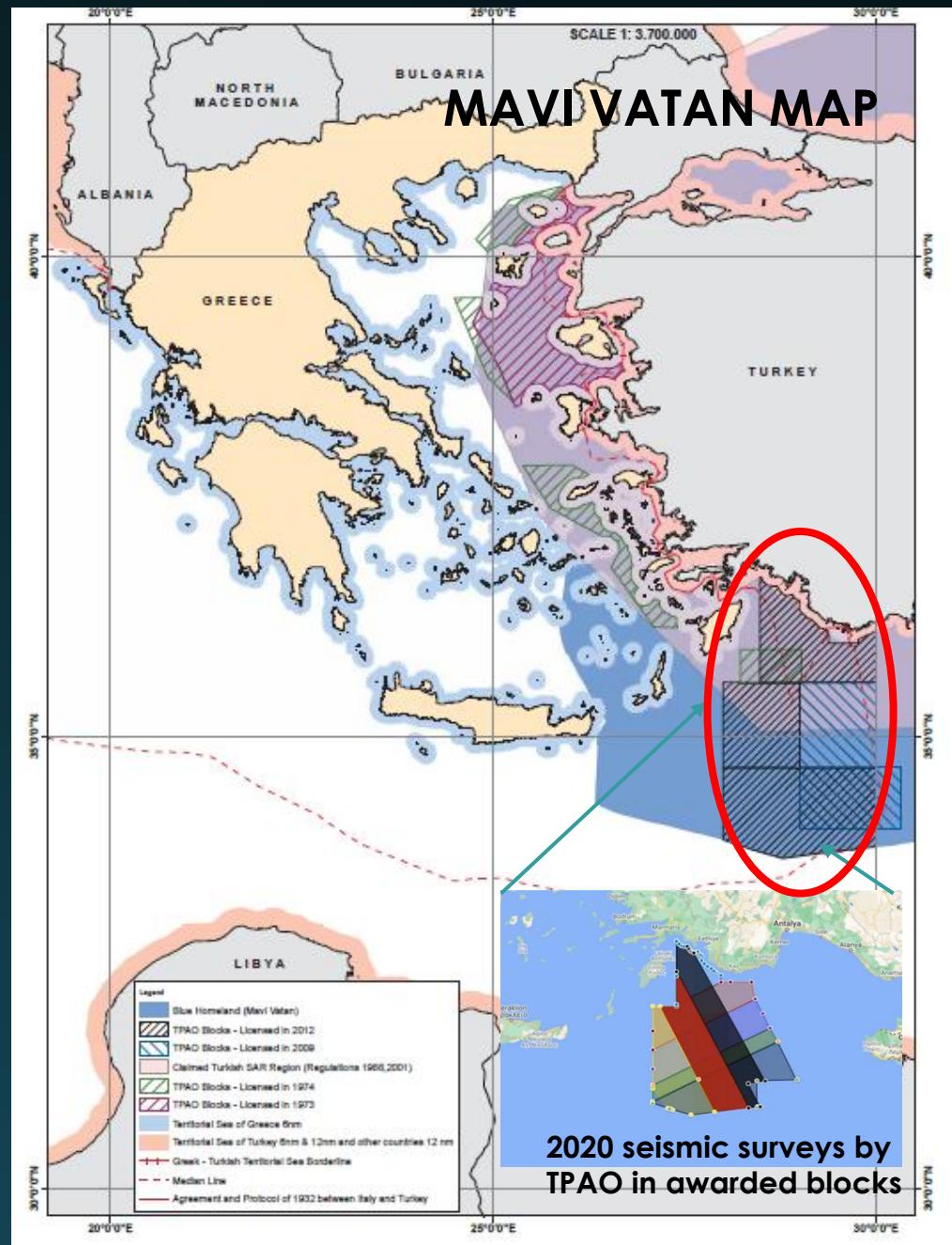
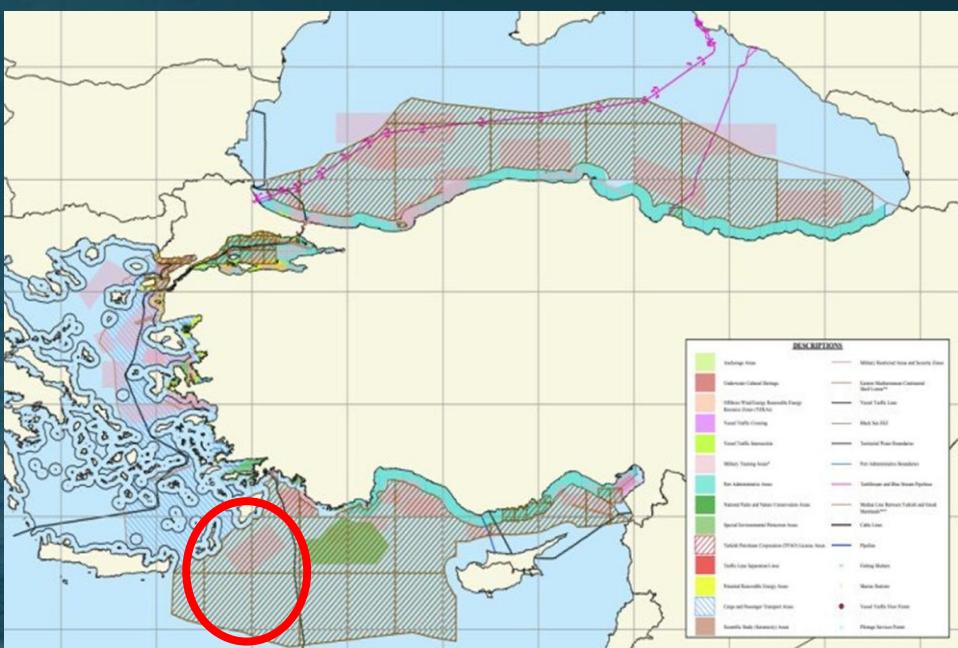


Greece published April 2025
Maritime Spatial Planning map
(Directive 2014/89/EU) having signed
agreements with Italy and Egypt
delimitating EEZ
The map reflects **maximum Greek EEZ**
as per **UNCLOS**, International Law of
Sea and EU maps



Turkish Institute DEHUKAM, published
June 2025, **Maritime Spatial Planning**
reflecting political vision of **Mavi
Vatan** (Blue Homeland October 2018)

Türkiye awarded blocks to TPAO in Cypriot and Greek EEZ and at the same time threatens Greece **with “casus belli”** if extends the Greek territorial waters from 6 n.m. to 12





Libya

- ❖ Country, since 2011, remains politically unstable with no forecast for democratic elections
- ❖ Early 2025 crude **production** is c. 1.5 bpd and Eni, BP, OMV and Repsol resumed operations
- ❖ A new **Bid Round** opened March 2025 attracting interest in the oil industry (more than 40 companies accepted by NOC amongst them TotalEnergies, OMV, Sonatrach, TPAO and US majors ExxonMobil, Chevron)
- ❖ **NOC signed MoU with TPAO and ExxonMobil** to make G&G studies in specific blocks not included in the round

