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Location:

Grand Arsenal - Centre of Mediterranean Architecture

09.30 – 10.00: Registration

10.00 – 11.00: 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
- **Joe Mizzi**, Minister for Energy and Water management, Malta
- **Michèle Rivasi**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Pierre Jean Coulon**, President, European Economic and Social Committee, Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society
- **Stavros Arnautakis**, Governor, Crete Region

11.00 – 11.30: 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, Environment and Climate Change, Greece
- **Dominique Ristori**, Director-General for Energy, European Commission

Panel discussion with high-level representation from EU islands:

- **Nektarios Santorinios**, Vice Minister of Maritime Affairs and Island Policy of Greece
- **Marie Antoinette Maupertuis**, Member of Corsican Executive Council
- **Rosario Crocetta**, President of Sicily, tbc

- **Adrián Mendoza Grimón**, Vice Minister of Industry, Energy and Trade of the Canary Islands
- **Rui Bettencourt**, Regional Assistant Secretary of the Presidency for External Affairs of the Regional Government of the Azores
- **Elizabeth Press**, Director, Planning and Programme Support, IRENA
- **Kostas Komninos**, Director of DAFNI Network of Sustainable Greek Islands, Coordinator of Smart Islands Initiative

12.45 – 13.30: Financing the decarbonisation of EU islands

- **Alessandro Boschi**, Head of Renewables Division, the European Investment Bank
- **Ronald Hall**, Principal Advisor, Directorate General for Regional Policy, European Commission

13.30 – 15.00: Lunch break

15.00 – 17.30: 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:

- **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
- **Barry O'Connell**, Integrating wind resources, Senior Lead Network Planning Engineer, Eirgrid
- **Alberto Ponti**, Head of Research and Market Analysis, 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)
- **Iván Pineda**, Director of public affairs in WindEurope, WindEurope
- **Savvas Seimanidis**, President, EREF
- **Christian Buchel**, Chairman, EDSO for Smart Grids

Roundtable 2: Transitioning small islands

Chair:

Mechthild Wörsdörfer, Director Renewables, Research and Innovation, and Energy Efficiency, DG Energy, European Commission

Participants:

- **John Kaldellis**, Scientific Director of TILOS project, Tilos, Greece
- **Didier Lhuillier**, Director General of CNR, the example of Marie-Galante
- **Rune Schmidt**, Manager, Ærø Energi- og Miljøkontor, Engaging communities, Denmark

- **Gianni Chianetta**, Director, Greening the Islands
- **Julien Marchal**, Vice-President of Naval Energies
- **James Watson**, Chief Executive Officer, SolarPower Europe
- **Marcelo Masera**, Head of Unit 'Energy Security, Distribution & Markets', Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- **Ilias Monacholias**, Chief Executive Officer, PPC Renewables

17.30 – 17.45: Closing

Dominique Ristori, Director-General for Energy, European Commission

20.00 – 22.00: European Islands Presidents' Gala Dinner