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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

6-6.45 p.m.

(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