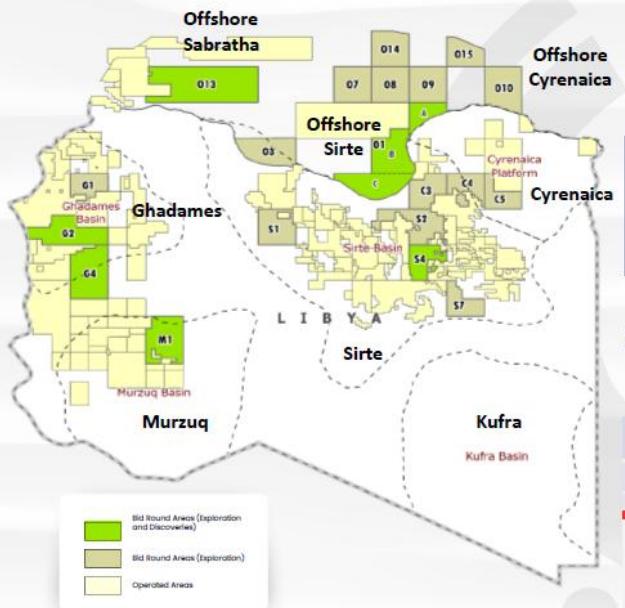


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LIBYA BID ROUND



Where Opportunity
Meets Energy



Exploration Opportunities



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Discoveries
In 9 Areas

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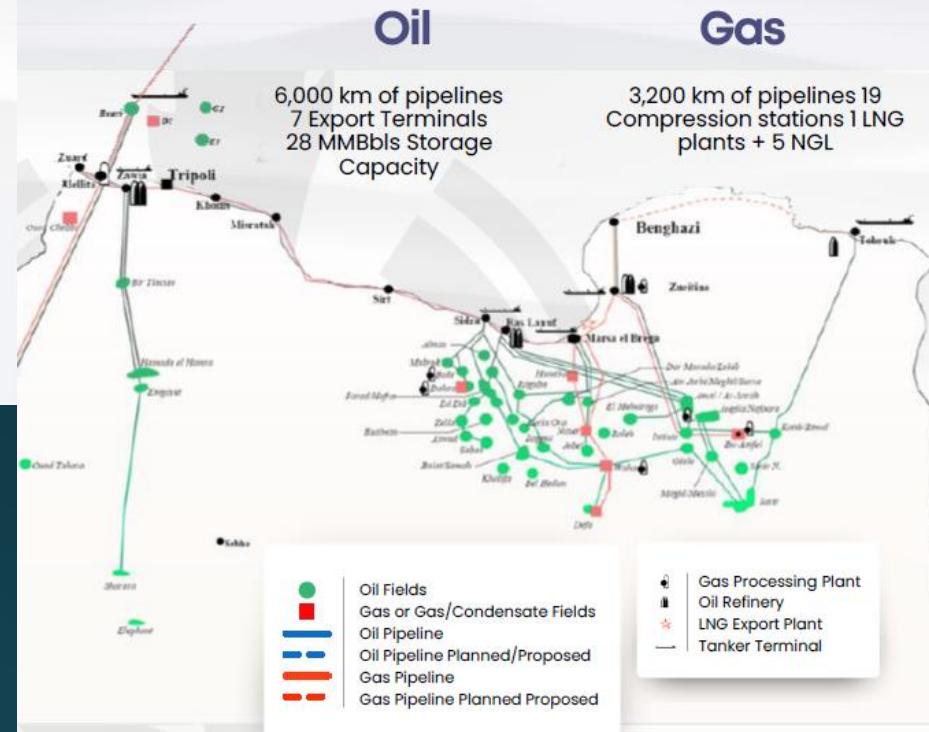
Discoveries
In 4 Offshore Areas

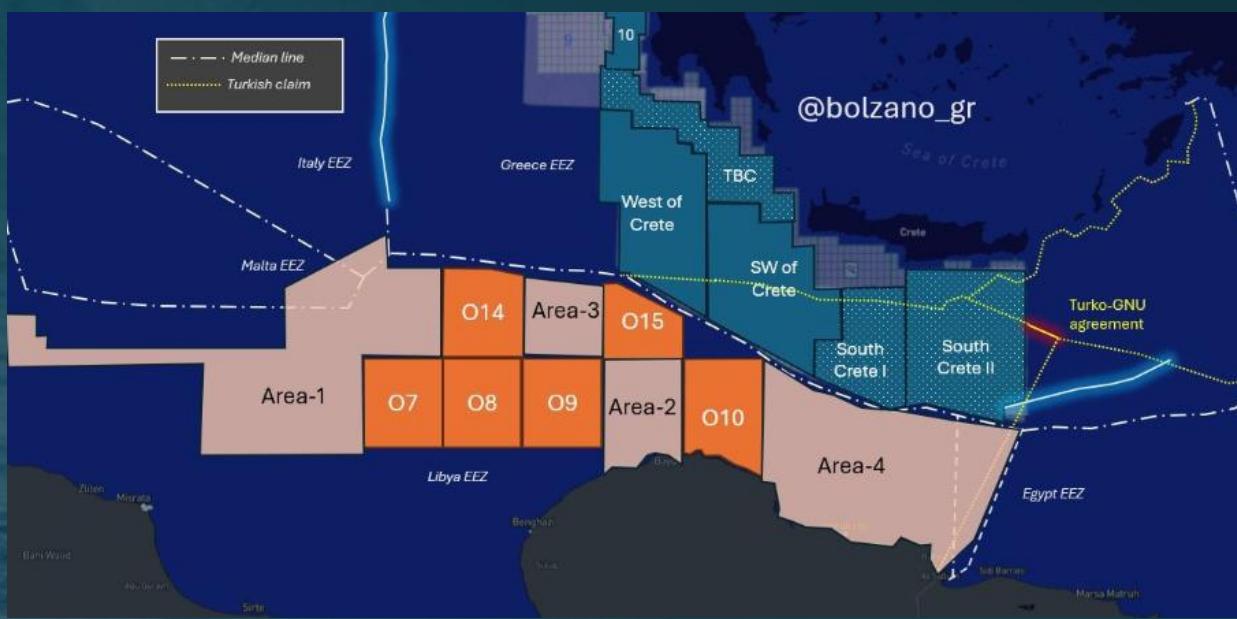
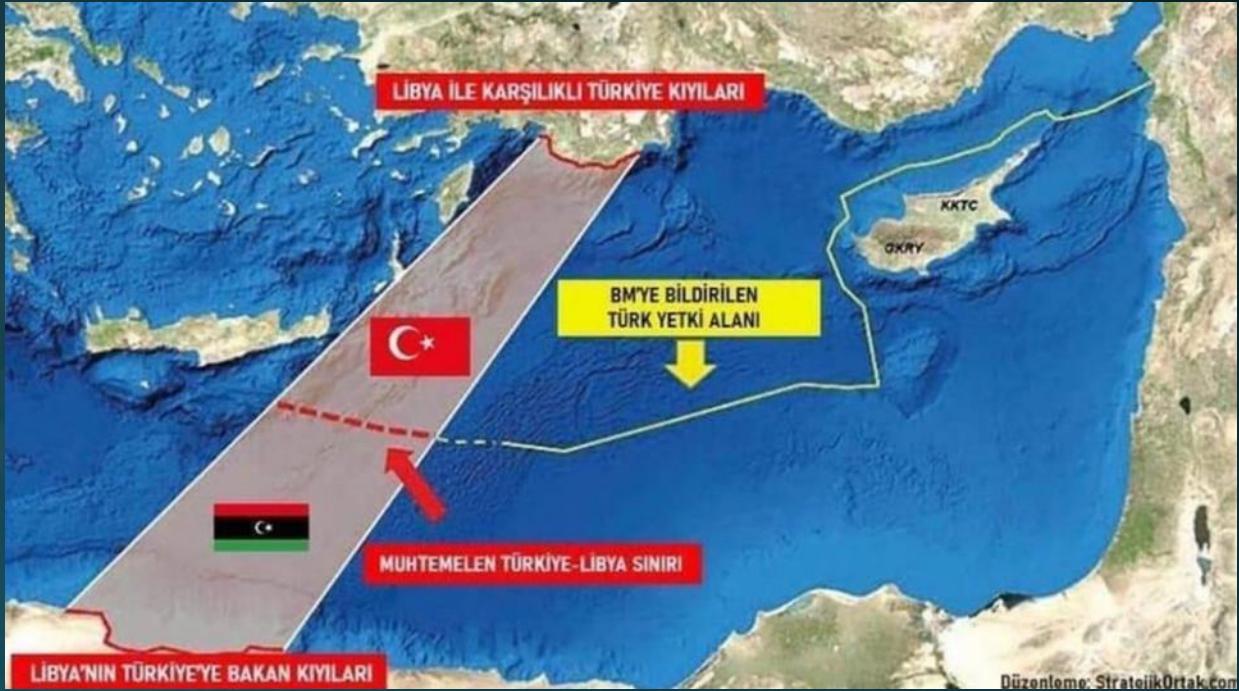
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Discoveries
In 5 Onshore Areas

In-Place Reserves **1.63 Bboe**.

