

**PROGRAMME**  
**REGI Delegation to AZORES**  
**23-25 May 2017**

**TUESDAY - 23 May 2017**  
**SÃO MIGUEL**

*Individual arrivals of the Members and the staff to Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) the evening before on Monday 22 May 2017*

Check in the hotel

**Hotels in Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) chosen for the delegation:**

MEPs + REGI AD	Pol. group advisors + REGI AST + technician	Interpreters
<b>Hotel CASA HINTZE RIBEIRO</b> Rua Hintze Ribeiro, 62 9500-049 Ponta Delgada S.Miguel, Portugal Tel: +351 296 304 340 <a href="http://www.casahintzeribeiro.com/en/apartments-hotel-hintze-ribeiro">http://www.casahintzeribeiro.com/en/apartments-hotel-hintze-ribeiro</a>	<b>HOTEL DO COLÉGIO</b> Rua Carvalho Araújo, nº39 9500-040 Ponta Delgada S.Miguel, Portugal Tel: +351 296 306 600 <a href="http://www.hoteldocolegio.com/">http://www.hoteldocolegio.com/</a>	<b>Hotel PONTA DELGADA</b> Rua João Francisco Cabral, 49 9500 - 208 Ponta Delgada S.Miguel, Portugal Tel: +351 296 209 480 <a href="http://www.hotelpdl.com/en/hotel-overview.html">http://www.hotelpdl.com/en/hotel-overview.html</a>

**08:20 -8:30 - Meeting in front of the hotels**

**09:00 - 09:45 - Audition with the President of the Azores Regional Government**

Main interlocutors:

- **Mr Vasco Alves Cordeiro**, President of the Azores Regional Government

Possible topic for discussion:

- Achievements of the Cohesion Policy in Azores
- EU Funds in Azores, main objectives for the current programming period
- Future of the Cohesion Policy in the Outermost Regions

**09:45 - 10:15 - Press point**

*Venue: Palácio de Sant'Ana, Rua José Jácome Correia, nº 2, 9500-077 Ponta Delgada*

#### **10:45 - 11:45 - Project visit of Geothermal station of Pico Vermelho**

Main interlocutors:

- **Mr Duarte Ponte**, EDA Renováveis, Chairman Board of Directors
- **Mr Carlos Alberto Bicudo da Ponte**, EDA Renováveis, Executive Member of the Board
- **Mrs Andreia Melo Carreiro**, Regional Director for Energy

Possible topics for discussion:

- The use an endogenous, geothermal source of energy in the Azores islands
- Enhancing of the energy self-sufficiency of a remote and isolated region
- A tour inside the installations of the power plant

*Venue: Central Geotérmica do Pico Vermelho, EN5-2A, Ribeira Grande*

#### **12:15 - 13:45 - Lunch**

*Venue: restaurant Hotel Terra Nostra Garden, Furnas*

#### **14:00 - 15:00 - Project visit of Furnas Research and Monitoring Centre (CMIF) & Environmental Rehabilitation of the Furnas Lagoon Basin**

Main interlocutors:

- **Mr Hernâni Jorge**, Regional Director for the Environment

Possible topics for discussion:

- Environmental and tourism related challenges in the Outermost Regions
- Role of the Furnas Research Center on the crossroad of science, tourism and environment protection

*Venue: Rua da Lagoa das Furnas 1489, 9675-090 Furnas*

#### **15:30 - 16:30 - Project visit: “NONAGON” - Technology park of São Miguel**

Main interlocutors:

- **Mrs Teresa Ferreira**, NONAGON Managing Director
- **Mr Bruno Pacheco**, Regional Director for Science and Technology

Possible topics for discussion:

- Technology park as a support for innovation in the Azores Region
- Articulation between public and private sectors as new development model

*Venue: Rua da Tecnologia K – Epsilon, N.º 2, 9560-421 Rosário, Lagoa*

**17:00 - 18:00 - Visit of the University of the Azores**

Main interlocutors:

- **Mr João Luís Roque Baptista Gaspar**, Rector of the University of the Azores (tbc)
- **Mrs Gabriela Queiroz**, Pro-rector for Science and Technology
- **Mr Bruno Pacheco**, Regional Director for Science and Technology

Possible topic for discussion:

- Support from the EU Funds for high education in Azores
- Specificity of the University of the Azores
- Projects supported by the Cooperation programme INTERREG V-A 2014-2020

*Venue: Portao Norte, Rua São Gonçalo, 9501-801 Ponta Delgada, São Miguel*

**20:00 - Dinner hosted by the President of the Azores Regional Government**

*Venue: Restaurant Anfiteatro –Pavilhão do Mar, Portas do Mar, Ponta Delgada*

**WEDNESDAY - 24 May 2017**  
**SÃO MIGUEL / TERCEIRA**

**08:30 - Meeting in front of the hotels**

**09:00 - 10:00 - Project visit: Paim's Nursery School - Private Institution of Social Solidarity (IPSS)**

Main interlocutors:

- **Mrs Marta Bulhões**, Regional Director for Social Security
- **Mr Antero Viveiros**, President of São Miguel Patronage's directorate
- **Ms Ana Feijó**, architect

Possible topics for discussion:

- EU support for social projects in outermost regions,
- Impact of Paim's Nursery School in the area - addressing demographic challenges in Azores.

