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Abstracts

MAURIZIO ROMANO, L'ENI in Tunisia. Dalle origini alla nazionalizzazione delle attività petrolifere (1959-1975)

The events of the hydrocarbon collaboration between Eni and Tunisia are one of the least-known chapters of the Euro-Mediterranean relations history, from the late 1950s to the effects of the oil shock in the first half of the 1970s. Its geographical proximity to Italy and the peculiarity of its oil vicissitudes made Tunisia a significant element of the network of relations built by Eni with the developing African countries. It was true especially during the phase when the company founded by Enrico Mattei, and its needs of international affirmation, intertwined with the post-colonial emergence of the new independent nations. The network of relations with the Tunisian partner represented a significant example both of Eni's commercial and industrial strategy towards the emergent countries, and of the Italian holding company's communication adopted to address the socio-cultural implications of the interactions with the producing nations. In addition, the Tunisian case represents an important page of the economic and political disagreements that marked the relations between Italy and other European states (especially France) in that period, as well as one of the emblematic scenarios of the contrast between Eni and the companies of the world oil cartel.

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