Libya's NOC provides an infrastructure that is
Well-connected for the Export of Hydrocarbons.





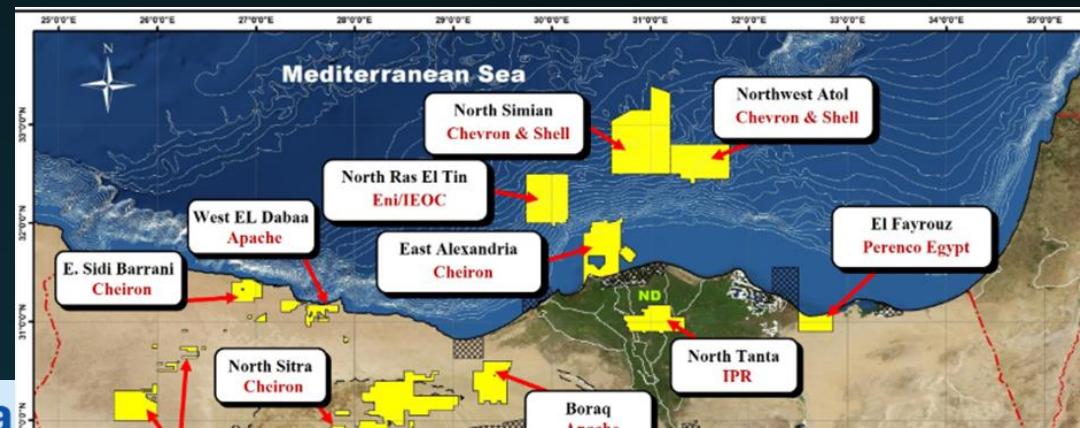
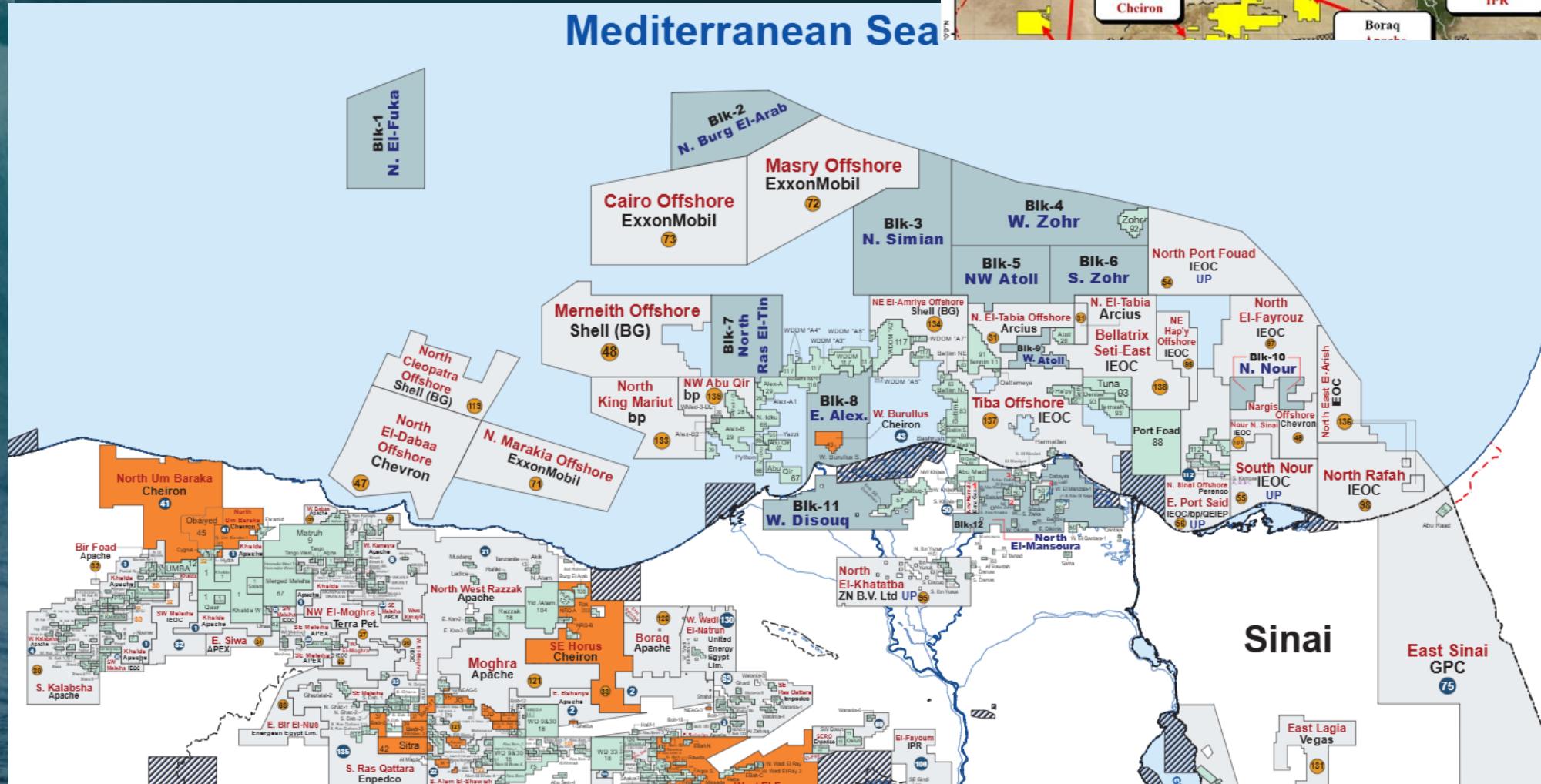
- ❖ Libya and Türkiye Nov 2019 signed MoU concerning EEZ amongst the two countries. Egypt and Greece protested it.
- ❖ June 2025 NOC signed MoU with TPAO to carry G&G studies in four offshore blocks, which are following the medial line between Greece and Libya



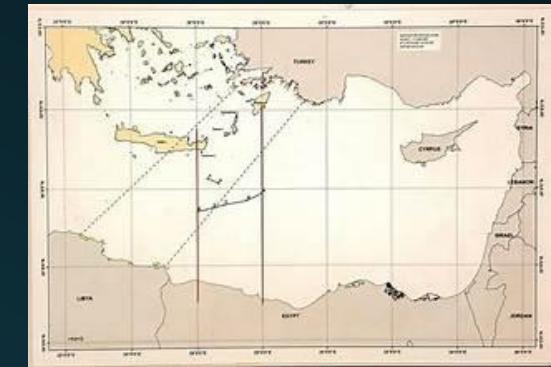


Egypt

- ❖ Country's gas production **is dropping** continuously the last years to c.4 Bcf/d (depletion of Nile Delta fields, Zohr underperformance, delays in development of new discoveries)
- ❖ Imports to cover shortfall c. 1,2 Bcf/d using existing LNG terminals Idku and Damietta, FPSOs and pipelines (**new agreements** with Israel and Cyprus allowing Chevron to transfer gas from Leviathan and Afrodite)
- ❖ Earlier this year **new promising discovery** (Nefertari) in Herodotus Basin by ExxonMobil.
- ❖ Strong expectations for the planned wells by BP (Atoll) and Eni (Temsah)



Egypt on the basis of UNCLOS, the International Law of the Sea, has delimited its EEZ with Cyprus (2003), Libya (2022) and partly with Greece (2020) up to 280 Meridien (overlapping the Turkish Libyan MoU).



