

# A Mediterranean Call for Living, Cohesive and Future-Oriented Territories

Rural and Fisheries Policies, Local Development and the EU Multiannual Financial Framework 2028–2034

Brussels — Wednesday, 4 March 2026, 15:00 – 17:00  
European Parliament — Room 5E2

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

**14:30 – Arrival and registration at the European Parliament**

**15:15 – 15:35: Institutional welcome**

- **Javi López**, MEP and vice-president of the European Parliament
- **Diana Riba**, MEP
- **Sergi Méndez**, President of the Association of Rural and Maritime Initiatives of Catalonia (ARCA)
- **Meritxell Budó**, President of the Catalan Association of Municipalities (ACM)
- **Xesca Ramis**, Director General for Institutional Relations and Relations with Parliament, Government of the Balearic Islands (on behalf of the Pyrenees–Mediterranean Euroregion Presidency)

**15:40 – 16:05: Round Table 1**

*A Living Mediterranean: A Euroregional Vision*

- **Antoni Marzoa**, President of the FLAG Costa Brava Sud Maresme, Catalonia
- **Antoni Maria Grau**, Director General for Fisheries, Government of the Balearic Islands
- **Claire Fita**, MEP, Occitania
- **Moderator**: Xavier Bernard-Sans, Secretary General of the Pyrenees–Mediterranean Euroregion

## 16:05 – 16:50: Round Table 2

### *Local Development and the Future of Rural and Fisheries Territories*

- **Maria Gafo**, Head of Unit for Social Sustainability, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
- **Moray Gilland**, Head of Unit for Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional/External Cooperation, Enlargement, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- **Radim Sršeň**, Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Chair of the Rural Pact Coordination Group and Mayor of the Municipality of Dolní Studénky
- **Michael Schmitz**, Deputy Head of the German County Association's EU Office, Chair of the Cohesion Expert Group of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- **Moderator**: Jordi Solé, Head of the Brussels Office of the Catalan Association of Municipalities (ACM) and former MEP

## 16:50 – 17:00: Closing remarks

- **Hon. Òscar Ordeig i Molist**  
Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food, Government of Catalonia

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Catalan, Spanish, French and English.

Prior registration is mandatory at:

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