

## Invitation

### **Round table: *Promoting cooperation among research-driven clusters in Renewable Energy Islands***

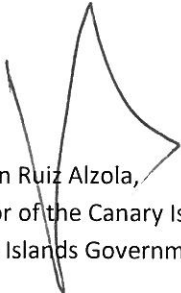
Canary Islands Government delegation in Brussels  
Avenue Livingstone, 21. B-1000 Brussels (Belgium)  
29<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 9:00h – 17:00h

Sustainable development is an essential target of islands throughout the world. One of the requirements for achieving this goal is the reduction in the use of fossil resources. Islands and peripheral regions have a vital need to guarantee energy supply and develop technologies in order to promote energy efficiency, particularly achieved through the use of renewable energy sources, and to implement a sustainable energy model, compatible with the European energy policy, taking into account experience of existing best practices.

In this context, three island regions - the Canary Islands (Spain), Crete (Greece) and Samsø (Denmark) - have developed, under the *INRES project* [www.inresproject.eu](http://www.inresproject.eu), a cooperation framework. Each island region participates with a Research Driven Cluster of three partners including the triple-helix concept: business, public authority and research organisations.

Since 2009, INRES island regions have cooperated and learned from each other taking advantage of their capabilities, developing a cross-learning and mentoring method through workshops and study visits and developing a Joint Action Plan.

In this *final public event*, key actors operating in the renewable energy sector in European islands will have the opportunity to discuss long term visions, concrete trans-regional strategies and RTD policies to be jointly adopted in order to respond to global market challenges with innovative solutions and technologies.



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