

## Outermost Regions 2020 Forum

12, 13 & 14 October afternoons

Virtual event

*DRAFT PRELIMINARY VERSION*

*Moderator: Florence Ranson, Director, REDComms*

*Speakers: when not otherwise stated, the draft Programme presents the speakers invited.*

### MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2020

14:00-14:30	Welcome (check in)
14:30-14:45	<p>Opening speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries (confirmed)</li> </ul>
14:45-16:30	<p><b>Panel Debate n°1 - <i>Promoting circular economy in the outermost regions</i></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director-General or Deputy Director-General, DG Energy, European Commission (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General, DG Environment, European Commission (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Susana Prada, Regional Secretary for Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Government of Madeira</li> <li>• Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar, Member of the European Parliament</li> <li>• Jérôme Dancoisne, Head of Environment and Waste, Regional Council of Guadeloupe (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Laurent Georgeault, Research Fellow at Panthéon-Sorbonne University, Head of Sustainable Development, Mayotte Commerce and Industry Chamber (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Aridane González, President of the Committee of Experts on Climate change, Circular and Blue Economy, Canary Islands Government (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> </ul> <p>Questions from moderator and speakers' interventions</p> <p>Q&amp;As with the audience</p>
16:30-17:00	Break
17:00-18:20	<p><b>Panel Debate n°2 - <i>Blue economy, a driver for growth in the outermost regions</i></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keynote: Pascal Lamy</b>, Chair of the Paris Peace Forum (PPF), Chair of the French Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)</li> <li>• Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, DG for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Gui Menezes, Regional Secretary for the Sea, Science and Technology, Government of the Azores</li> <li>• Louis Boutrin, Executive Councillor in charge of Blue Economy, Territorial Collectivity of Martinique</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yolaine Costes, Vice-President of Reunion Island Regional Council</li> <li>• Claudia Monteiro de Aguiar, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Fisheries</li> </ul> <p>Questions from moderator and speakers' interventions</p> <p>Q&amp;As with the audience</p>
18:20-18:30	Closing of the session

## TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2020

13:15-13:45	Welcome (check in)
13:45-14:15	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms (confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Soibahadine Ibrahim Ramadani, President of the Departmental Council of Mayotte, Chair of the Conference of Presidents of the Outermost Regions</li> </ul>
14:15-15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vasco Alves Cordeiro, President of the Regional Government of the Autonomous Region of Azores (<i>future Presidency</i>)</li> <li>• Daniel Gibbs, President of the Collectivity of Saint-Martin (<i>past Presidency</i>)</li> <li>• Ángel Víctor Torres, President of the Government of the Canary Islands</li> <li>• Ary Chalus, President of the Regional Council of Guadeloupe</li> <li>• Rodolphe Alexandre, President of the Territorial Collectivity of French Guiana</li> <li>• Miguel Albuquerque, President of the Regional Government of the Autonomous Region of Madeira</li> <li>• Alfred Marie-Jeanne, President of the Territorial Collectivity of Martinique</li> <li>• Didier Robert, President of the Regional Council of Reunion Island</li> </ul>
15:45-16:15	Break
16:15-16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sébastien Lecornu, Minister of Overseas, France</li> <li>• Ana Paula Zacarias, Secretary of State of European Affairs, Portugal</li> <li>• Juan González-Barba Pera, Secretary of State for the European Union, Spain</li> </ul>
16:45 - 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Parliament: Younous Omarjee, Chairman of the European Parliament Committee on Regional Development</li> <li>• Council Presidency: Bettina Hagedorn, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Finance (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Future Council Presidency: Nelson de Souza, Minister of Planning (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Apostolos Tzitzikostas, President of the European Committee of the Regions</li> <li>• Luca Jahier, President of European Economic and Social Committee (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> </ul>
17:30-17:45	<p>Closing of the session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms (tbc)</li> </ul>

### WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2020

14:00-14:30	Welcome (check in)
14:30-16:30	<p><b>Panel Debate n°1 – <i>Boosting recovery in the outermost regions</i></b></p> <p><b>Keynote</b> Thierry Breton, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (<b>confirmed - video speech</b>)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andriana Sukova, Deputy Director-General, DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Mihail Dumitru, Deputy Director-General, DG for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Hubert Gambs, Deputy Director-General, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship &amp; SMEs, European Commission (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Román Rodríguez Rodríguez, Vice-President and Minister of Finance, Budget and European Affairs, Government of the Canary Islands</li> <li>• Dr Pedro Calado, Vice-President for Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Madeira (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Gabriel Mato, Member of the European Parliament</li> <li>• Milena Angelova, Vice-President of the European Economic and Social Committee (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Outermost regions representatives on various aspects e.g. employment, agriculture, tourism and transport, digital</li> </ul> <p>Questions from moderator and speakers' interventions</p> <p>Q&amp;As with the audience</p>
16:30-17:00	Break
17:00-18:15	<p><b>Panel Debate n°2 - <i>Developing climate strategies and protecting biodiversity in the outermost regions</i></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• José Antonio Valbuena, Regional Minister for Ecological Transition, Fight against Climate Change and Territorial Planning, Canary Islands Government</li> <li>• Stéphane Bijoux, Member of the European Parliament</li> <li>• Clara De La Torre, Deputy Director-General, DG for Climate Action, European Commission (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director for Natural Capital, DG for Environment, European Commission (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Alexandre Magnan, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for sustainable development and international relations, Sciences Po, Paris (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Saïd Saïd Hachim, Geographer, Geographic Information System Coordinator, Departmental Council of Mayotte (<b>confirmed</b>)</li> <li>• Hernâni Jorge, Regional Director for Environment, Government of the Azores</li> <li>• Sara Cerdas, Member of the European Parliament</li> <li>• Pascale Alix-Laborde, Territorial Councillor for Environment, Collectivity of</li> </ul>

	<p>Saint-Martin</p> <p>Questions from moderator and speakers' interventions</p> <p>Q&amp;As with the audience</p>
18:15-18:30	<p>Closing of the session</p> <p>Marc Lemaître, European Commission, Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy (<b>confirmed</b>)</p>