

## Motions

<b>Motion number</b>	3
<b>Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA</b>	Dinie Visser
<b>Member party</b>	Fryske Nasjonale Partij
<b>Title (of the Motion)</b>	Working towards a new EU Islands Pact
<b>Campaign topic</b>	Diversity for all
<p>a) Considering that EFA member parties are active in many island territories in Scotland, Wales, Yorkshire, Kernow, Brittany, the Åland Islands, the Frisian Islands, Corsica, Sicily, Sardinia, Elba and the Tuscan archipelago, the Islands of Naples Bay (Capri, Ischia and Procida), the Balearic Islands and the Canary Islands;</p> <p>b) bearing in my mind that to overcome the strictly one size fits all approach by the Member States and the European institutions, the EFA Islands' Forum was established in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in 2022;</p> <p>c) considering the outcome of the discussions held at meetings of the EFA Islands' Forum in Las Palmas de Gran Canarias on sustainable transport (spring 2022), in Palma de Mallorca on tourism (autumn 2022) and Skylge/Terschelling on housing (autumn 2023);</p> <p>d) recognising that European islands, while facing common challenges, have various geographical features and institutional setups, which mean it is crucial to adopt flexible solutions that take into account these specificities;</p> <p>e) recalling that Article 174 TFEU stipulates that the Union must pay particular attention to European islands;</p> <p>f) recalling the European Parliament resolution of 7 June 2022 on EU islands and cohesion policy, adopted by a overwhelming majority of votes, that asked for a genuine European island agenda and for the creation of a European strategy for islands;</p> <p>g) recalling the opinion adopted by the Committee of the Regions on 1 December 2022 on Enhancing Cohesion Policy support for regions with geographic and demographic handicaps, which calls for an Islands Pact with new legislation, new funds and new policy approaches specific to island regions;</p> <p>h) noticing that with the adoption of the Pact of Amsterdam, an Urban Agenda for the EU was established in 2016 and that a Rural Pact as part of a long-term vision for EU's rural areas was launched by the European Commission in 2021;</p> <p>i) regretting the EU's lack of vision for European islands so far;</p>	

The European Free Alliance calls upon:

1. the European Commission and the Council to step up their efforts and respond to the call by the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions to develop a genuine European Islands' agenda and to create a European strategy for islands;
2. the new European Parliament to establish an Islands' Intergroup to further the realisation of an EU Island Pact and an EU Islands' Agenda."

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