

Joseph Borg - President

Activities of the President

Greening The Islands Advisory Committee, and Strategic Scientific Committee Meeting

4 September 2023

The presentation of the: (a) 100 % RES islands initiative; and (b) the new Islands Companies Committee.





7 September 2023

The main theme for discussion was the enlargement of the European Union.

During the meeting the affiliated members' representatives to the BoD of Eurochambres, were also elected.

Eurochambres Affiliated and Correspondent Members Meeting



22 September 2023

On the 22nd September the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Madeira Jorge Veiga França, attended the virtual meeting, organised by Eurochambres, in my stead. During this meeting the candidates for Deputy Presidents were presented. Meeting to present candidates for Deputy Presidents of Eurochambres

European Week of the Regions and Cities

9 – 12 October 2023

During this period, I attended:

- workshops related to important aspects such as energy and skills.
- an important debate organised by the European Economic and Social Committee entitled: "After the European Parliament's resolution on island regions: what's next?" (11 October).





Meeting with Ben Butters – CEO of Eurochambres

10 October 2023

 An important outcome of this meeting was the possibility for INSULEUR to nominate representatives to sit on Eurochambres' projects committee; and also one or two other policy committees.



Meeting with Vasco Alves Cordeiro - President of the Committee of the Regions

10 October 2023

 The meeting focused on strenghtening the relationship between INSULEUR, and the Committee of the Regions.



Meeting with MEP Josianne Cutajar

11 October 2023

Discussed the potential contribution of INSULEUR within SEArica



Meeting with Oliver Ropke – President of the European Committee of the Regions

12 October 2023

 Discussed the continued collaboration between the EESC and INSULEUR.



Meeting with Dr Roberta Metsola – President of the European Parliament

12 October 2023

 Discussed the difficulties faced by islands in general, and how these could be better addressed by the European Parliament.



European Parliament of Enterprises

14 November 2023

 This year's edition of the European Parliament of Enterpises, discussed the themes of skills, energy prices and European enterprises' competitiveness. Michael Galea also had the opportunity to provide his input on the issue of skills during a Vox Pop held by Eurochambres.



15 November 2023

- Vladimír Dlouhý was re-elected as President of Eurochambres during the General Assembly.
- Eurochambres' manifesto for the upcoming European elections was also discussed.

Eurochambres General Assembly



16-17 November 2023

- Discussed the way forward for islands in view of the next EU elections.
- Final Declaration of the CPMR Manifesto in view of the upcoming EU elections was also presented.

Island Commission Plenary Meeting and CPMR General Assembly