Tenth plenary session of the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM)

26 – 27 February 2019
Venue: Real Alcázar de Sevilla
Seville, Spain
Room: Salón de los tapices

Programme

25 February 2019
9 a.m.-9 p.m. tbc  Suggested arrival time of participants

26 February 2019
10–12 a.m.  Study visit to Business park La Cartuja, innovation centre
12–1.30 p.m.  Visit to the “Fundación tres culturas del Mediterráneo” and lunch there
2.30 p.m.  Parallel side events
  o Local innovation ecosystems and entrepreneurship (JRC)
  o Migration across the Mediterranean (AEBR, CPMR-CIM)
5.15–6.00 / 6.00-6.45 p.m.  Mediterranean/ European partners’ coordination meetings
( access for ARLEM members only)
6.45–7.30 p.m.  22d meeting of the ARLEM Bureau
Interpreting into/from AR, EN, FR, ES, TR, PL(passive)
( access restricted to Bureau members)
8.00 p.m.  Official dinner

27 February 2019
9 a.m.-12.30 p.m.  Tenth ARLEM plenary session
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12.30 p.m.  ARLEM Local Entrepreneurship Award ceremony
1 p.m.  Lunch

Optional
2.30 p.m.  - Working/coodination meeting friends of the Nicosia Initiative
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8.45 a.m.  Registration

9.00  Opening session
- Welcome words by the Mayor of Sevilla Juan Espadas
- Welcome words by Juan Manuel Moreno Bonilla, President of Junta de Andalucía
- Opening statements by ARLEM co-Presidents: Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions, and Mohamed Boudra, Mayor of Al Hoceima, Morocco
- Statement by Amb. Nasser Kamel, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean
- Statement by Luca Jahier, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- Adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the minutes of the ninth plenary session held on 21 February 2018 in Giza, Egypt

10.00  Governance and Transparency in the Mediterranean region
- Presentation of the draft ARLEM report on Governance and Transparency in the Mediterranean region by the rapporteur Lütfü Savaş, Mayor of Hatay, Turkey
- Intervention by Guido De Clercq, Executive Director, Transparency international Belgium
- Debate
- Adoption of the draft report

10.30  Youth entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean
- Presentation of the draft ARLEM report on Youth entrepreneurship in the
Mediterranean by the rapporteur **Olgierd Geblewicz**, President of Westpomerania Region, Poland
- Intervention by **Arnaldo Abruzzini**, CEO of Eurochambres
- Debate
- Adoption of the draft report

11.00  **Coffee break/ Press conference**

11.30  **ARLEM Local Entrepreneurship Award ceremony**  
- ARLEM co-chairs  
- Winner

12.00  **Women empowerment in the Mediterranean** *(follow up of ARLEM reports)*  
- **Souad Ben Abderrahim**, Mayor of Tunis, Tunisia *(tbc)*  
- **Simone Susskind**, President of Actions in the Mediterranean (AIM)

12.20  **Nicosia Initiative in support of Libya's local authorities - state of play**  
- **Manuel Pleguezuelo Alonso** (ES/EPP)  
- **Stefano Sotgia**, EU Delegation to Libya *(tbc)*

12.30  **Reporting from the side events**

12.45  **ARLEM works in 2019**  
- Recommendations  
- Topics and rapporteurs for the ARLEM reports  
- Action Plan timeline updates

1p.m.  **Family photo**  
**End of meeting**  
**Lunch**  

*Optional*  
2.30p.m - **Working/coordination meeting friends of the Nicosia Initiative**