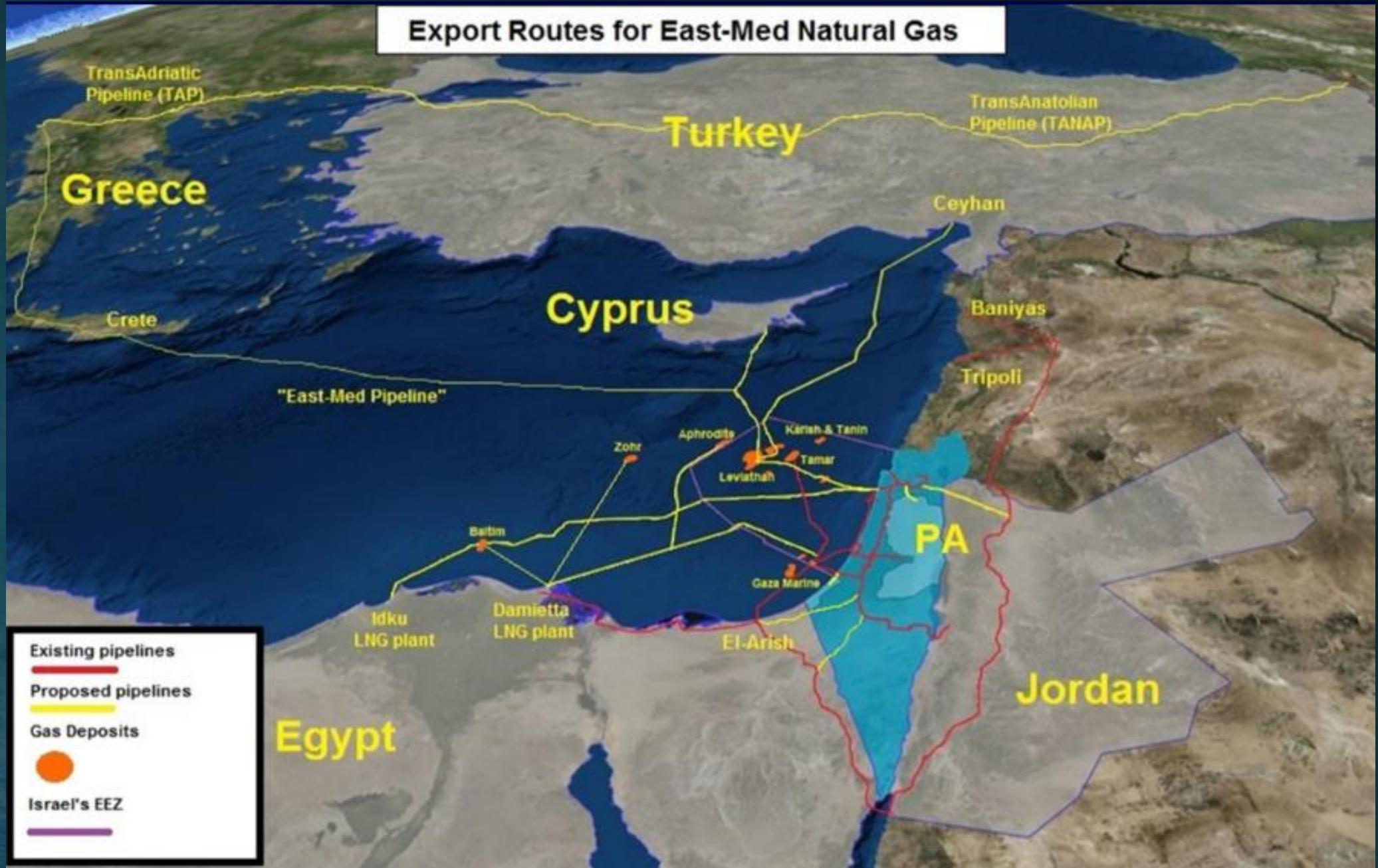
Türkiye condemns all the above agreements, having its own view.





Israel

- ❖ Following the giant discoveries of Tamar and Leviathan offshore gas fields in Levantine Basin back in 2010, the new discoveries during 2022 in Karish / Katlan / Tanin by Energean added significant reserves producing as of today c. 2,6 Bcf/d and oil c. 27000 b/d
- ❖ Development of above fields is ongoing by Chevron and Energean
- ❖ Remaining 2P recoverable reserves are estimated **gas 38 Tcf and oil 150 MMbbls**
- ❖ Numerous blocks of rounds held 2016 – 2023 are awarded to international and local companies SOCAR, BP, Eni, NewMEd, Dana
- ❖ Israel – Gaza war affected partial day to day operations due to security concerns
- ❖ **Export routes of excess gas:** Arab Gas pipeline to Jordan, East Med Gas pipeline to Egypt and Energean's FPSO in Karish



