

## ***DRIVING SUSTAINABLE DESTINATIONS CHANGE THROUGH***

### ***TRANS-REGIONAL COOPERATION***

*Technical debate*

**16th of September 2019**

**15:00-18:00**

*European Committee of the Regions*

*Room JDE 52*

**Moderator:** Patrick TORRENT, President at NECSTouR and Executive Director at the Catalan Tourist Board

15.00 – 15.10 **Welcome word:** Ossi MARTIKAINEN, European Committee of the Regions, NAT Chair and Jury Member of the Capital of Smart Tourism Award

15.10 – 16.30 **Call for European action: “Driving behavioural change for European sustainable destinations”**

- Ben LYNAM, Head of Communications at The Travel Foundation, *The Invisible Burden of Tourism*
- Sara PASTOR, Managing Director at ADARA, *Smart data transforming customer engagement*
- Anya NIEWIERRA, General Director at Visit Zuid Limburg
- Sergio MORENO, Deputy Minister of Tourism at Regional Government Canary Islands

Q&A with the audience

16.30 – 17.10 **Towards the European “Visitor Economy” policy: Innovation and sustainability**

- The Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union - TBC
- Ilona LELONEK-HUSTING, European Commission DG GROW, Unit for Tourism, Emerging and Creative Industries

17.10 – 17.30 **Conclusions and next steps:**

- Eduardo SANTANDER, Executive Director at the European Travel Commission and Chairman of the European Manifesto Tourism for Growth and Jobs
- Manuel Alejandro CARDENETE, Vice-President at NECSTouR and Deputy Minister of Tourism, Regeneration, Justice and Local Administration at Regional Government of Andalusia.
- Christof KIENEL, Head of Unit for Tourism, European Committee of the Regions