



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011



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Ile d'Yeu, France

Welcome to ESIN AGM & Workshops

# Annual General Meeting 2011

ÎLE D'YEU, FRANCE

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**Dear delegates,**

I am happy to give my personal welcome to the annual general meeting of the European Small Islands Federation, this year on Ile d'Yeu in France.

We all know that these times are difficult for many of our member organizations. Financial problems arise in many countries and it is not easy to put forward the problems in the small islands and their organizations. This of course also affects our federation.

The cooperation within ESIN has two important aims. To give inspiration and promote exchange of ideas and experiences is even more important now. This will bring new ideas to the local development on many islands. Thanks to the ESIN cooperation we now have seen cooperation on different subjects between our members. This is very good.

The other task is to reach the European institutions, parliament and commission, with facts and information about the living conditions on the many small islands. This is long-term and difficult and we always have to seek new ways to improve this work.

I want to thank the organization Association des Iles du Ponant for their hospitality to bring us to Ile d'Yeu for our annual meeting. I look forward to fruitful days and hope that we all can be inspired by the cooperation between small islands in Europe.

Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> ESIN Annual General Meeting.

**Bengt Almkvist**

*President of the ESIN*



Chausey, Bréhat, Batz, Ouessant,  
Molène, Sein, Glénan, Groix,  
Houat, Hoëdic, Belle-Ile, Ile aux  
Moines, Arz, Yeu, Aix.

## L'ILE D'YEU



*"Lumière et refuge en haute mer"*

### Welcome to île d'Yeu – one of the 15 small french Islands

The Association of Ponant Islands was created in april 1971 and organises 15 small islands with all year round residents ,no road or bridge access and which are its own municipality. All together we are 16.000 residents at the islands. The Island of Belle-Île is the biggest population with 5120 Bellilois, Island of Hoëdic is the smallest with 118 residents.

#### The Ponant Islands in France.

There are **13 islands and 2 archipelagos** off metropolitan France's western seafront, collectively called the Ponant (**meaning western**) islands, on the coast of the setting sun.

Stretching from the **English Channel to the Atlantic**, like string of beads, lie the Chausey archipelago, Bréhat, Batz, Ushant, Molène, Sein, the Glénan archipelago, Groix, Belle-île-en-Mer, Houat, Hoëdic, Arz, l'île aux Moines, Yeu and Aix... sharing features of **diversity and unity**.

Our hosting island, l'île d'Yeu, is one of our middle sized islands when talking about area but one of the biggest for its population (after Belle-île the biggest one).With its **5000 inhabitants** of which a quarter are under 25, the island of Yeu stays a **highly welcoming and alive island**, strongly caught by this sea fever which impresses all, and sea lovers, when stopping over, even if just for a day. As it is said here "Oya deux jours, Oya toujours" ("Oya a day, Oya forever").

The Association of the Ponant Islands wants to thank the municipality of Yeu Island, the General Concil of Vendée and the regional council of Brittany for their support.

**We wish you a pleasant stay for the 11th AGM !**

**Denis PALLUEL**, *Chairman*

Association of Ponant Islands

**Bruno NOURY**, *Deputy -Chairman*

Association of Ponant Islands



# AGM PROGRAMME

## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF ESIN, ÎLE D'YEU

September 14, 2011  
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Participants:** ESIN Members

**Place:** Village Hall "Casino"

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### 9:00- 12:00 Workshops

- Opportunities and limits for ESIN (organization, secretariat...)
- Impact of the crisis on ESIN members
- Presentation of the project Archipedalo

*Translation between English & French available*

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### 3:00 – 6:00 pm ESIN Board Meeting

- Annual Work Plan & Activity Report
- Report from the Intergroup 174
- Situation of the members
- Current initiatives and future organization

*Translation between English & French available*

September 15, 2011  
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Participants:** ESIN Members

**Place :** Village Hall "Casino"

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### 9:00- 12:00 Open Day

- Presentation of the Intergroup 174
- Final results of ESPON Study

*Translation between English & French available*

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### 3:00 – 6:00 pm Guided Tour of île d'Yeu

*Translation between English & French available*

**All the meals will be served at "Casino":**

Breakfast time **8:30 am**

Lunch time **12:00 am and 2:00 pm**

Dinner **at 8:00 pm**



# WORKSHOPS

## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF ESIN, ÎLE D'YEU

Welcome by Bruno NOURY, Mayor of île d'Yeu.

