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Clean Energy for EU Islands

Inaugural Forum

Grand Arsenal - Centre of Mediterranean Architecture
Chania /Crete, 22 September 2017

10.00 – 11.15: 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

Speakers invited:

- **Maurice Ponga**, Chair of the “Islands and Overseas Entities” Working Group of the European Parliament
- **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 and Environment, Greece
- **Dominique Ristori**, Director-General for Energy, European Commission

Panel discussion with invited high-level representation from EU islands:

- **Nektarios Santorinos**, 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
- **Fernando Clavijo**, President of the Government of the Canary
- **Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the Regional Government of the Azores
- **Claude Turmes**, Member of the European Parliament

12.45 – 13.00: Financing the decarbonisation of EU islands

Speaker invited:

- **Ambroise Fayolle**, Vice President of the European Investment Bank

Lunch break

15.00 – 17.00: 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
- **Doireann Barry**, Integrating wind resources, Innovation programme manager, Eirgrid
- **Luca Marchisio**, Business Development Manager 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)
- **Sandor Szabo**, Sustainable Energy Portfolios for Small Island States, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

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
- **Leo Filippov**, Smart Islands Initiative, Association of Estonian Islands
- **Didier Lhuillier**, Director General of CNR, Transitioning the transport sector
- **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

17.00 – 17.15: Closing

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

20.00 – 22.00: European Islands Presidents' Gala Dinner