



FOLKETINGET

Program for The Small Islands Committee's open hearing on a national island policy

Wednesday the 12th of March 2025 at. 13.00 - 15.45 in Landstingssalen, Christiansborg (Danish Parliament)

Folketinget's Small Islands Committee, in collaboration with the Association of Danish Small Islands, is hosting an open hearing regarding a national island policy. The hearing aims to uncover perspectives for a possible national island policy, provide insight to research on the value of islands in the broader society, present other countries' experiences with a national island policy, and to inform the committee on how a national island policy can secure the survival and development of the islands.

- 13.00-13.05** Welcome by Kasper Roug, MP, chair of The Small Islands Committee
- 13.05-13.25** Morten Dahlin, MP, minister of Urban and Rural Affairs
(Incl. questions)
The values of islands to society
- 13.25-13.45** Godfrey Baldacchino, professor of sociology at the University of Malta, specialist in island and small state studies (via Teams)
(Incl. questions)
Experiences from other countries regarding a national island policy?
- 13.45-13.55** Ivan Matic, Croatian Island Movement Board Member, ESIN Vice-Chair (via Teams)
- 13.55-14.05** Diarmaid O'Mordha, Department of Rural and Community Development, Island Unit, Ireland (via Teams)
- 14.05-14.20** Questions
- 14.20-14.35** Break
- 14.35-14.55** Mikko Ollikainen, MP, Chairman of Island Committee of Finland (via Teams)
(Incl. questions)
What defines a successful island?
- 14.55-15.10** Jens Westerskov Andersen, Ph.D., sociolog, Lunds Universitet
(Incl. questions)
Visions for the future of Danish islands
- 15.10-15.25** Short presentations of 5 minutes:
Kirsten Sydendal, Chair Association of Danish Small Islands
Lone Jakobi, Mayor in Odder municipality (Tunø), (via Teams)
Steffen Damsgaard, Chairman of the National Council for Rural Affairs
- 15.25-15.43** Questions and debate
- 15.43-15.45** Closing remarks by Kasper Roug, MP, Chair of the Committee for Small Islands