

# What future for islands in the European Union

## DATE & VENUE

7 February 2017  
10.00 – 13.00

### Main hall

Malta Chamber of  
Commerce  
64 Republic St,  
Valletta, Malta

## PROGRAMME

9.30 Registration

### 10.00 Welcome Address and Introduction

- **Joost van Iersel**, President of ECO Section, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- **Louis Grech**, Deputy Prime Minister of Malta
- **Anton Borg**, President, Malta Chamber of Commerce

### 10.30 Identifying challenges and finding solutions

- **Tonino Picula**, Member of the European Parliament (EP), Vice-President of Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas EP Intergroup
- **Judit Torokne Rozsa**, Head of unit, DG Regio, European Commission
- **John Vassallo**, President, Malta Business Bureau

*First round of debate*

Coffee break

- **Gianfranco Fancello**, Professor, University of Cagliari
- **Caroline Buts**, Professor of Economics, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- **Luc Gobin**, Director, ISTO Europe

*Second round of debate*

### 12.45 Conclusions

- **Stefano Mallia**, Rapporteur for the opinion on Inclusive Islands, EESC