*Venue: loteamento do Paim, lote n 17, freguesia de São José, concelho de Ponta Delgada*

**10:00 - Transfer to the airport**

**11:50 -12:30 - Flight São Miguel to Terceira (SP 402 (SATA Air Acores) 11.50-12.30)**

**13:00 -14:00 - Lunch**

*Venue: Espaço Quinta dos Açores, Pico Redondo, 149 São Bento, 9700-211 - Angra do Heroísmo*

**14:00 - 14:45 - Project visit: Quinta dos Açores company**

Main interlocutors:

- **Mrs Helga Barcelos**, Quinta dos Açores Administrator
- **Ms Telma Barcelos**, Quinta dos Açores Administrator
- **Mr Ricardo Medeiros**, Regional Director for Support to the Investment and Competitiveness

Possible topic for discussion:

- Specificity of the Outermost Regions regarding the food industry,
- Support from FEDER to the food industry in Outermost Regions,
- Experience building the company, difficulties, challenges, achievements and suggestion for the future of financial support from the beneficiary point of view.

*Venue: Espaço Quinta dos Açores, Pico Redondo, 149 São Bento, 9700-211 - Angra do Heroísmo*

**15:00 - 16:00 - Project visit: Public Library and Regional Archive of Angra do Heroísmo**

Main interlocutors:

- **Mrs Cláudia Cardoso**, Regional Director for Angra do Heroísmo Public Library and Regional Archives
- **Mr Nuno Lopes**, Regional Director for Culture

Possible topic for discussion:

- Cultural infrastructure in the Outermost Regions - challenges and added value for the Cohesion Policy
- EU Funds social impact in the cultural sector

*Venue: Rua do Morrão, 42, 9700-054 Angra do Heroísmo, Portugal*

**16:30 - 17:30 - Project visit: Production of biomass pellets in the Autonomous Region of the Azores**

Main interlocutors:

- **Mr Mário Alves**, Natural Reason Manager
- **Mr Ricardo Medeiros**, Regional Director for Support to the Investment and Competitiveness and/or **Mr Arnaldo Machado**, SDEA President

Possible topic for discussion:

- Visit of plant - Natural Reason
- Specificity of the Outermost Regions regarding sources of energy
- Support from FEDER to the energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in Outermost Regions
- Experience of Natural reason company in the Terceira project
- Visit to Natural Reason's major local client, a dairy industry - Pronicol - to illustrate the advantage of using biomass for business sustainability

*Venue: Fábrica de Valorização Energética de Biomassa Florestal - Ilha Terceira, Grota dos Calrinhos, 14, 9700-224 São Bento, Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira*

**18:00 - 19:00 - Visit of Praia da Vitória's port**

Main interlocutors:

- **Mr João Manuel Enes Garcia de Vargas**, Member of the Board of Directors of the Ports of the Azores
- **Mr Fernando Nascimento**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ports of the Azores,
- **Mr Pedro Silva**, Member of the Board of Directors of the Ports of the Azores,
- **Mr Luís Melo**, Regional Director for Transport

Possible topic for discussion:

- Visit to the port
- Short presentation about LNG (liquid natural gas) bunkering project for Port of Praia da Vitória
- Meeting section with questions / answers

*Venue: Gare Marítima do Porto da Praia da Vitória, 9760-571 Praia da Vitória, Terceira*

**19:30 - Check in hotel**

**The Hotel in Terceira chosen for the delegation:**

**HOTEL ANGRA MARINA**  
Porto de Pipas, Angra do Heroísmo  
Ilha Terceira – Açores – Portugal  
Tel: (+351) 295 204 700  
Fax: (+351) 295 204 709  
<http://www.angramarinahotel.com/>

**20:00 - Dinner**

*Venue: individual dinners*

**THURSDAY - 25 May 2017**

**TERCEIRA**

**08:45 - Meeting at the lobby of the hotel**

**09:00 - 10:00 - Breakfast meeting with the President of the Association of Municipalities of the Azores**

Main interlocutors:

- **Dr Roberto Monteiro**, President of the Association of Municipalities of the Azores and Mayor of Praia da Vitória

Possible topic for discussion:

- Access to the EU Funds for local authorities - challenges and added value
- Experience of the municipalities and expectations for the future

*Venue: Hotel Angra Marina*

**10:00 - 11:00 - PRESS CONFERENCE**

**11:00** - End of the Delegation & individual departures  
 (+ transfer to the airport)