
Turning the tide: How to drive climate resilience in coastal and maritime infrastructure?

Event of the SEArICA Intergroup

Hosted by MEP **Josianne Cutajar**, SEArICA Vice-Chair for Blue SMEs & Digitalisation

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Room Spinelli 1E1, European Parliament, Brussels

As observed by the EU Climate Change Service, Summer 2023 marked a season of contrasting extremes in Europe: while some countries were affected by severe heatwaves, devastating wildfires, others experienced important rainstorms and floodings.

From their natural environment to their socio-economic development strongly connected to the sea, coastal regions and islands are at the frontline of the consequences of climate change, experiencing an increasing vulnerability to hazards such as coastal erosion, sea level rise, and degradation of coastal infrastructure. Considering the strong impact of climate change, EU regions and islands have started to develop and to implement climate adaptation and mitigation policies, plans and measures, to ensure the resilience of their infrastructure.

In consideration of the outcomes of the COP 28, and ahead of the future EU mandate, this event organised by the [SEArICA Intergroup](#) of the European Parliament and hosted by MEP Josianne Cutajar represents a timely opportunity to bring together key policy makers and stakeholders to reflect on the EU support for an effective resilience to secure a sustainable future of coastal and maritime communities.

DRAFT AGENDA

Opening by MEP **Josianne Cutajar**, SEArca Vice-Chair for Blue SMEs & Digitalisation

Lessons from the ground. Experiences from maritime regions

*Moderated by **Delphine Kaczorowski**, Policy Analyst, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR)*

- **Nikolaos Tspiras**, Representative for the Chamber of Commerce of Zakynthos, INSULEUR Treasurer
- **Kathiana Bonello Ghio**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of Malta to the EU
- **Raquel Aguado Muñoz**, Director General of Valenciana Region EU Representation
- **Wilhelmiina Koivuniemi**, Senior Advisor, Helsinki EU Office
- **Emma Guillemot**, Policy Officer for Environment, Bioeconomy, Urban Policies, Pays de la Loire EU Representation

Q&A session

Roundtable. Adaptation, mitigation: how will the EU support effective resilience to secure a sustainable future of coastal and maritime communities?

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- **Elena Višnar Malinovská**, Head of Unit for Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change, DG CLIMA, European Commission
- **Mónica Peña Sastre**, Senior Policy Advisor, Permanent Representation of the European Investment Bank in Brussels
- **Blaz Kurnik**, Head of Group on climate change impacts and adaptation, European Environment Agency
- **Thomas Koetz**, Senior Advisor on Climate Neutral and Resilient Regions, Climate-KIC

Open debate with roundtable speakers, regional representatives, and the audience

Conclusions by MEP **Josianne Cutajar**, SEArca Vice-Chair for Blue SMEs & Digitalisation

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