



European Week of Regions and Cities - 2022

“20 years of EU policies in island regions: where are we?”

12 October, 9h30 – 11h00 (CET)

Committee of the Regions - Rue Belliard 101 (Room JDE 62), Brussels

Virtual platform: Zoom

Island regions suffer from territorial discontinuity and peripheral position from the mainland, resulting in reduced competitiveness and development. The ongoing EU challenges together with the upcoming green and digital transitions are likely to widen the gap between islands and the other regions even further if not properly compensated.

In the twentieth edition of the EURegionsWeeks, the high-level conference aims to take stock of the EU policies in islands in the last two decades and address islands' challenges to move towards a real territorial cohesion.

9h30

ROUND TABLE

Moderator: Claudio Collovà, Policy Analyst, European Parliament

Alessandra ZEDDA

Vice President and Regional Minister for Labour, vocational training, cooperation and social security of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia (Italy)

Clint CAMILLERI

Minister for Gozo in the Government of Malta (Malta)

Marie-Antoinette MAUPERTUIS

President of the Corsican Assembly, CoR Member (France)

Rodi KRATSA

Governor of the Ionian Islands Region, CoR Member (Greece)

Rosario SÁNCHEZ GRAU

Regional Minister of Finance and External Relations of the Balearic Islands Government (Spain)

George ALEXAKIS

Regional Councillor for European & International Affairs of the Region of Crete (Greece)

10h20

DEBATE

Open discussion with high-level representatives of EU Institutions and bodies, including: members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European Commission, members of the Committee of the Regions, members of the Economic and Social Committee.

Younous OMARJEE

Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Regional Development (REGI) (France)

Josianne CUTAJAR

Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup for seas, rivers islands and coastal areas (SEArice) (Malta)

Alicia HOMS GINEL

Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup for seas, rivers islands and coastal areas (SEArice) (Spain)

Stelios KYMPOUROPOULOS

Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Intergroup for seas, rivers islands and coastal areas (SEArice) (Greece)

Willibrordus SLUIJTERS

Head of Unit "Italy and Malta", Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), European Commission

10h45

CONCLUSIONS

Following the debate, the moderator will invite the panel to draw the final messages on islands policy-related open issues in the EU.

Interpretation will be provided in English, Italian, French and Catalan.