



9th FORUM INSULEUR
20th -22nd November 2009

*Islands: Which value for
European construction?*

Piraeus
Metropolitan Hotel

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Provisional Programme

Friday, 20th November 2009

Reserved to the Members of the Board of Directors and the Members of the Technical Committee

15h00: Board of Directors Meeting

17h00: INSULEUR General Assembly

Reserved to the Members of the Insuleur Network

21h00: Dinner at the Yacht Club

Saturday, 21st November 2009

8h30 Registration of participants

9h00 – 9h45: Formal opening of the Forum

- **Mr. Juan Gual de Torrella Guasp**- President of INSULEUR
President of Mallorca Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Navigation
- **Mr. Georgios Benetos**- *INSULEUR Treasurer &* President of the Professional Chamber of Piraeus
- **Mr. Georgios Kassimatis**- President of the Piraeus Chamber of Commerce and Industry & President of the Hellenic Chambers of Commerce
- **European Union Commissioner (tbc)**
- **Economy and Finance Minister**
- **Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- **Representative of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine**

9h45-10h00: Coffee break



10h00-11h00: 1st Session- Are the European policies adapted to the realities of the insular regions?

Session chaired by Mr. Joe Grech, Gozo Business Chamber & INSULEUR Secretary General

- Article 174 of Lisbon Treaty (ex-article 158 TEC)- *Greek Academic –Director (tbc)*
- Preserving the islands’ cultural resources - *Mr. Giovanni D’ Ayala- INSULA Secretary General (tbc)*
- Employment policy within the operational framework of the European Social Fund: Which application for the islands? – *Mr. Alexandre Czmal (tbc) – European Commission – DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equality of Opportunities*
- Economical issues concerning the “Barren Line Islands”¹ - *Dr Andreas Merikas Pireaus-University Professor of Finance (tbc)*
- Making that Territorial Cohesion concretizes the recognition of their specificities- *Mr. Jean Didier Hache- Island’s Commission Secretary General - Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CRPM)(tbc)*
- Presentation of Project ORATE / ESPON, study EUROISLANDS— «The development of the islands – European Islands and Cohesion Policy » – *Mr. Konstantinos Vlachos- Representative of Greek Ministry of Economy and Finance.(tbc)*

11h00-11h30 Discussion

11h30-13h30: 2nd Session- Highlighting the assets of “insularity” in the European Union construction.

Session chaired by Mr. Arturo Escuder – Vicepresident INSULEUR & Sta. Cruz de Tenerife Chamber of Commerce Vicepresident

- Quality, as guarantee of the competitiveness of the islands – *Ms. Maria Sodis - President of Mastic Spa, Chios. (tbc)*
- Islands as Research and Science Laboratories:

¹ The term has been coined to describe those remote islands inhabited by relatively few people and their communication with mainland is problematic especially off the high season



- In the energy field— *Mr. Panos Coroyonnakis – Islenet General Manager(tbc)*
- Environment sensitive development of small islands “Aghios Efstratios – the Green Island”. *Prof. Nikitas Nikitakos – Aegean University, Mr. Vasilis Mastrokalos – Managing Director – Piraeus Chambers’ Development Company.* (tbc)
- In the Innovation field— *Mr. Peter Billing / CRT Acting Director - Bornholm (tbc)*
- Infrastructures: revealing the assets tools of the islands— *Mr. Xavier Acquaviva – Bastia & Haute-Corse Chamber of Commerce(tbc)*
- Islands: Active borders of Europe — *Mr. Gavino Sini –President of Sassari Chamber of Commerce (tbc)*

13h30- 14h00: Discussion

14h00- 15h30 Lunch at the roof garden of Metropolitan Hotel

15h30-16h30: 3rd Session- Does there exist an ideal insular development that will benefit the European construction?-Round table with the participation of political personalities

Session chaired by Mr. Papandropoulos, Honourary international President of the European Journalists Union

- Greek European Parliament Members –*Ms. Giannakou – Mr. Papakonstantinou (tbc)*
- European Economic and Social Committee (CESE) – *Mrs. Sylvia Gauci - VicePresident of the Employers group (CESE)*
- President of the Sicily Region *(tbc)*
- Regional Adviser of the Reunion Island & former MEP - *Ms. Margie Sudre(tbc)*

16h30-17h00: Discussion



17h00- 17h15: 4th Session: Draw me an island-

- Grand témoin: *Mr. Eric Magamootoo- INSULEUR Vicepresident & Reunion Island Chamber of Commerce President*

17h15-17h30: Closing by the President of INSULEUR

21h00: Dinner for the forum participants and their accompanying persons at the Piraeus Port Authority Premises

Sunday, 22nd November 2009 - Day-Cruise around the Piraeus Prefecture Islands

08h30: Meeting at the Port of Piraeus • Boarding the cruise vessel

09h00: Departure for the islands Aegina, Poros and Hydra

- On board: events organized by primary school students and artists
- Meeting with Local Authorities when arriving to the port

21h00: Return to Piraeus

Programme of accompanying persons, Saturday 21st November 2009

08h30: Meeting at the Metropolitan Hotel

- Visit at the Athens Acropolis and its new archeological museum
- Cape Sounion (Cape Colonne) Poseidon´s temple or the archeological site of Elefsina
- Lunch
- Return to hotel
- Dinner