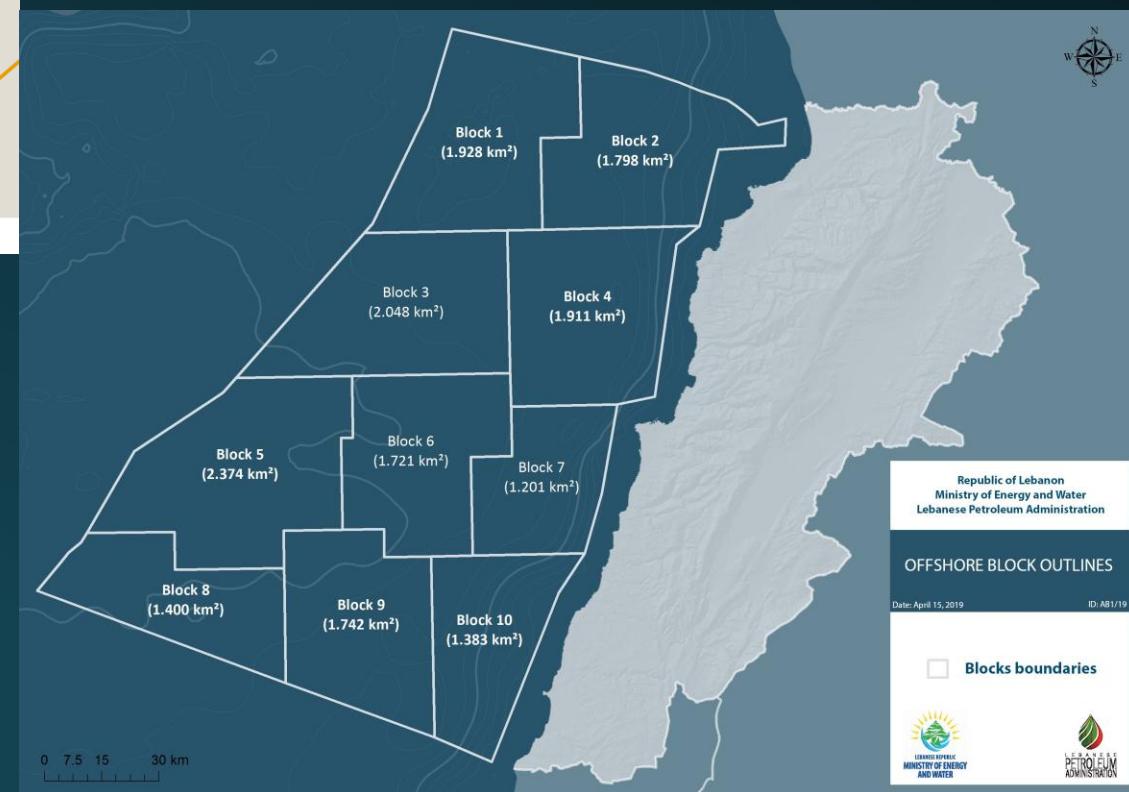
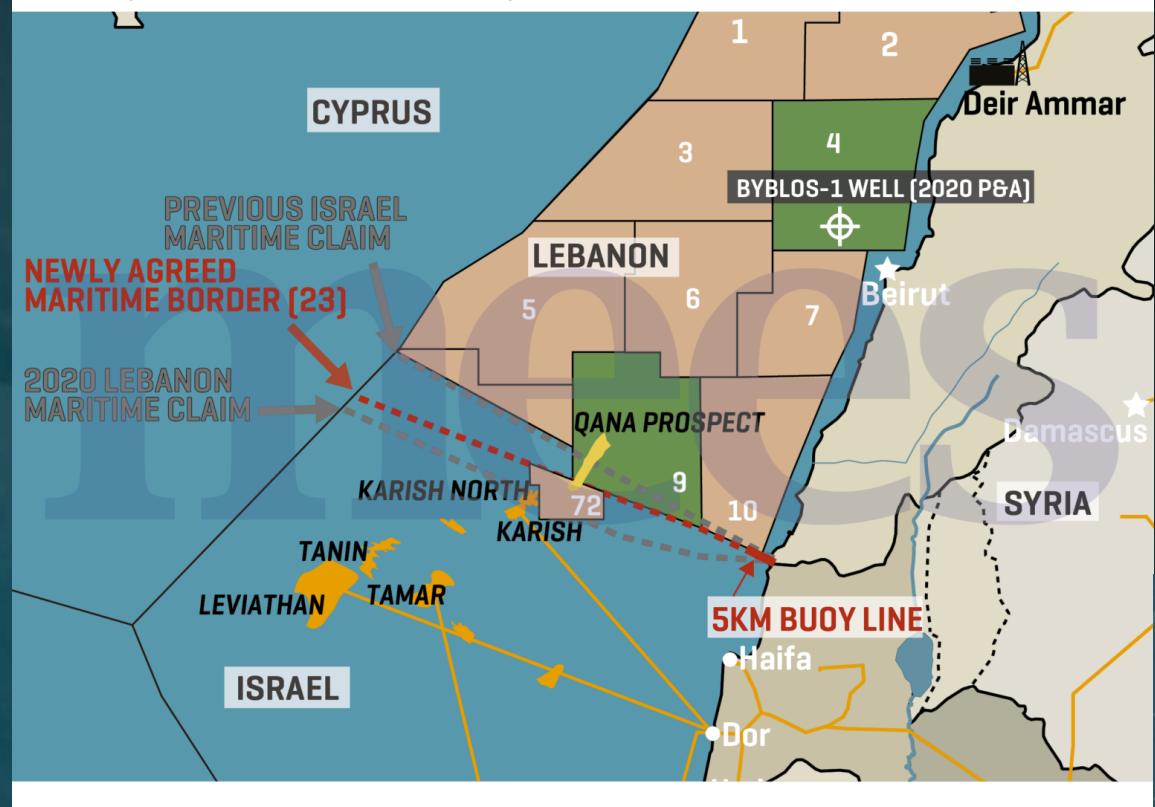


Lebanon

- ❖ Lebanon's offshore lies within the northern Levant Basin, adjacent to proven petroleum provinces in Israel and Cyprus
- ❖ Estimated reserves are up to **25 T Cf gas**
- ❖ Despite its recognized hydrocarbon potential, exploration in Lebanese waters remains at immature stage, with adequate seismic coverage but only two exploration wells drilled to date
- ❖ Recent Israel-Lebanon **maritime agreement**, mediated by USA, have enabled again exploration in the borders Israel – Lebanon
- ❖ March 2025, a consortium of SOCAR, BP and NewMed Energy signed an agreement in Block 1, adjacent to where the EEZ of Cyprus, Israel, and Lebanon meet
- ❖ October 2025 the EEZ borders Lebanon – Cyprus have **officially ratified (initial agreement 2003)**

