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SMART policies for SMART islands

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Kralja Tomislava 23 - Malinska
Island of Krk - CROATIA



Draft programme

09.00 – 09.30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

09.30 – 10.00 **Opening remarks**

- **Vidoje Vujić**, President, County Chamber of Rijeka
 - **George Benetos**, President, Insuleur
 - **Pierre Jean Coulon**, President, TEN Section European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
 - **Alexis Chatzimpiros**, Adviser on Energy-Climate/Islands, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (Video)
 - **Representative**, Local Authority
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10.00 – 12.00 **Session 1: Sectoral policies for socio-economic development in islands**

Moderator: (tbc)

- Representative, ESIN – Energy: renewable energy generation and self-sufficiency
- **Artouro Escuder**, Tenerife Chamber of Commerce – Agriculture: quality vs. quantity
- EESC Member – Transport: urban mobility and TEN-T
- **Michael Grech**, Gozo Chamber – Islands in the Digital Agenda
- **Flavio Burlizzi**, UNIONCAMERE – Smart specialization for future island policy
- **Eleftherios Kechagioglou**, President, Hellenic Small Islands Network; Board Member, European Small Islands Federation – Small Islands: The need for tailored-made measures

Debate

12.00 – 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 – 15.00

Session 2: Increasing competitiveness in islands

Moderator: (tbc)

- **Antoine Mondoloni**, President, Corse Chamber of Commerce – How challenging is it to be an entrepreneur in an island?
- **Evangelos Myrsinias**, President, Lesbos Chamber of Commerce – Taxation of insular SMEs/MTA
- **Iago Negueruela i Vázquez**, Regional Minister for Labor, Trade and Industry of the Government of the Balearic Islands – Trade in goods and services: fair competition
- **Representative**, Rijeka Chamber of Commerce – Health policies: benefiting residents and the economy

Debate

15.00 – 16.00

Session 3: Policy wrap-up

Moderator: (tbc)

- **Ivan Jakovčić**, Member of the European Parliament (ALDE)
 - **Nikolaos Isaris**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG CNECT, European Commission
 - Member of the EESC
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16.00 – 16.15

Break

16.15 – 17.00

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*Interpretation is provide from and into Croatian, English, French, and Greek
Participants can also speak (but not listen to) Spanish and Italian*



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