



PUBLIC DEBATE

"Insularity and socio-economic development: The role of civil society in addressing the challenges that islands are facing"

Tuesday 27.6.2023, from 11:30 to 13:00 in the ECO Section

Program

Opening speech: by **Ioannis VARDAKASTANIS**, EESC Member, President of ECO Section and rapporteur of the EESC "Main challenges faced by EU islands, and mountainous and sparsely populated areas" opinion.

Intervention and presentation of the views from INSULEUR: by **Joseph BORG**, President, Gozo Business Chamber (Malta)

Statement: by **Eleftherios KECHAGIOGLOU**, President of the Hellenic Small Islands Network

Intervention and remarks: by **Maria FRONTERA**, President of the Hotel Business Federation of Mallorca (FEHM).

Discussion with the Members of the ECO Section

Closing speech by: **Dimitrios SKIADAS**, Professor in the University of Macedonia and Advisor of the rapporteur in the opinion on the "Main challenges faced by EU islands, and mountainous and sparsely populated areas".