



Public Hearing

Local Energy Communities: a vehicle for islands' energy transition?

10 November 2017 | Room TRE 7701 | 09:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Trèves Building | 7th floor, 74 rue de Trèves | European Economic and Social Committee

Draft Agenda

09:30 Registration

10:00 Welcome address – **Georges DASSIS**

Introductory Remarks – **Georges BENETOS**, President, INSULEUR

Keynote speech – **Pierre-Jean COULON**, TEN Section, EESC

10:15 **Session I:** Success stories from islands

The session will provide an overview of outstanding success stories from EU islands and offer insights on the key drivers behind the uptake of innovative projects and strategies.

*Moderator: **George ASONITIS**, INSULEUR*

Camille DRESSLER, ESIN

Alkisti FLOROU, Smart Islands Initiative/DAFNI Network

Alexis CHATZIMPIROS, Global expansion of sustainable community projects

10:45 **Session II:** LECs – unlocking the potential of islands' energy transition

The session will discuss the role of LECs in devising and implementing plans for islands' transition to a smart and sustainable era while bringing the different stakeholders under a common collaboration framework. With energy being the backbone, LECs can maximize synergies with other sectors (transport, waste & water) and provide integrated infrastructure management services, ensuring sustainable use of natural resources on islands in a socially and financially inclusive way.

*Moderator: **Kostas KOMNINOS**, Smart Islands Initiative/DAFNI Network*

Brendan DEVLIN, DG ENER

Cristina DOMÍNGUEZ, CPMR

Representative, DG REGIO

Josh ROBERTS, REScoop

Michael STEURER, EUROCHAMBRES

Theocharis TSOUTSOS, Technical University of Crete

11:45 **Coffee Break**

12:00 **Session III: New, flexible energy markets – challenges and opportunities**

The session will highlight the challenges as much as the opportunities associated with the shift to a more flexible, decentralized energy system for large energy service providers and industrial players and discuss the extent to which these can reap the benefits of emerging disruptive technologies and business models that appear to be fit for islands.

*Moderator: **Teresa LUIS-RUIZ**, EURELECTRIC's Network of Experts on Islands' Energy Systems*

Fotis GAKIS, HEDNO (Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator S.A.)

Tara CONNOLLY, Greenpeace

Representative, DG ENER

Alfie IRELAND, OVO Energy

Dirk VANSINTJAN, ECOPOWER

12:45 **Closing Remarks**