



2014-2020: Which future for our islands and mountains?

Public hearing on the future of cohesion policy in European special territories

29th of November 2012

Rue Van Maerlant 2-Room VM3- European Economic and Social Committee

Objectives:

- Discussing institutional proposals on the future of the European cohesion policy
- Contributing to the debate from the perspective of territories and economic players directly impacted by decisions
- Generating an open and fruitful exchange between decision makers and representatives* of insular and mountain territories

10h30: Opening

- ✓ **Anna Maria DARMANIN**, Vice-President of the EESC
- ✓ **Juan GUAL DE TORRELLA**, President of Insuleur
- ✓ **André MARCON**, Former president of Euromontana

11h00: Debate session

I. The EU proposals: what state of play?

Technical presentation

- ✓ **Jean-Didier HACHE**, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Islands Commission

EU representatives

- ✓ **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

François ALFONSI, Member of the REGI committee

✓ **CYPRUS PRESIDENCY**

Cyprus Permanent Representative to the EU (tbc)

✓ **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Wladyslaw **PISKORZ**, Head of Unit H1, DG for Regional and Urban Policy

✓ **COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

Mercedes BRESSO, Vice-President

✓ **EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Anna Maria DARMANIN, Vice-President of the EESC

Practical presentation

- ✓ **Antonis CHACHLAKIS**, Deputy Managing Director of NIREUS Aquaculture company

II. Exchanges with the audience

Moderation of **Kattalin LANDABURU**, journalist

Testimonial:

EU Structural Funds: a local business success
story turned global

13h00- 14h30: lunch buffet