

# Ecoislas

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**Gran Canaria**



Islas Canarias / Canary Islands  
Gran Canaria



## Why Gran Canaria?

**As a venue, Gran Canaria offers you a warm welcome, and will ensure the success for many reasons, including:**

**An environment full of contrasts:** The leisure possibilities of the island are infinite: the Dunes of Maspalomas, the cliffs of the west coast and the leafy pines groves of the central area. From summer to winter you can play golf, take part in sea sports, go trekking, plus the possibility of relaxing in one of the many health centres on the island.

**History and culture:** Culturally speaking, Gran Canaria is melting pot. This characteristic is attributed to the legacy of its long history as a port of call for travellers, and ours has long been a society that is open to everything that arrives on this island's shores from beyond the seas. Its extremely valuable archaeological, artistic, architectural and ethnographic heritage is completed with a non-stop cultural program throughout the whole year.

**Clima:** Gran Canaria has a temperate climate, very pleasant weather all year round, with an average temperature of 23°, which makes it possible to organize open air events and to combine work with leisure, pleasure, sport and nature.

**Well connected:** Gran Canaria has excellent air communications, especially with most Spanish and European cities. The island is just two hours away from the Iberian Peninsula and four hours from Europe. Its international airport is 20 minutes from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and 15 from the tourist areas.

**Hotels:** Gran Canaria offers a large selection of hotels. 153.965 hotel beds, 28.162 of them in hotels with four - star and five - star ratings.

**Gastronomy:** Rich and varied with land and sea products: fishes, cheeses, gofio, mojo, tropical fruits... Our traditional Canarian cuisine can be sampled in the wide choice of restaurants that have developed their own gastronomic movement with creativity and style.

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# What is the Ecoislands Forum?

An international event

Is an **international event** whose mission is to provide a space for discussion, for sharing new ideas and promoting measures aimed at encouraging the **transition** towards a more sustainable and environmentally friendly socio-economic model; one that is also more profitable, more self-sufficient and with a special **focus on insular regions**.

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Two days in which **Gran Canaria will be the international centre for dialogue and reflection** on the transition towards a more sustainable management model.

The Island Council of Gran Canaria (Cabildo) and INFECAR, organisers of the ECOISLANDS event, are aligned in the fight against climate change. They are working hand-in-hand to implement a **climate neutrality strategy in the development of this event**, through actions for the measurement, reduction and offset of the emissions that will be produced, both in the planning and during the course of the event.

The transition to the Circular Economy is a unique opportunity to transform our economy towards a sustainable future, which will contribute to climate goals and the preservation of global resources, as well as create local employment and benefits for the development of the region.

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The entirely face-to-face event will feature **speakers from international, national and local spheres** who will present best practices and discuss the needs and solutions provided for each of the major blocks.

A total of over **60 speakers from different fields** will be present covering academic, administrative, financial, business and social sectors, and representing all the agents involved in the consolidation of a true eco-island. During the two days of the event, **B2B meetings** between speakers and other participants will be made possible through a tool that the organisation will make available for the event.

The structure envisages **lectures by international experts followed by parallel working tables** for each of the four main blocks. This will allow attendees to set their own agenda within the event, attending to the topics of their greatest interest.

The programme includes the presence of experts from *Greening the Islands*, an innovative organisation that supports self-sufficiency and sustainability of islands worldwide.

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Why  
this forum?

01

Because we want to promote a **socio-economic transformation of our current economic model towards** a less fossil fuel-dependent society.

02

Because we want to reinforce the idea that **insular areas can be thought of as real-life laboratories** for new management models.

03

Because we want to highlight the importance of policies aimed at **climate change mitigation** and adaptation in all socio-economic sectors.

04

Because we want to **share best practices**.

05

Because we want to create a space for **collaboration** between public, private and scientific **institutions** to promote innovative climate-resilience measures for island systems.

06

Because we want to meet the challenge of **green job**, as a new approach for reducing unemployment levels.

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BLUE ECONOMY

CIRCULAR AND

ENERGY, WATER

AND MOBILITY

# Four mayor areas of interest

ADAPTATION TO

CLIMATE CHANGE

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REGENERATIVE

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# Circular Economy an Blue Economy

Innovation, Biotechnology, Algae.

Best practices in circular economy for islands.

Marine renewable energy on islands.

Circular Economy Strategies.

Aquaculture and seaweed farming: barriers and opportunities.

Barriers and opportunities for blue and circular entrepreneurship.

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# Energy , Water and Mobility

Energy communities on islands.

Energy transition agendas for islands.

Sustainable mobility on islands: best practices.

Carbon Removal/Desalination Efficiency.

Green hydrogen and storage: a solution to move towards decarbonisation.

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# Adaptation to Climate Change

Island strategies for adaptation to climate change.

Renaturalisation of urban spaces.

Intelligent technologies for fire prevention and forest management.

Technologies to monitor the impacts of global warming on the oceans.

Vulnerabilities and solutions in coastal spaces.

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# Regenerative Tourism

Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in tourism destinations and establishments.

Tourism, Digitalisation, Sustainability.  
Waste Management and Reduction.

Renewables and energy efficiency in establishments.

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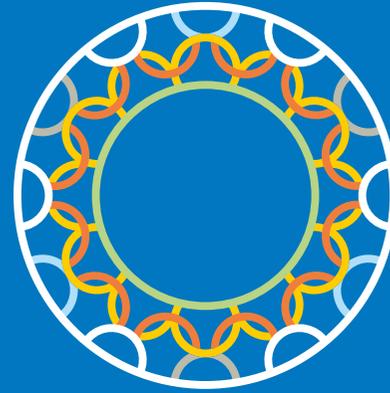


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