

CPMR ISLANDS COMMISSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY Cagliari - Sardegna (IT)

Wednesday 29 April 2026



CPMR ISLANDS COMMISSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2026 | 09:00 – 18:00 CET

Venue: “Sa Manifattura“, Viale Regina Margherita 33, Cagliari.

[Map and information on the venue](#)

Interpretation: English, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, Sardo and Greek

AGENDA

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**TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2026 – “Sa Die” Day
& THURSDAY 30 APRIL (debate and round tables on island futures – [SEE](#))**

“Sa Die de sa Sardigna” - Day of the Sardinian People

“Who decides for Sardinia? Who decides for the Islands of Europe?”

Official celebrations of *Sa Die de sa Sardigna* (Day of the Sardinian People), featuring a solemn session of the Sardinian Parliament and a series of events dedicated this year to the 'Islands of Europe'

PROGRAMME

(The detailed programme for the institutional session is under preparation & will be shared shortly).

- **11:00** – Solemn session of the Sardinian Parliament: “Who decides for Sardinia? The Five Questions” (institutional addresses and musical interlude)  *Sardinian Parliament, Via Roma 25 (simultaneous interpretation in English)*
- **13:00** – Buffet lunch  *Sardinian Parliament, Via Roma 25*
- **19:00** – Public celebration “Sa Die de sa Sardigna & Islands of Europe”: institutional addresses
Institutional addresses by Sardinian authorities and representatives of island delegations &
Musical performances from Sardinia and other European island contexts  *Piazza del Carmine*

Delegates from European islands are kindly invited to bring their own flags—one standard size (approx. 120 × 180 cm) for display throughout the event and one smaller flag (around 10 × 15 cm) for table use.

20:30 – Official Dinner at Hotel Flora (Via Sassari 45, Cagliari), located near Piazza del Carmine, where the public celebration of *Sa Die de Sa Sardigna* will take place ([see](#)).

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2026

08.45 – 09.00	<i>Registration of participants</i>
09.00 - 18.00	ISLANDS COMMISSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY
09.00 - 09.30	INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME/OPENING SESSION • Alessandra TODDE, President of the Regional Autonomous Government of Sardinia • Piero COMANDINI, President of the Regional Council of Sardinia • Filip REINHAG, CPMR President, Regional Councillor, Gotland • Marie-Antoinette MAUPERTUIS, President of the Islands Commission and of the Assembly of Corsica
09.30 - 11.30	POLITICAL SESSION: “Shaping the future EU strategic framework for Islands and Outermost Regions” <i>With the EU Strategy for Islands currently under preparation and the Outermost Regions Strategy undergoing revision, discussions on these two key initiatives have now entered a decisive phase. This Political Panel will bring together EU, national, and regional representatives to explore how to better shape these strategic frameworks in a way that fully reflects the unique realities of these territories, while ensuring the necessary targeted and effective EU support. Building on the recent contributions from the Islands Commission to the related Calls for Evidence, the debate will reflect on key priorities that the two Strategies should address, as well as on concrete proposals to improve multi-level governance and ensure a place-based approach of these EU initiatives. The session aims to identify shared recommendations that can further guide the ongoing development of these Strategies, providing valuable input to the EU decision-makers.</i> <i>Moderation by Davide STRANGIS, CPMR Secretary General</i> <u>Kenynote address by Kadri UUSTAL, Head of Unit, DG REGIO</u> <u>Key messages from IC regions on the new Islands Strategy:</u> • Alessandra TODDE, President of the Regional Autonomous Government of Sardinia • Marie-Antoinette MAUPERTUIS, President of the Islands Commission and of the Assembly of Corsica <u>Complementarities between Islands and outermost regions strategies</u> • Artur LEAL DE LIMA, Vice-President of the Government of the Azores, CPMR Vice-President <u>Vision from Member States: the case of Greece</u> • Emmanouil KOUTOULAKIS, Secretary General for the Aegean and Island Policy, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Government of Greece (<i>online</i>) <u>Key messages from IC regions on the updated outermost regions Strategy:</u> • Celia ALBERTO, Director General for European Affairs, Representing the President of the Canary Islands and Vice-President of the Islands Commission