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### Theme 1

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#### 9:00- 12:00      Opportunities & limits for ESIN

- *How do we strengthen ESIN on its organization ?*
  - *Ideas for funding & secretariat...*
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### Theme 2

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#### 9:00- 12:00      Impact of the crisis on ESIN members

*In the context of the current European economic climate, how can we measure the negative impact it has on islands, members of ESIN, and how can we work together to bring this to the attention of the decision makers at EU level in particular ?*

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### Theme 3

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#### 9:00- 12:00      Presentation of the project "Arkipedalo"

*By Christian Pleijel, Martii Nillson & Thomas Järrel*

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# Board meeting agenda, September 14<sup>th</sup>

1. Welcome and opening of board meeting
2. Election of member to check the minutes
3. Adoption of the minutes from the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 2010
4. Chairman's report
5. Report from intergroup 174
6. Treasurers report
7. ESIN secretariat report
8. Election of ESIN board members and substitutes. Each member is entitled to one board member and one nominated substitute.
9. Election of chairman/president
10. Annual membership fee
11. Appointment of auditor
12. Economic authorization
13. Annual work plan
14. Final resolution from the 10<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting
15. Next annual general meeting of ESIN.
16. Close of conference



## Statutes of the European Small Islands Federation

### § 1. PURPOSE

ESIN is a non-political federation of associations for small islands and archipelagos in Europe. The federation is a forum for cooperation between member associations that are working for living islands and archipelagos. The federation shall represent the members on issues of mutual importance before the European Union parliament and institutions. The federation shall also be a forum for comparison of experience between the members. The federation has no formal influence of the governance of the member associations.

### § 2. MEMBERSHIP

Associations with national responsibility in Europe, representing small islands and archipelagos, that are not administrative regions of their own, can be accepted as members of ESIN. The applicant association must have as its aim the overall sustainable development of small islands and the improvement of living conditions for the resident island population in that country. Therefore there will be only one member from each country. Membership will not be open to applicants with a more limited objective.

Membership applications can be approved only by consensus decision of the ESIN board.

A member that fails to comply with these statutes, or to act in accordance with the aims of ESIN, can be expelled.

### § 3. MEMBERSHIP FEE

All members pay an annual membership fee for administrative costs of ESIN - the fee to be determined according to budget at the annual meeting. Above this, project funding and other contributions can finance activities.

### § 4. DELEGATES AND VOTING RIGHTS

Each member appoints two delegates, one of whom should be nominated voting delegate and a substitute as representatives to the annual meeting. These delegates must be appointed by the Board of the member association.

### § 5. COSTS

Each member pays for travel and subsistence costs for their delegates at annual meetings and board meetings. Exceptional costs, i.e. attendance at relevant conferences or other meetings by the Chair or other nominated Board member may be co-funded by agreement among the members.

## § 6. BOARD, AUDITOR

The Board of the Federation is responsible for the annual work plan. The board is elected for a one year period at the annual general meeting, AGM. Each ESIN member is entitled to one board member and one nominated substitute. The number of board members therefore is the same as number of ESIN members. The AGM also appoints the chair in board and treasurer. Vacancies in the membership of the Board occurring between AGMs may be filled by nomination by the relevant association for the period up to the next AGM. It is recommended that gender equality be maintained where possible. An auditor shall be elected on the AGM. The board is allowed to nominate a vice-chair.

## § 7. BOARD MEETINGS

An annual general meeting, AGM, shall be arranged in the third quarter of the year. The location of the annual meeting shall rotate among the federation members.

The board shall meet when necessary. Communication relating to normal business of the federation shall be carried out through email/internet and phone. It is recommended that a formal Board meeting should take place at least once a year in addition to the AGM, this may be conducted by phone or videoconference.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, AGM

Members shall be notified of the date and venue of the AGM at least twelve weeks in advance.

- The agenda for the meeting shall be agreed by the Board.
- Motions for the AGM shall be sent to delegates at least eight weeks in advance of the meeting.
- The business of the AGM shall include:

*Chairman's report, Treasurer's report including Audited statement, Appointment of Auditor, Annual general work plan, Adoption of reports, Motions and proposals, Annual membership fees, Election of Board, chairman and treasurer, Next years meeting*

## § 8. NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS

Notice to attend the annual meeting shall be addressed to the Secretary of each Member Association, Board Members, nominated delegates and substitutes and include a draft agenda. At least twelve weeks notice shall be given for the AGM and at least eight weeks notice for other special general meetings.

## § 9. PROTOCOLS

Minutes shall be taken at all meetings and sent to attendees within one month. Amendments to the minutes may be officially adopted at the following meeting.

### **§ 10. DECISIONS**

The Board may make binding decisions when at least half of the Board members or nominated substitutes are present. There is one vote per country. For ordinary decisions is it a simple majority. The Chairman will have a casting vote in the event of a tied vote.

### **§ 11. FINANCIAL YEAR**

The calendar year is the financial year of the federation.

