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# EU ISLANDS AT THE FOREFRONT OF ENERGY TRANSITION & DECARBONISATION OF ECONOMIES

## 18 JUNE 2019

**VENUE:** Committee of the Regions – Room VMA 1  
rue Van Maerlant - 1040 Brussels

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## BACKGROUND

**The meeting will be held in English.**

The European Union entered a key stage for the achievement of its energy and climate targets. Indeed, according to the governance of the Energy Union and climate action rules, by 31 December 2019 Member States are required to establish 10-year integrated National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) and submit them to the European Commission. Furthermore, Member States are also required to develop national long-term strategies by 1 January 2020, and consistency between long-term-strategies and NECPs has to be ensured.

In this context, representatives of Island regional and local governments in collaboration with the member Industries of GreeningTheIslands have agreed to hold a half day meeting in Brussels with the technical and political support of the Committee of the Regions (CoR).

The meeting will aim to debate on the content and main objectives of national plans & strategies and on the role that Island governments and the private sector should play both in their design and implementation. It will also allow participants to exchange with new elected representatives of the European Parliament as well as with members of the Committee of the Regions about next key political steps in the fields of energy transition and decarbonisation of EU Islands.



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# DRAFT AGENDA

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## 9.30 - OPENING SESSION

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Welcome address by **Gaetano ARMAO**, President of the CoR Insular Regions Intergroup, Vice-President of Sicily Region (tbc)

## 9.40 - ENERGY UNION AND NECPs - TURNING EU ISLANDS IN LIVING LABORATORIES

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- Representatives of the European Parliament
- Representative of the European Commission (DG ENER), (tbc)

## 10.15 - TOWARDS A JOINT ROADMAP FOR EU ISLAND GOVERNMENTS AND INDUSTRIES

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- **Eleni MARIANO**, Secretary General of the CPMR
- **Gianni CHIANETTA**, CEO GreeningTheIslands

## 10.30 – 11.30 ROUND TABLE I

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**Enhancing energy transition in the islands: focus on best practises and main challenges**

*Moderation by **Giuseppe SCIACCA**, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Islands Commission*

- **Denis BREDIN**, Director of the Ponant Islands Association
- **Andreia CARREIRO**, Regional Director for Energy, Regional Government of the Azores
- **Francesco GATTIGLIO**, EU Affairs Manager Eurobat
- **Michele GOVERNATORI**, Chairman European Energy Retailers Association

### Best Practices

### Debate

**11.30 – 11.45 Coffee break**

## 11.45 – 12.45 ROUND TABLE II

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### How to turn decarbonisation in opportunities for growth and jobs in the EU islands

Moderation by **Gianni CHIANETTA**, CEO GreeningTheIslands

- **Jorg SINGER**, Mayor of Helgoland
- **Joseph BORG**, Chairman of Insuleur and President of Gozo Business Chamber
- **Aurelie BEAUVAIS**, Policy Director, SOLARPOWER EUROPE
- Representative of Wind Europe (tbc)

### Best Practices

#### Debate

## 12.45 – 13.15 CONCLUSIONS

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- **Eleni MARIANOU**, Secretary General of the CPMR
- **Gianni CHIANETTA**, CEO, GreeningTheIslands
- Representatives of the European Parliament
- Representative of the Committee of the Regions