ISRAEL & LEBANON AGREE NEW MARITIME BORDER

GAS FIELD/PIPELINE ■ BLOCKS ON OFFER ■ TOTAL/ENI

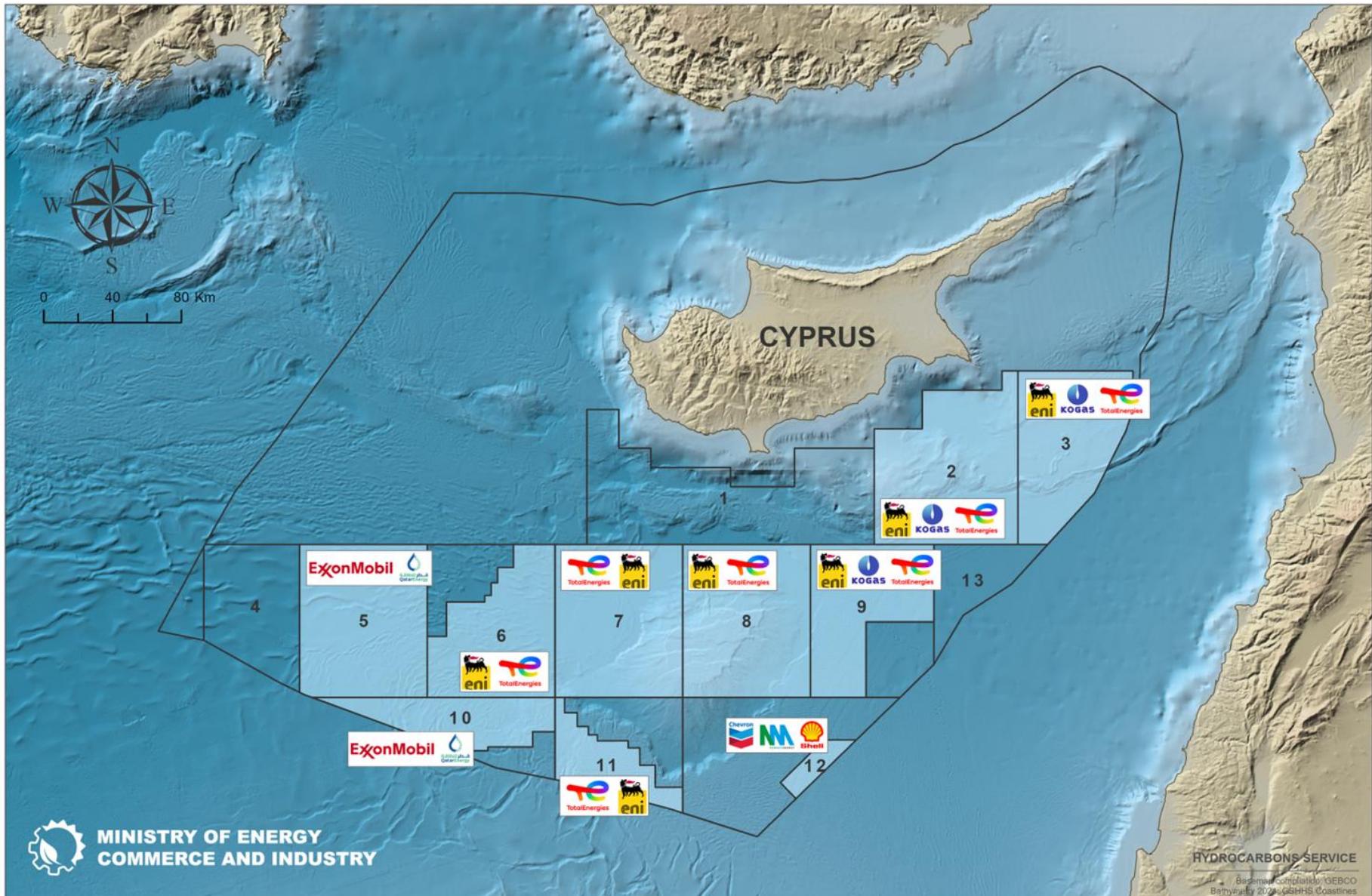




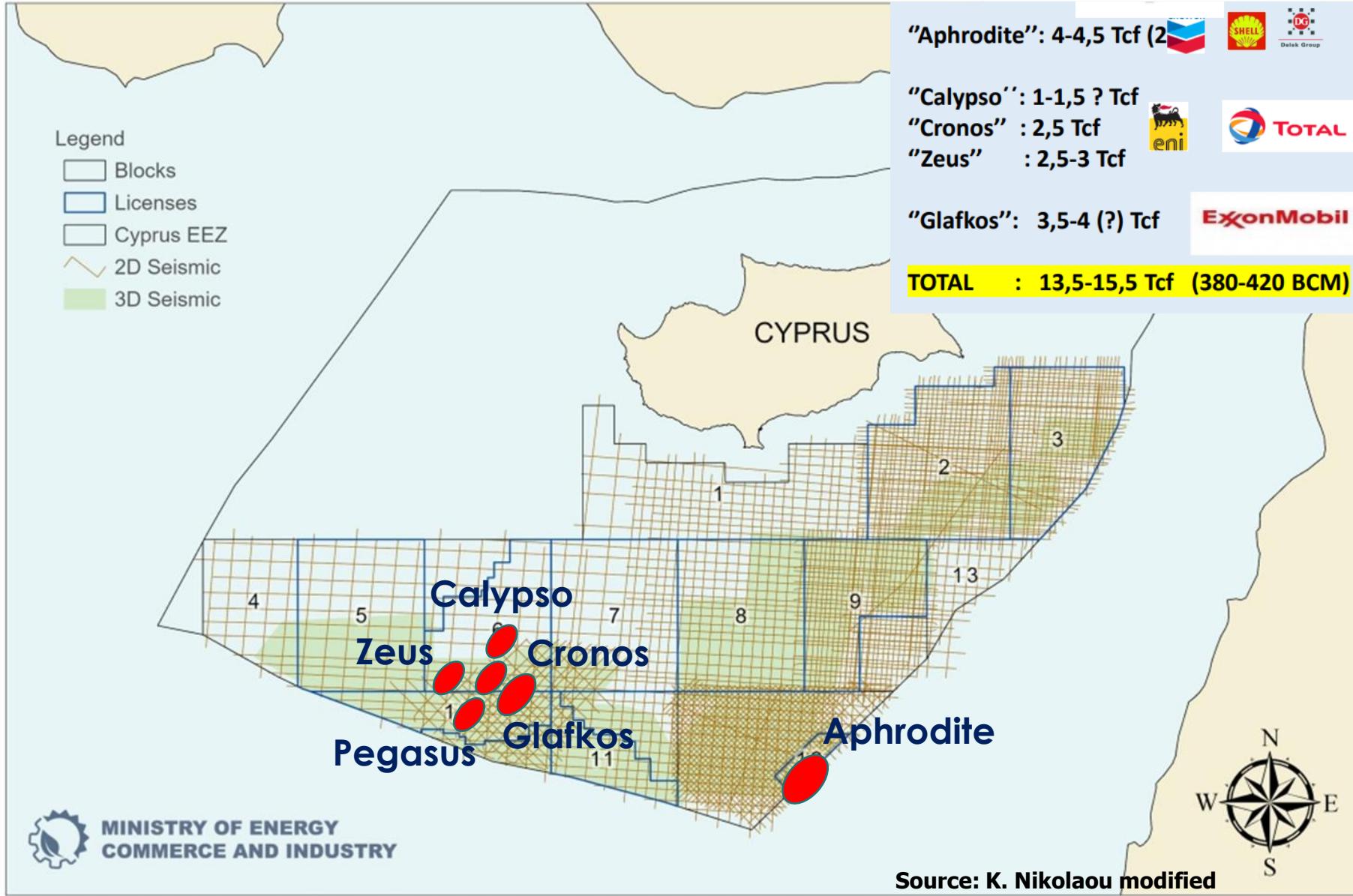
Cyprus

- ❖ Exploration activities since 2011 have **discovered** c. 20 TCF gas, which are still undeveloped while numerous other prospects remain undrilled so far
- ❖ Cyprus following international licensing rounds have awarded to major IOCs ExxonMobil, Chevron, Eni, TotalEnergies, QatarEnergy who are planning more exploration activities in the near future.
- ❖ Concerning the most mature field Afrodite, operated by Chevron, the field development study is approved
- ❖ **Export routes** are under **consideration** like EastMed pipeline to Greece, while it is signed an agreement for a pipeline to transfer production from Aphrodite and Chronos to Egypt

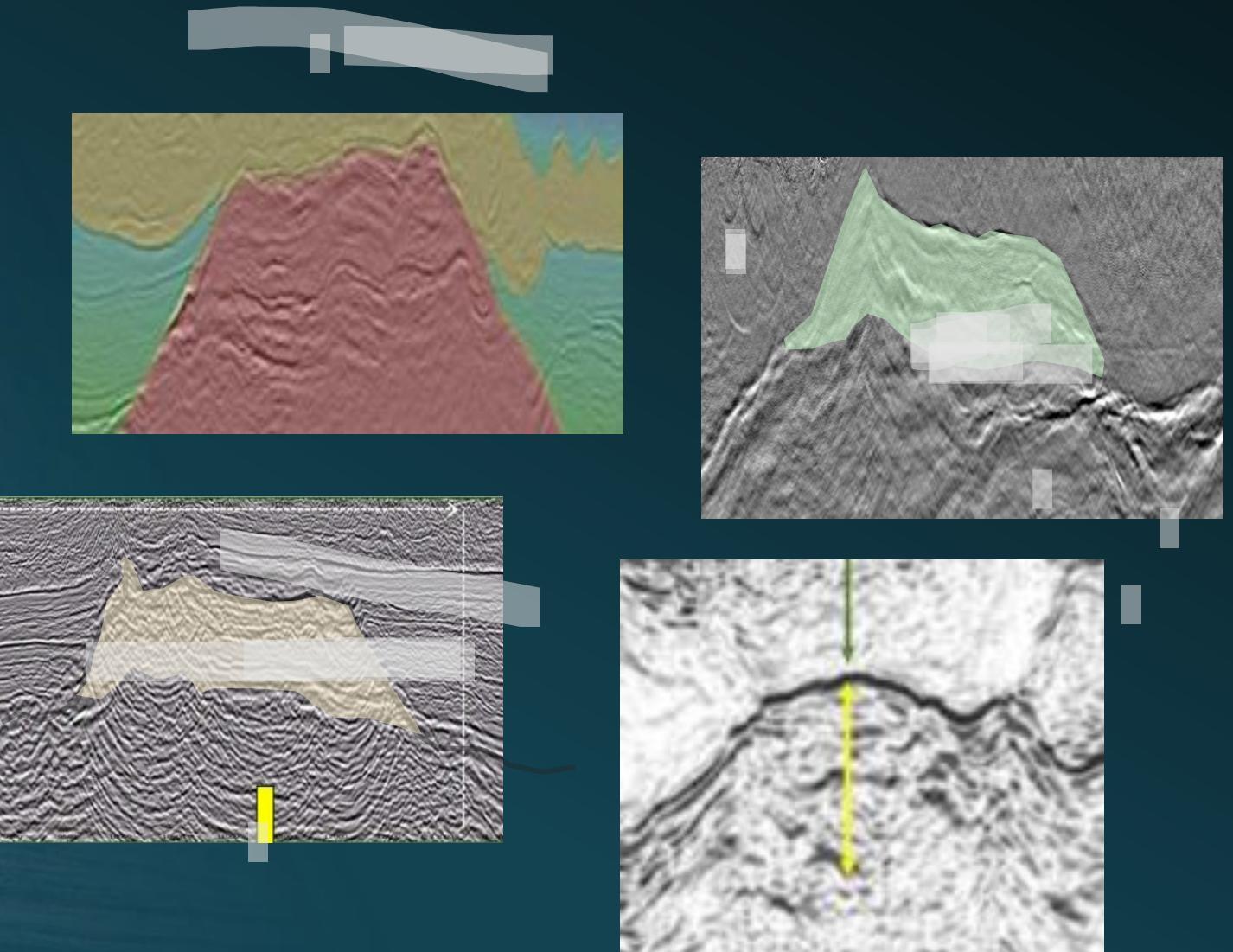
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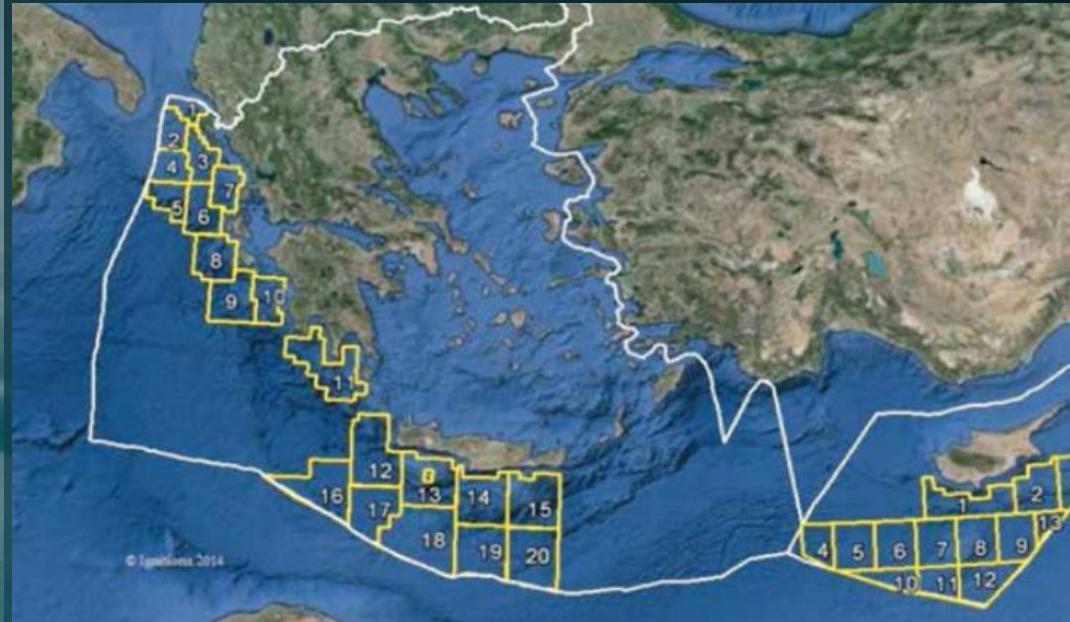
Natural gas discoveries in Cyprus: c. 400 - 450 BCM



