



AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023 | 09:15 – 18:00

Venue: Auditorium del Parc BIT
c/ Parc Bit, 4 - 07120 Palma de Mallorca

Interpretation: English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Greek

ISLANDS COMMISSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY

09.00 – 09.15	Registration of participants
09.15 - 10.15	ISLANDS COMMISSION POLITICAL BUREAU (Members only)
9.15-10.15	<p>ISLANDS COMMISSION POLITICAL BUREAU</p> <p>Institutional welcome and summary of mandate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosario SANCHEZ GRAU, Regional Minister for Finance and External Relations of the Government of Balearic Islands, Presidency of the Islands Commission <p>Reflection on key priority actions in the next mandate to update the Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antoni VICENS VICENS, Director-General for External Relations of the Government of the Balearic Islands, Presidency of the Islands Commission <p>Update on the renewal of the PB, election of the President & next statutory meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudia GUZZON, Executive Secretary of the Islands Commission <p><i>Debate between members</i></p>
10.15 – 10.30	Break
10.30 - 18.00	ISLANDS COMMISSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY
10.30 – 10.40	<p>INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME/OPENING SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francina ARMENGOL i SOCIAS, President of the Government of the Balearic Islands, President of the Islands Commission

10.40 – 10.50	<p>RENEWAL OF IC POLITICAL BUREAU, ELECTION OF IC PRESIDENT AND APPOINTMENT OF IC VICE-PRESIDENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudia GUZZON, Executive Secretary of the Islands Commission
10.50 – 12.20	<p>POLITICAL SESSION “A PACT FOR EU ISLANDS: TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ISLANDS AGENDA” including NATIONAL FOCUS on SPAIN</p> <p><i>This Political Panel will focus on the implementation of an EU Agenda for Islands. The debate will reflect with the contribution of key players and members on the priority areas to be addressed in such an Agenda and the corresponding multi-level partnerships to be built for its practical implementation. The session will also include a specific focus on the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and its active role and commitment in this process.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderation by Davide STRANGIS, Deputy Secretary General of the CPMR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS, First Vice-President, Committee of the Regions • Pascual Ignacio NAVARRO RÍOS, Secretary of State for the European Union, Government of Spain • Gonzalo DÍAZ MILLÁN, Director General of Autonomous and Local Legal Regime, Secretary of State of Territorial Policy, Government of Spain • Emmanouil KOUTOULAKIS, Secretary General of the Aegean and Island Policy, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Government of Greece • Caroline CALLENS, Head of Unit for Portugal and Spain, DG REGIO, European Commission • Rosario SANCHEZ GRAU, Regional Minister for Finance and External Relations of the Government of Balearic Islands • Marie-Antoinette MAUPERTUIS, Rapporteur of the Opinion on “Enhancing cohesion policy support for regions with geographic and demographic handicaps (art 174 TFEU)”, Committee of the Regions • Video address by Younous OMARJEE, President of REGI Committee, European Parliament <p><i>Debate between members and invited stakeholders</i></p>
12.20 – 12.30	<p>PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE FINAL DECLARATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidency of the Islands Commission
12.30 – 14.00	<p>TECHNICAL SESSION “TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ISLANDS: INSULARITY & SUSTAINABILITY”</p> <p><i>This Session will start with a technical introduction on different aspects of islands’ territorial development and related policies, based on some specific examples considered by recent analysis carried out by the OECD “Rethinking Territorial Development Policies in the new Global environment”. An introduction to the recent essay “Insularity in the European Union” will bring additional elements to the discussion. The following debate will involve some of the insular regions concerned by the analysis, to further reflect on multi-level governance/capacity, place-based approach to regional development and sustainability issues specifically linked to insularity in all the different dimensions - environmental, economic and socio-cultural, such as those related to housing, skills, digitalisation, among others.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderation by Claudia GUZZON, Executive Secretary, Islands Commission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire CHARBIT, Head of Unit, Regional Attractiveness and Migrant Integration, OECD • Filip REINHAG, Deputy Mayor, Gotland • Prof. Carles MANERA, University of the Balearic Islands (UIB)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John DALY, Economist, Northern and Western Regional Assembly, Ireland • Vasilis MARGARAS, European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) <p>Experiences from other members</p> <p><i>Debate between members and invited stakeholders</i></p>
14.00 – 15.15	<i>Lunch on site</i>
15.15 – 16.30	<p>ENERGY & TRANSPORT SESSION: “DECARBONISATION, FIT FOR 55, STATE AID (DE MINIMIS RULE) CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR ISLANDS”</p> <p><i>This first thematic Session aims to reflect on the main challenges and opportunities linked to decarbonisation in the current context, as well as the support needed, with a focus on two key sectors for islands, the energy and transport sectors - including considerations on the Fit For 55 package, state aid and particularly de minimis rule - based on the contributions and experiences of different speakers.</i></p> <p><u>Moderation by Gianni CHIANETTA, Founder & Director, Greening The Islands</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guillaume MORENO, Senior Policy Analyst, CPMR • Martine BELDOR, Territorial Councillor for European affairs, Saint-Martin • Xavier RAMIS, Director General, Maritime & Air Transport, Government of Balearic Islands & Pep MALAGRAVA, Director General of Energy & Climate Change, Government of Balearic Islands • Joseph BORG, President of INSULEUR (Insular Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the EU) <p>Experiences from other members</p> <p><i>Debate between members and invited stakeholders</i></p>
16.30 – 16.45	<i>Break</i>
16.45 – 17.45	<p>MARITIME & CLIMATE SESSION: “THE POTENTIAL OF SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY IN ISLANDS & SOLUTIONS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION/ADAPTATION”</p> <p><i>This second thematic Session intends to discuss with speakers the opportunities unlocked by sustainable blue economy in islands as well as their role at the forefront of climate change, providing some tangible examples and exchanging on best solutions.</i></p> <p><u>Moderation by Marta FERRETTI, Project Manager, SMILO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clint CAMILLERI, Minister for Gozo • Pedro FARIA E CASTRO, Regional Undersecretary of the Presidency of the Regional Government of the Azores • Bibi CHANFI, Vice-president in charge of Economic Development, Mayotte • Claudia PECORARO, Policy Officer, DG RTD (Unit Healthy Ocean & Seas), European Commission <p>Experiences from other members</p> <p><i>Debate between members and invited stakeholders</i></p>
17.45 – 18.00	<p>PROGRESS REPORT & ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudia GUZZON, Executive Secretary of the Islands Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Activity Report ○ Presentation of financial documents ○ Upcoming Statutory meetings (including IC GA 2024)

20.00

Official Dinner at Casal Solleric - Passeig del Born, 27 – 07012 Palma

The Islands Commission is currently involved in two European-funded projects: a project stand at the event will allow participants to get familiar with both the [MAESHA](#) and [TwinSolar projects](#).



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THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023 AM – SEMINAR ON NATURE REGISTRATION LAW

Separate Agendas are available on our website for the CPMR Events taking place on 23rd February: [Intermediterranean meetings](#) and [Joint IC and IMC Seminar](#) on Nature Restoration Law.

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023 – 9.30 – 17.30 CULTURAL VISIT

9.00 – 18.00 Cultural visit to the northern part of the island organised by the Illes Balears.