

Islands for equal chances

How can EU policies help filling the gap?



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- **Sardinia structural weaknesses**

- Weak local economy
- Energy costs higher than in the mainland
- Pressure to the Island's ecosystem, transport and energy systems during high tourism season
- Insufficient energy distribution network

- **Sardinia Government's initiatives**
 - “Smart City Class A labeled Municipalities” Project
 - Sardinia Region as a Supporting Structure under the Covenant of Mayors initiative
 - Subscription of the Pact of Islands at the Committee of the Regions (ISEAP to be adopted by April 2012)

- **How can EU policies help filling the gap**
 - Considering insularity within Cohesion policy in new financial perspectives 2014-2020
 - Setting EU funded initiatives and programs specifically focused on insularity and sustainable energy
 - Enhancing the Pact of Islands scheme