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The Smart islands Initiative: New pathways for European Islands

A Smart Island: an insular territory embarking on a climate resilient pathway for a transition to a low carbon, inclusive and sustainable economy.

The Smart Islands Initiative aims to build on islands' experience in devising and implementing innovative and sustainable solutions at local level.

The Smart Islands Declaration: adopted in Brussels on 29 March 2016 :

**We want to become smart, inclusive and thriving island societies.
To this end we will:**

1. Take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change and build resilience at local level
2. Trigger the uptake of smart technologies to ensure the optimal management and use of our resources and infrastructures
3. Move away from fossil fuels by tapping our significant renewables and energy efficiency potential
4. Introduce sustainable island mobility, including electric mobility
5. Reduce water scarcity by applying non-conventional and smart water resources management
6. Become zero-waste territories by moving to a circular economy
7. Preserve our distinctive natural and cultural capital
8. Diversify our economies by exploiting the intrinsic characteristics of our islands to create new and innovative jobs locally
9. Strengthen social inclusion, education and citizens' empowerment
10. Encourage the shift towards alternative, yearlong, sustainable and responsible tourism, also inland, coastal and maritime

The Smart Islands Forum: an annual event providing a collaborative, networking and knowledge-sharing space for European island governmental, administrative and community representatives.

The Smart Island Platform: to be set up to assist island authorities and actors in establishing strategic partnerships with industry, academia and civil society to develop solutions for islands' infrastructure and natural resources management that are sustainable, integrated, transferable and scalable.