Natural gas geological structures from SE Med region (Zohr field, two from Greece and one from Cyprus)



Published seismic sections (different processing stage - in arbitrary horizontal and vertical scale)



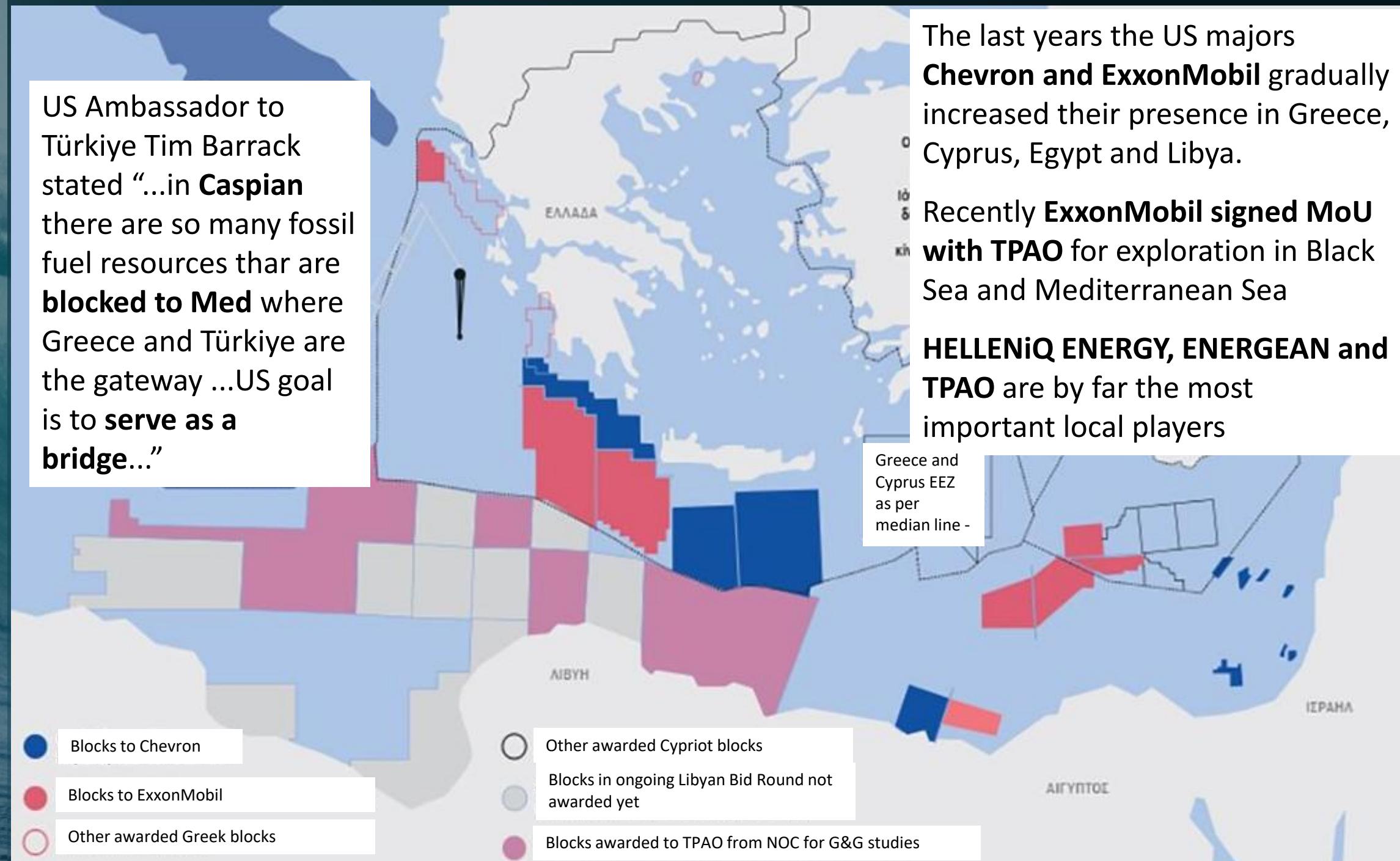
All licenced blocks in Greece and Cyprus are based on UNCLOS, European Union and United Nation official decisions