	• Cassandre GATOUX, Representative of the Guadeloupe Region to Brussels, On behalf of President Ary Chalus, Presidency of the Conference of the EU Outermost Regions <i>Debate between members and invited stakeholders</i>
11.30 – 12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12.00 – 12.15	PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE IC FINAL DECLARATION • Marie-Antoinette MAUPERTUIS, President of the Islands Commission and of the Assembly of Corsica • Claudia GUZZON, Executive Secretary of the Islands Commission
12.15 – 12.45	UPDATE ON INTERNAL ISSUES BY THE CPMR-IC SECRETARIAT • Overview of current and future IC activities (Activity Report) • Update on the IC financial state of play • Presentation of the IC Membership diagnosis & Strategy - <i>Presentation of new members: Jens Kristian PIHL, Senior Consultant, Bornholm</i> • Internal IC reorganisation
12.45 – 13.00	FAMILY PICTURE
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch on site</i>
14.00 – 15.30	ROUNDTABLE 1: Enhancing Island Competitiveness and Connectivity: Innovation, resilience and sustainable growth <i>Island regions face structural constraints linked to insularity (including higher transport and energy costs, fragmented markets, small firm size and seasonal economic pressures) which continue to affect productivity and long-term competitiveness. At the same time, islands hold significant potential to act as laboratories for innovation in the blue and green economy, renewable energy, transport connectivity and clean mobility solutions, sustainable tourism, and digital transformation. In the context of the forthcoming EU Strategy for Islands, and following the recent EESC Exploratory Opinion addressing insularity and competitiveness, this roundtable will explore how to move from compensatory approaches to structurally strengthened island competitiveness. It will focus on solutions aimed at supporting SME scaling and diversification, reducing the measurable “cost of insularity” – including the cost and organisation of transports when doing business-, and embedding island realities more coherently in EU and national policy frameworks. The discussion aims to identify concrete priorities and measures to enhance productivity, connectivity, resilience and sustainable growth across European islands.</i> <i>Moderation by Maria GARCIES, Islands Commission</i> <i>Contribution from Stakeholders</i> • Stefano BARBIERI, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD (<i>online</i>) • Gaetano NASTASI, Vice-President of INSULEUR and Member of the Chamber of Commerce of Cagliari-Oristano

	<i>CPMR-IC members</i> • Filip REINHAG, CPMR President, Regional Commissioner in Gotland • Piero COMANDINI, President of the Regional Council of Sardinia • Francisca RAMIS PONS, Director General of Institutional and Parliamentary Relations, Balearic Islands • Angelle XERRI AGIUS, Director EU, International Affairs and Policy Coordination, Ministry for Gozo <i>Debate between members and invited stakeholders</i>
15.30- 16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00 – 17.30	ROUNDTABLE 2: Best Practices for a just Green and Social transformation in EU Island Regions <i>On the frontline of the climate and environmental crisis, while simultaneously confronted with structural social challenges, insular territories have to face disproportionately high costs in adapting to the green transition and safeguarding social cohesion. This roundtable will explore how Islands are powerful laboratories for innovation in green and social sustainability — supporting climate adaptation and decarbonisation, biodiversity protection, circular economy solutions, disaster and risks preparedness, energy security and poverty reduction, while strengthening the “right to stay”, managing migration at Europe’s maritime borders and ensuring access to essential services, affordable housing and cultural identity. By sharing practical experiences, challenges, and scalable solutions, the discussion will focus on ensuring that the green transition and social transformation in islands is not only ambitious, but also just, inclusive and tailored to insular realities.</i> <i>Moderation by Lise GUENNAL, Islands Commission</i> <i>CPMR-IC members</i> • Giuseppe MELONI, Vice President of the Region and Regional Councillor for Planning, Budget, Credit and Territorial Planning, Sardinia • Soihirat EL HADAD, Regional Councillor in charge of Cooperation and International Action, Mayotte (<i>online</i>) • Jean-Pierre CHABRIAT, Regional Councillor in charge of Research, Higher Education, and Energy Transition, La Réunion (<i>video</i>) • Fernanda CARDOSO, Director Regional of European Affairs, Madeira <i>Contribution from stakeholders</i> • Emanuela MANCA, Officer, Expert on Sustainable Development for the Environmental Sustainability Service, and Luisa MULAS, Officer, Autonomous Region of Sardinia, representing NaTour4CChange project • Ivan MATIC, Vice Chair, ESIN (European Small Islands Federation) • Guido BROGGI, Head of Strategy, Development and Partnerships, GTI (Greening the Islands) • Erwin Jayson AMAVASSEE, Programme officer, IUCN (<i>International Union for Conservation of Nature</i>) and Paul SAUBOUA, OFB (<i>French Biodiversity Agency</i>) I BESTLIFE2030 programme (<i>online</i>) <i>Debate between members and invited stakeholders</i>

17.30 – 18.00	CLOSING SESSION • Alessandra TODDE, President of the Regional Autonomous Government of Sardinia • Marie-Antoinette MAUPERTUIS, President of the Islands Commission and of the Assembly of Corsica • Claudia GUZZON, Executive Secretary of the Islands Commission
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