



**European Committee
of the Regions**



Tourism: new trends, challenges and solutions

Policy debate

JDE 52, 12:00-14:00

Moderator: Ossi MARTIKAINEN (FI/ALDE), NAT Chair , Jury Member of the Capital of Smart Tourism Award

Scene setting: Ben LYNAM, Head of Communications, The Travel Foundation, *Invisible burden of tourism*

Keynote interventions:

- Rui BETTENCOURT (PT/PES), CoR member, Regional Secretary of the Presidency for External Relations of the Azores Government
- Patrick TORRENT, President at NECSTouR and Executive Director at Catalan Tourist Board
- Miłosz MOMOT, DG GROW, Unit for Tourism, Emerging and Creative Industries

Reactions from the regions:

- Piotr CALBECKI (EPP/PL), CoR member, President of Kujawy-Pomorze Region
- Nikola DOBROSLAVIĆ (EPP/HR), CoR Member, Prefect of Dubrovnik-Neretva County
- Manuel Alejandro CARDENETE, NECSTouR Vice-President, Regional Vice-Minister on Tourism, Regeneration, Justice and Local Administration at Regional Government of Junta de Andalucía

Discussion with the audience (45 min)

Wrap up: Christophe CLERGEAU (FR/PES), NAT Vice Chair , Member of the Pays-de-la-Loire Regional Council