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

22 – 23 January 2020
Venue: Palau de Pedralbes
Barcelona, Spain
Room: Gala

Programme

**22 January 2020**

morning
Suggested arrival time of participants

**22 January 2020**

2.30 p.m.  **Study visit:** Districlima, an innovative distribution center implementing a district network for use in heating, air conditioning and sanitary hot water

5.15–6 p.m.  **Mediterranean/ European partners’ coordination meetings**
(access for ARLEM members only)

6.45–7.30 p.m.  **24th meeting of the ARLEM Bureau**
Interpreting into/from AR, EN, FR, ES, TR, PL (passive) (tbc)
(access restricted to Bureau members)

8 p.m.  **Official dinner**
Palauet Albéniz, Montjuic

**23 January 2020**

9 a.m.-2.00 p.m.  **11th ARLEM plenary session**
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1.30 p.m.  **ARLEM Local Entrepreneurship Award ceremony**

2 p.m.  **Lunch**

3.00 p.m.  **Cultural visit to the Sagrada Familia**
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8.45 a.m.  Registration

9 a.m.  Opening session
- Welcome words by the Mayor of Barcelona Ada Colau
- Welcome words by Alfred Bosch i Pascual, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Institutional Relations and Transparency, Autonomous Community of Catalonia, CoR member
- 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
- Adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the minutes of the tenth plenary session held on 27 February 2019 in Seville, Spain

9.45 a.m.  Regional integration in the Mediterranean region
- Presentation of the draft ARLEM report on “Euro-Mediterranean integration: The role of regional and local authorities” by the rapporteur Jihad Khair, Mayor of Beit Sahour, Palestine

Round table with contributions by:
- Rachid Maaninou, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean in charge of Business Development and Employment
- Mohamed Saadie, President of UCLG MEWA, President of Union of Dannieh Municipalities (Lebanon)
- Wided Lazrak, Tunis City councillor (Tunisia)
- **Mina Bouhdoud**, Mayor of Lagfifat (Morocco)
- Debate with ARLEM members
- Adoption of the draft report

**10.45 a.m.  Blue Economy in the Mediterranean**
- Presentation of the draft ARLEM report on "Blue Economy for local and regional authorities in the Mediterranean" by the rapporteur **Vincenzo Bianco**, member of Catania City Council, Italy
- Intervention by **Isidro González**, Deputy Secretary General of UfM in charge of Water & Environment
- Adoption of the draft report

**11.05 a.m.  Partnerships for development**
- "Local Authorities: Partnerships for sustainable cities"
  **Paolo Ciccarelli**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- Presentation of the MC2CM - Mediterranean city-to-city migration project in support of urban migration governance by **Martijn Pluim**, Director of Migration Dialogues & Cooperation, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- The ENI Cross-border Cooperation Mediterranean Programme and its thematic clusters, by **Diego Escalona**, Director of Operations and Partnerships, UfM

**11.35 a.m.  Coffee break**

**12.00 a.m.  Debate: Climate action in the Mediterranean**
- UfM – R20 project "Framing a Mediterranean value chain and sub-national climate fund" presentation by Amb. **Grammenos Mastrojeni**, Deputy Secretary-General for energy and climate action of the Union for the Mediterranean
- Intervention by **Christophe Nuttall**, Executive Director of R20
- Intervention by **Full Prof. Maria Carmen Llasat**, Department of Applied Physics, University of Barcelona
- Intervention by **Houda Bourguiba**, 1st Vice Mayor of Monastir
- Debate

**1.00 p.m.  ARLEM works in 2020**

*For adoption*
- Recommendations 2020
- Action Plan for the next mandate

*For decision*
- Topics and rapporteurs for the ARLEM reports 2020
- Preparation of new mandate including appointments

*For information*
- Activity report 2019
1.30 p.m.  Ceremony of the ARLEM Award: 
Young local entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean

2 p.m.  Family photo / Lunch

End of meeting

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