



European Economic and Social Committee

In cooperation with the presidency of the Conference of Outermost Regions



CONFERENCE

Increasing the involvement of civil society from the Outermost Regions in EU policy making

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Rue Belliard 99
1040 Bruxelles
Salle JDE 62

PROGRAMME

2 p.m. Registration and distribution of documents

2.30 p.m. Welcome address: Mr Joost van Iersel, President of the Section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion (ECO), European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Opening speech

- **Mr Henri Malosse**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- **Mr Didier Robert**, President of the Conference of Outermost Regions
- **Ms Pascale Wolfcarius**, President of the Inter-departmental Outermost Regions Group at the European Commission –DG REGIO

3.30 p.m. Round table: Personal accounts from representatives of the EU's Outermost Regions on how their views are taken into account in European policy making

- **Presidents of Outermost Regions**
- **Representatives of organised civil society in the Outermost Regions**
- With the participation of **Mr Younous Omarjee**, MEP, **Mr Patrice Tirolien**, MEP, **Mr Maurice Ponga**, MEP, and **Ms Pascale Wolfcarius**, President of the Inter-departmental Outermost Regions Group at the European Commission –DG REGIO

4.45 p.m. General discussion

5.45 p.m. Conclusions of the conference by Mr Joost van Iersel: What are the tools for increasing the involvement of Outermost Regions civil society in the implementation of European policies

Interpreting: ES/EN/FR/PT into ES/EN/FR/PT

6 p.m. Opening of an exhibition of artwork by artists from the Outermost Regions