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Committee on Regional Development

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

***Enhancing Cohesion Policy for Outermost Regions and Islands: Navigating Challenges and Seizing Opportunities Post-2027***

Tuesday 15 July 2025, 14h30 - 17h00

European Parliament, Brussels

Room: SPINELLI 3G2

**PROGRAMME**

**OPENING REMARKS**

14h30 - 14h40 **Dragoş BENEĂ**, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development

**Smart and resilient islands – development perspectives under cohesion policy**

14h40 - 14h50 **Emmanouil KOUTOULAKIS**, Secretary General of the Aegean and Island Policy, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Greece.

14h50 - 15h00 **Nanette MAUPERTUIS**, President of the Corsican Assembly, France. Chair of the 'European Alliance' group in the European Committee of the Regions(CoR), Rapporteur CoR Opinion "Enhancing cohesion policy support for regions with geographic and demographic handicaps".

15h00 - 15h10 **Ranieri GUERRA**, consultant at the Lombardy Region Agency for Emergency Care (AREU) and at LIUC Cattaneo University (Castellanza, Italy)

15h10 - 15h40 **Questions and answers**

15h40 - 15h45 Intervention by Ms Kadri Uustal, Head of Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission

**Vital peripheries of the EU:  
placing outermost regions at the heart of the EU's new priorities**

15h50 - 16h00 **José Manuel BOLIEIRO**, President of the Regional Government of the Azores, Portugal

16h00 - 16h10 **Benoît LOMBRIERE**, Deputy Director General of Eurodom

16h10 - 16h20 **Fermín DELGADO GARCÍA**, economist and expert in regional economic policy, agricultural development, and EU affairs; former Vice-Minister of Finance, Planning and European Affairs of the Government of the Canary Islands (2019-2023)

16h20 - 16h50 **Questions and answers**

16h50 - 16h55 Intervention by Ms Monika Hencsey, Director, DG REGIO, European Commission

## CLOSING REMARKS

16h55 - 17h00 **Dragoş BENEĂ**, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development