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

Władysław 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