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**ENTREPRENEURSHIP ON EUROPEAN ISLANDS**

**A Public Hearing organized by the Network of the Insular Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the EU (INSULEUR) in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee**

In collaboration with

The Islands Commission of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

The European Small Islands Federation (ESIN)

***Friday, 2nd of June 2017 from 10.00 to 13.00***

**European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)**

**Rue Van Maerlant 2, 1040 Brussels (Room VMA3)**

**Program**

**10.00-10.30 Welcome Session**

* **George Dassis,** President, EESC
* **Nektarios Santorinios**, Greek Deputy Minister on Shipping and Island Policy
* **Eleni Marianou,** Secretary General, CRPM
* **Ben Butters,** Policy Director**,** EUROCHAMBRES
* **Eleftherios Kechagioglou,** President, Hellenic Small Islands Network
* **Georgios BENETOS,** President, INSULEUR

**10.30 – 11.45 The voice of insular businesses**

**Moderator**: **George Assonitis**, Member, Technical Committee of INSULEUR

* **Camille Dressler**, President, European Small Islands Federation
* **Giannis Margaronis**, President, Chania Chamber, Treasurer INSULEUR, *Burdensome administrative procedures and red tape for insular SME’s*
* **Andreas Pantelios,** Member, Board of Directors, EOAEN**,** *Access to finance*
* **Francesco Lembo,** Project Manager, ACR+, *#MEDBlueIslands: linking sustainable resource management with tourism development*
* **Bartolomé Gomila**, President, Innovation Commission, Mallorca Chamber, *Doing business in tourism, a panacea for islands*?
* **Christian Vintergaard**, CEO, The Danish Foundation for Entrepreneurship, *EE-HUB expert “Nordic Entrepreneurship Island”*
* **Yannis Roussos**, President, Cyclades CCI, *e-kyklades: A model to support local entrepreneurs in islands*

**11.45-13.00 European Institutions responses**

**Moderator**: **Isabel Caño Aguilar**, Member of the EESC

* **Stefano Mallia**, Member of the EESC and rapporteur of the Opinion on *“Inclusive Island”*
* **Marie-Antoinette Maupertuis**, Member of the Committee of Regions and rapporteur of the draft opinion on *“Entrepreneurship on Islands”,*
* **Tonino Picula**, MEP, European Parliament
* **Giacomo Mattino**, European Commission, Head of Unit GROW/H2- Enterprise

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* **Eleftherios Stavropoulos,** European Commission,DG REGIO
* **Brendan Devlin**, Advisor, European Commission, DG ENER-Islands,

*Conclusions*

*Interpretation available in English, Greek, French, Spanish*