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36th CPMR ISLANDS COMMISSION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Rodos Palace Hotel, Rhodes

AGENDA

(18/05/2016)

What realities and what opportunities for islands in a changing Europe?

THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016

09.00 – 10.15 Opening Session

- Opening and welcome by **George HATZIMARKOS**, Governor of South Aegean Region
- Address by **Alexis CHARITSIS**, Deputy Minister for Investments and European Structural & Investment Funds, Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism
- CPMR action in view of post-2020, **Eleni MARIANO**, Secretary General of the CPMR
- Political report, **Steven HEDDLE**, President of the Islands Commission
- Activity report, **Alexis CHATZIMPIROS**, Adviser Energy-Islands, CPMR

Annual General meeting (members only)

- Election of the President and Political Bureau (members only)

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 13.00 Islands in Cohesion Policy

Session moderated by Eleni MARIANO, Secretary General of the CPMR

Introduction by **Nicolas BROOKES**, Director for cohesion policy, CPMR

- **Wolfgang STREITENBERGER**, Advisor to the Director General, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Round table: Testimony from European Island Regions

- **Eleftheria FTAKLAKI**, Regional Councillor, Secretary of the European Affairs Committee of South Aegean Region
- **Rui GONÇALVES**, Regional Secretary of Finance and Public Administration, Autonomous Region of Madeira
- **Meit FOHLIN**, Vice Mayor, Gotland
- **Gary ROBINSON**, Leader of Shetland Islands Council

- **Christiana KALOGIROU**, Governor of North Aegean Region
- **Rodrigo OLIVEIRA**, Subsecretário Regional da Presidência para as Relações Externas, Governo Regional dos Açores

Debate

Conclusions by **Eleni MARIANO**, Secretary General of the CPMR

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Islands as (un)equal in the internal market: The role of State Aids

*Chaired and moderated by **Steven HEDDLE**, Convener, Orkney Islands Council*

- **Xavier RAMIS**, Director General for Ports and Airports of the Balearic Islands' Government
- **Marie-Antoinette MAUPERTUIS**, Member of the Executive Council of Corsica in charge of European Affairs
- **Anton REFALO**, Minister for Gozo

Debate

Conclusions by **Steven HEDDLE**, Convener, Orkney Islands Council

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - Information point on the Pact of Islands

- Update by **Kostas KOMNINOS**, Director, Network of Sustainable Aegean and Ionian Islands (DAFNI)

Debate

20.00 Dinner (Venue: Hatzikelis Seafood Restaurant)

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

09.00 – 11.00 -The reality of the migration crisis: Challenges and opportunities for cooperation

*Chaired and moderated by **George HATZIMARKOS**, Governor of South Aegean Region*

- **Manolis KEFALOGIANNIS**, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, European Parliament
- "EU Migration Policy: The effort to strike the balance between security and humanitarianism", **Dimitrios V. SKIADAS**, MJur, PhD Associate Professor of European Governance Dept. of International and European Studies - University of Macedonia
- **Helena FERRANDO CALATAYUD**, Director General for Social Inclusion, *Generalitat Valenciana*
- **Winni GROSBOÛLL**, Mayor, Bornholms Regionskommune

Conclusions by **George HATZIMARKOS**, Governor of South Aegean Region

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.00 Information point on Islands and Blue Growth

- Update on the European Maritime Day 2016 by **Georges ALEXAKIS**, Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Maritime Affairs
- Intervention by **Caroline TANG**, Delegate of French Polynesia in Paris

Debate

12.00 – 13.00: Vote

Chaired by the President of the Islands Commission

- Draft response on the invitation by the European Commission for comments on the draft provisions to simplify implementation of unproblematic state support for ports and airports.
The Islands Commission is invited to adopt a draft response to the consultation. The adopted text will then be validated by the CPMR Executive Board to be submitted to the European Commission as the CPMR contribution.
- Final Declaration

13.00 – 13.30: Any other business

- Ratification by the Islands Commission AGM of the nomination of the «Senior Coordinator» to deputise the Executive Secretary of the Islands Commission
- Place and date of Islands Commission Annual General Meeting 2017

13.30 End of proceedings

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

*Afternoon: Excursion to the ancient village of Lindos and its impressive 4,000-year-old acropolis
(with English speaker guide)*

Dinner on site