5th FORUM INSULEUR

Palermo 5th-9th october 2005

«Tourism in the European islands: Towards Sustainability and Quality»





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Foreword

Insular cultural and economic improvements are strictly linked to the growing flows of tourism towards the islands and to the economy connected with it.

That's why it is considered to be a very important field in insular economy.

Tourism can surely be seen as a great opportunity for developments but also it can represent a real menace for insular life style.

The reverbaration that tourism can have on these regions can be devastating.

Just think about the intensification of energy and water consumes, limited resources in such areas, or the increasing toxic waste and emissions in the atmosphere or the cementification of the coasts. Tourism should grow together with the studies on strategies towards environmental regard and with the quality of those productive processes that are concerned with it.

That's why I'm glad that the Chamber of Commerce of Palermo, the main city of the principal European island, hosts the international Forum INSULEUR, the network of European Insular Chamber of Commerce, that this year will discuss the important theme of quality and sustainable tourism in the European islands.

Vincenzo CHIRIACO President of Palermo Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Wednesday 5th Ooctober 2005

Arrival of participants and transfer to the hotels

Thursday 6th October 2005

c/o Camera di Commercio, Industria e Artigianato di Palermo – via Emerico Amari 11

Statutory meetings

- 09.00. Technical Committee
- 11.00 Board of Directors
- 13.00 Lunch
- 16.30 8th General Assembly
- **21.00** Dinner hosted by the President of Palermo Province (by invitation only)

Workshop

10.00 "Women position in island tourist enterprises"

 Interventions of

 Giuseppe PACE
 President of Unioncamere Sicilia

 Romano MAMBRINI
 President of Insuleur

 Antonio D'AQUINO
 Assessor for Industry - Sicily Région

 Didi CAMPAGNA SORRENTINO
 Coordinator of women entreprises Committee, Palermo

 Elisabeth PAPAZOI
 Former Greek Minister for Foreign Affaires

Closing remarks *Stefania PRESTIGIACOMO* Minister for Equality*

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08.30 Registration

09.00 Formal opening of the fifth Forum *Romano MAMBRINI* President of INSULEUR Network *Vincenzo CHIRIACO* President of Palermo Chamber of Commerce

Welcome speeches	
Salvatore CUFFARO	President of Sicily Region
Diego CAMMARATA	Mayor of Palermo
Francesco MUSOTTO	Member of European Parliament and President of Palermo Province
Guglielmo SERIO	Vice President of CERISDI
George KASSIMATIS	Vice President of Eurochambres
Nikitas DOLAPSAKIS	President of EOAEN
Giuseppe PACE	President of Unioncamere Sicilia
Aristotelis PAVLIDIS	Greek Minister for Aegean and Island Policy

09.45 *Plenary session*

Economic, Environmental and Social Impacts of Tourism in the European Islands Mara MANENTE CISET - Centro Internazionale di Studi e ricerche sull'Economia Turistica: Presentation of the background paper

Intervention of **Paolo SAVONA** Director - Italian Ministry for European policy

10.30 Coffee break

10.45 First Working session

"Economic Sustainability of Island Tourism"

Moderator

Juan GUAL Vice President of Mallorca Chamber of Commerce

Rapporteur

Fernando LLANOS Member of INSULEUR Technical Committee

- The role of public Authorities for the tourism development in the islands regions *Pietro Luigi MATTA* Libera Università della Politica Palermo
- Cooperation between Tour Operators and Local Enterprises
 *Jean-Claude BAUMGARTEN** World Tourism & Travel Council*
- ICT applications in the tourism chain in Malta and Gozo *Omar CUTJAR* Malta Business Bureau

Friday 7th October 2005

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- Official and unofficial tourisms in the small islands *Giovanni RUGGIERI* Palermo University - Sicily
- How to position in a Competing Way a European Island destination: the example of Corsica
 - Daniel CHARAVIN Tourism Agency of Corsica
- Sustainable tourism development in the Greek Archipelago Harry COCCOSSIS General Secretary, Greek Ministry for Tourism
- The development of quality tourism in the Sicily Region *Fabio GRANATA* Assessor for Tourism Sicily Region

Discussion

- 13.00 Lunch
- **15.00** Second Working Session

"Best Practices for the Sustainability of Island Tourism"

Moderator

Gérard THÉOBALD President of Basse-Terre Chamber of Commerce

Rapporteur

Olivier LEMERLE Member of INSULEUR Technical Committee

- The Maritime Routes of the Olive Tree: An example of Cultural Tourism
 George KARABATOS President of the CCI of Messinia
- Cultural tourism in Cyprus
 Vakis LOIZIDES Cyprus Tourism Organization
- Development of cultural tourism for a successful museum
 Alberto VALENTINI President of technical & scientific committee of RETECAMERE, Italy
- Sustainable patterns of production
 Angel FERNÀNDEZ General Director, TIRME
- All inclusive Holidays A trap for the real holidays What Mediterranean islands should do

Vassilis KONTOS President of the CCI Corfou

- The uncertain sustainability of island tourism: new proposals *Giovanni D'AYALA* General Secretary of INSULA
- Social tourism in Europe
 Manuel Jaén PALACIOS Representative of the Balearic Islands Government in Brussels
- One example of sustainable tourism in the Canary Islands *Luis PADRON* General Secretary of Las Palmas CCI- Canary Islands

Discussion

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- 17.00 Coffee break
- 17.15 Round Table

"Sustainability of Island Tourism from a European and International Perspective"

Moderator : *Elisabeth PAPAZOI*, Former Greek Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

Participation of representatives of :

- The European Parliament MEP Margie SUDRE
- The European Commission
- The European Economic and Social Committee Sylvia SCIBERRAS
- · Assessor for Territory & Environment, Sicily Region Francesco CASCIO
- · Assessor for Tourism, Sardinia Region Luisanna DEPAU
- The World Tourism Organization Francesco FRANGIALLI* General Secretary
- 19.00 Closing session

Session Chairman Vincenzo CHIRIACO President of Palermo Chamber of Commerce

Closing Remarks Enrico LA LOGGIA Italian Minister for Regional Affairs and Islands

Official Closure of Proceedings *Romano MAMBRINI* President of INSULEUR

21.00 Gala dinner hosted by the President of Sicilian Region (by invitation only)

* To be confirmed

Saturday 8th October 2005

9.00-18.00 Social programme

Sunday 9th October 2005

Departure of participants.

Programme for accompanying persons

Thursday 6th October 2005

Free Morning

- **15.00** Tour of Palermo: the historic centre. Tour of the Monreale church (Interpreters: French, English, Italian)
- **19.00** *Return to the hotel*

Friday 7th October 2005

- **09.30** Guided Tour of Cefalù (Interpreters: French, English, Italian)
- 13.00 Lunch at Cefalù
- **15.00** *Return to the hotel*

Afternoon: Shopping in Palermo

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