



**DRAFT 12.09.17**

Location:

**Grand Arsenal - Centre of Mediterranean Architecture**

**10.00 – 11.00: Opening session**

Chair:

**Dominique Ristori**, Director General for Energy, European Commission

- **Alexis Tsipras**, Prime Minister of Greece
- **Miguel Arias Cañete**, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, European Commission
- **Joe Mizzi**, Minister for Energy and Water management, Malta (tbc)
- **Claude Turmes**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Pierre Jean Coulon**, President, European Economic and Social Committee, Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society
- **Stavros Arnautakis**, Governor, Crete Region

Coffee break

**11.30 – 12.45: Decarbonising EU islands**

This session will discuss the impacts of the European Islands Initiative by showcasing existing and future plans to decarbonise EU islands.

Opening address and co-chairs:

- **Giorgos Stathakis**, Minister of Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Greece
- **Dominique Ristori**, Director-General for Energy, European Commission

Panel discussion with high-level representation from EU islands:

- **Nektarios Santorinios**, Vice Minister of Maritime Affairs and Island Policy
- **Gilles Simeoni**, President of Corsican Executive Council, Islands Commission President (CRPM)
- **Aksel Johannesen**, Prime Minister of the Faroe Islands
- **Rosario Crocetta**, President of Sicily

- **Adrián Mendoza Grimón**, Vice Minister of Industry, Energy and Trade of the Canary Islands
- **Rui Bettencourt**, Regional Assistant Secretary of the Presidency for External Affairs of the Regional Government of the Azores
- **Elizabeth Press**, Director, Planning and Programme Support, IRENA
- **Kostas Komninos**, Director, DAFNI Network

#### 12.45 – 13.15: Financing the decarbonisation of EU islands

- **Alessandro Boschi**, Head of Renewables Division, the European Investment Bank
- **Ronald Hall**, Principal Advisor, Directorate General for Regional Policy, European Commission

Lunch break

#### 15.00 – 17.30: Roundtables with best practices

This session will feature two roundtables showcasing existing best practices and innovative projects in the areas of renewables, research and innovation, and energy efficiency.

##### **Roundtable 1: Transitioning large islands**

Chair:

**Megan Richards**, Director Energy Policy, DG Energy, European Commission

Participants invited:

- **Teresa Luis Ruiz**, EURELECTRIC's Network of Experts on Islands' Energy Systems
- **Laurent Schmitt**, Secretary-General, ENTSO-E
- **Eduardo Maldonado**, Energy Expert Group of Outermost Regions, University of Porto
- **Eric Scotto**, Renewable energy projects on islands, Akuo Energy, France
- **Barry O'Connell**, Integrating wind resources, Senior Lead Network Planning Engineer, Eirgrid
- **Alberto Ponti**, Head of Research and Market Analysis, Connecting islands, Terna
- **Juan Pedro Sánchez**, CEO of Gorona del Viento El Hierro, vice-president of the Cabildo of El Hierro (Government of the Island)
- **Giles Dickson**, Chief Executive Officer, WindEurope
- **Christian Buchel**, Chairman, EDSO for Smart Grids

##### **Roundtable 2: Transitioning small islands**

Chair:

**Mechthild Wörsdörfer**, Director Renewables, Research and Innovation, and Energy Efficiency, DG Energy, European Commission

Participants invited:

- **Dimitris Zafirakis**, Coordinator, Tilos project, Tilos, Greece
- **Didier Lhuillier**, Director General of CNR, the example of Marie-Galante
- **Rune Schmidt**, Manager, Ærø Energi- og Miljøkontor, Engaging communities, Denmark
- **Nigel Holmes**, CEO, Scottish Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Association, the Orkney Islands - Hydrogen Storage Empowering Island Communities

- **Gianni Chianetta**, Director, Greening the Islands
- **Julien Marchal**, Vice-President of Naval Energies
- **James Watson**, Chief Executive Officer, SolarPower Europe
- **Sandor Szabo**, Sustainable Energy Portfolios for Small Island States, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- **Ilias Monacholias**, Chief Executive Officer, PPC Renewables

**17.30 – 17.45: Closing**

**Dominique Ristori**, Director-General for Energy, European Commission

**20.00 – 22.00: European Islands Presidents' Gala Dinner**