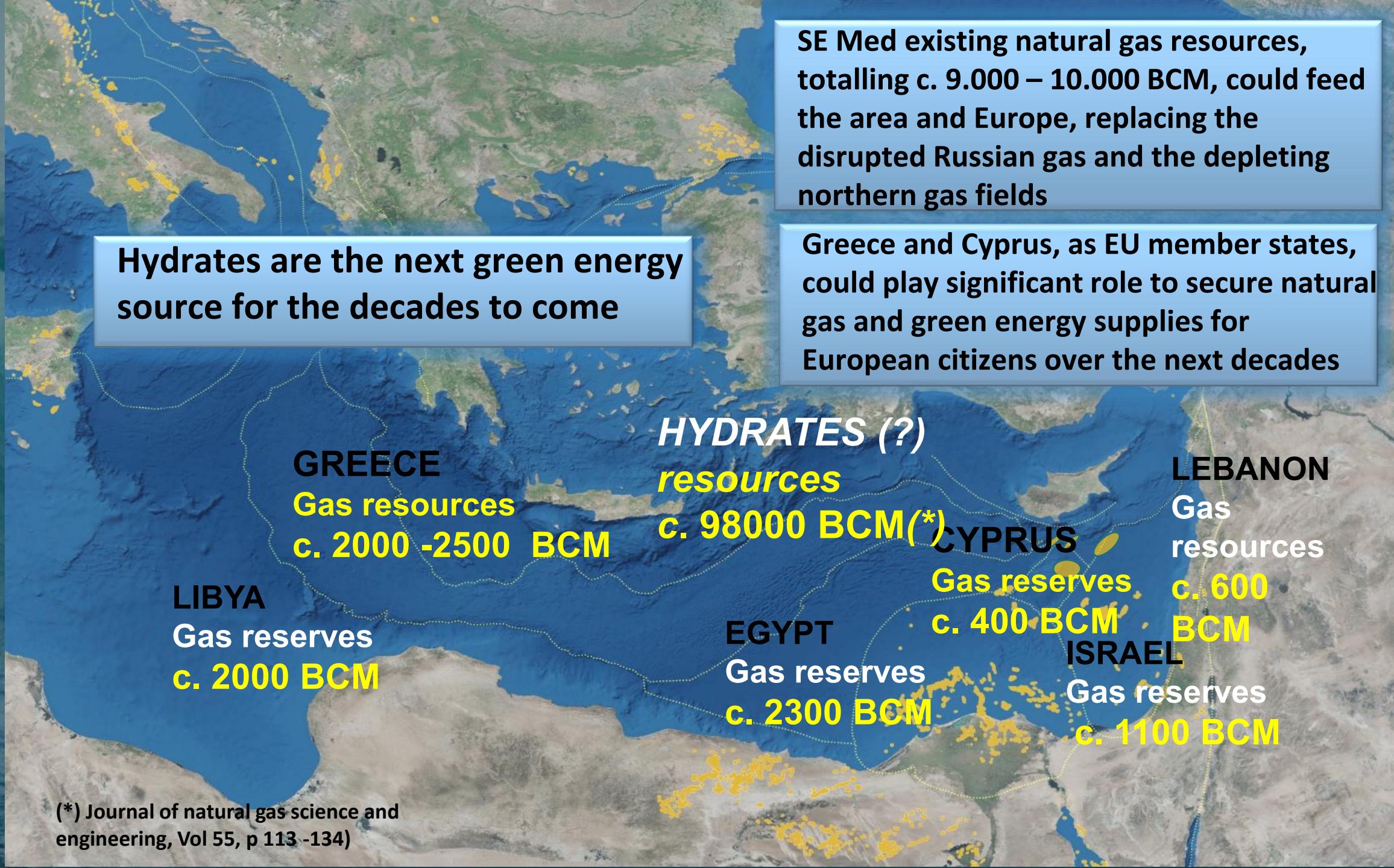
(white line indicates Greece's and Cyprus's EEZ according to International Law of Sea and are illustrated in the EU official "Sevilla map" – source T. Kariotis))

- Türkiye, since 2009, is granting to TPAO offshore areas in SE Med (eastern to 28° Meridian crossing Rhodes island).
- Administration of the occupied northern part of Cyprus (official name as per UN) awards blocks to TPAO
- TPAO shot several seismic surveys and drilled wells (2017 -2020) in blocks in yellow



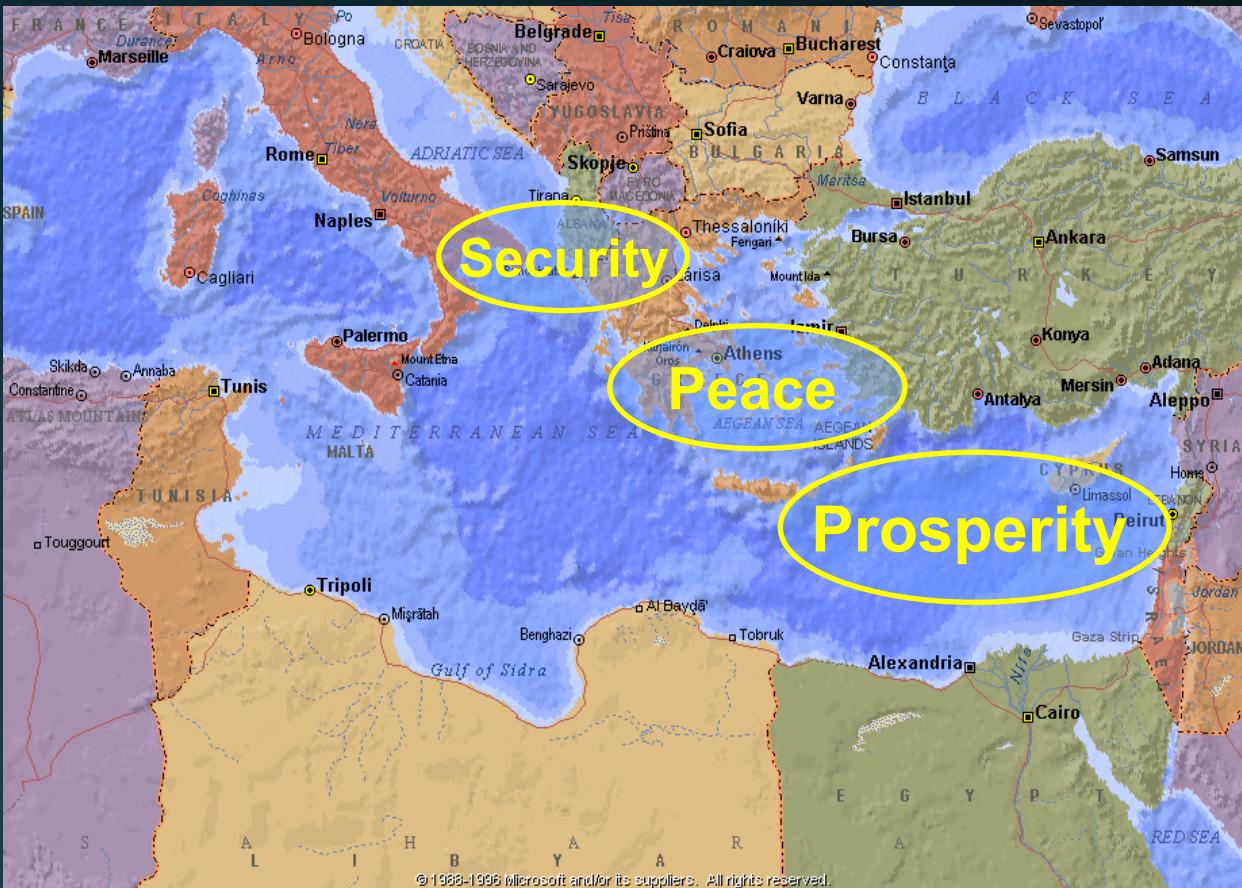
US Ambassador to
Türkiye Tim Barrack
stated "...in **Caspian**
there are so many fossil
fuel resources that are
blocked to Med where
Greece and Türkiye are
the gateway ...US goal
is to **serve as a
bridge...**"





Provided that the International Laws are in full force, the SE MED natural gas resources could offer security, peace and prosperity in Med area and Europe

- The only viable solution requires **all neighboring and all involved countries** in the area and the **stakeholders**, without any preconditions and asterisks, to:
 - **Strictly comply and respect the International Law of Sea (UNCLOS) and UN Conventions and Treaties**
 - **Recognise and accept the borders and EEZ of each country as per International Laws**
 - **Fully honor the existing decisions of the United Nations**





Stability for
Peace
Prosperity
in SE Med countries

Many thanks
for your
kind attendance