### **§ 12. FISCAL SIGNATURES**

Signing for the federation is by the chairman and any other elected officer. Should the chair be unavailable for any reason, another elected officer can sign on their behalf.

### **§ 13. PROPOSAL OF MOTIONS**

Only ESIN members can raise proposals and motions. They shall be sent to the board at least ten weeks before the annual meeting.

### **§ 14. CHANGE OF STATUTES**

Amendments to these statutes may be made by at least two thirds majority of the delegates of the annual meeting. Proposed changes must be sent to members at least eight weeks in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

### **§ 15. DISSOLUTION**

The federation can only be dissolved if such a decision is taken by at least two thirds majority on two consecutive annual meetings. The proposal for dissolution of the federation must be sent to members at least twelve weeks in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Assets, if any after deduction of debts, shall be shared equally among members.

*These statutes were approved for the first time on September 4<sup>th</sup> 2004, at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at Eigg, Scotland, the second time on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2005, at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at Belle-Ile, France, and the third time on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at Elba, Italy.*



# OPEN DAY

## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF ESIN, ÎLE D'YEU

- Welcome by Denis PALLUEL, chairman of the Association of the Ponant Islands
- Presentation of ESIN by Bengt ALMKVIST, President of ESIN

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**9:00- 10:00**      **Presentation of the Intergroup 174**

- *Report of the last meetings & initiatives*

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**10:00- 11:00**      **Final Results of ESPON study**

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**11:30- 12:00**      **Presentation of electric cars**

*By MIA company*

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# LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

## *Participants ESIN members*

<b>Almkvist Bengt</b>	President ESIN	<i>Sweden</i>
<b>Theraud Manuela</b>	Secretary ESIN	<i>France</i>
<b>Winther Dorthe</b>	Chairman - Association of Danish Small Islands	<i>Denmark</i>
<b>Terkelsen Eva</b>	Deputy Chairman - Association of Danish Small Islands	<i>Denmark</i>
<b>Soerensen Lise</b>	Manager - Association of Danish Small Islands	<i>Denmark</i>
<b>Prost Pia</b>	Secretary, National Association of Finnish Islands FÖSS	<i>Finland</i>
<b>Johansson Tiina</b>	Member, National Association of Finnish Islands FÖSS	<i>Finland</i>
<b>Palluel Denis</b>	Chairman - Association of Ponant Islands	<i>France</i>
<b>Gauter Emilie</b>	Development Officer - Association of Ponant Islands	<i>France</i>
<b>Lelong Cyril</b>	Assistant - Association of Ponant Islands	<i>France</i>
<b>Noury Bruno</b>	Mayor of Yeu Island - Association of Ponant Islands	<i>France</i>
<b>Groc Sylvie</b>	Deputy Mayor of Yeu Island- Association of Ponant Islands	<i>France</i>
<b>Bezille Guy</b>	Deputy Mayor of Yeu Island- Association of Ponant Islands	<i>France</i>
<b>George Laurent</b>	Town clerk of Yeu Island	<i>France</i>
<b>Brossier Marie</b>	Town Hall official of Yeu Island	<i>France</i>
<b>Brunton Sandy</b>	Chairman - Scottish Islands Federation	<i>Scotland</i>
<b>Dresler Camille</b>	Manager - Scottish Islands Federation	<i>Scotland</i>
<b>Walsh John</b>	Chairman - Irish Islands Federation - Comhdhail Oileain na hEireann	<i>Ireland</i>
<b>Sten-Åke Persson</b>	Board Member - National Association for Swedish Archipelago	<i>Sweden</i>
<b>Andersson Lennart</b>	Board Member - National Association for Swedish Archipelago	<i>Sweden</i>
<b>Johansson Annetté</b>	Treasurer - National Association for Swedish Archipelago	<i>Sweden</i>
<b>Utbutt Almkvist A.Karin</b>	National Association for Swedish Archipelago	<i>Sweden</i>
<b>Wildund Eva</b>	Member - National Association for Swedish Archipelago	<i>Sweden</i>
<b>Pleijel Christian</b>	Archipelago Developer - Small Islands of Åland	<i>Åland</i>

## *ESIN members excused*

<b>Corongiu Mario</b>	Chairperson of National Association of Minor Islands - ANCIM	<i>Italy</i>
<b>Usai Gianpiera</b>	Manager of National Association of Minor Islands - ANCIM	<i>Italy</i>

## *Participants invited*

<b>Monique Danion</b>	Member of Regional Council (Brittany)	<i>France</i>
<b>Patrick Bastien</b>	Member of GASPE - Director of the Yeu Continent Company	<i>France</i>
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