NOTICE OF MEETING

Commission for Sustainable Territorial Development
of the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM)

Meeting No 5
Co-Chairs Olgierd Geblewicz and Hussain Mhaidat
Venue European Committee of the Regions (Room VMA1)
Rue Van Maerlant/Van Maerlantstraat 2
1000 Bruxelles/Brussel
Date 18 October 2019
9.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

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Draft Agenda

9 a.m. Arrival of participants

9.30 a.m. Opening session
– Statement by the co-chairs (Olgierd Geblewicz and Rama Mohammed El Ezzi, replacing Hussain Mhaidat)
– Adoption of the agenda (COR-2019-03789-00-02-CONVPOJ-TRA)
– Adoption of the minutes of the fourth meeting of the ARLEM Commission, held in Brussels on 11 October 2018 (COR-2019-02419-00-00-PV-TRA)

9.45 a.m. Contribution of local and regional authorities to the development of the blue economy in the Mediterranean
– Vincenzo Bianco (IT/PES), ARLEM rapporteur
– Luca Marangoni, team leader, Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
– Isidro González, deputy secretary-general, Water and Environment, secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean

Debate
10.45 a.m.  
*Coffee break*  
*Family photo*

11 a.m.  
**Update on the report on regional integration in the Mediterranean**  
– Jihad Khair, mayor of Beit Sahour, Palestine, ARLEM rapporteur

11.15 a.m.  
**Women's empowerment in the Mediterranean – what place for women in the political life at local level?**

*Moderator:*  
– Simone Susskind, founder of Actions in the Mediterranean (AIM)

*Panellists:*  
– Radhia Ben Haj Salah, mayor of Zaout Kontech, Tunisia  
– Christiane Overmans, city councillor, Federal City of Bonn, vice-president of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions and of its German section, Germany  
– Badia Bannani, president Hay Ryad Agdal District Council, Rabat, Morocco  
– Manuela Bora (IT/PES), member of the Marche Regional Council and Regional Minister, CoR member

*Debate:*  
– Isabella Tovaglieri (IT/ID), Member of the European Parliament

*Conclusions:*  
– Mary Freehill (IE/PES), Councillor Dublin City, ARLEM rapporteur on Women's empowerment

1.15 p.m.  
**ARLEM works:**  
– Renewal of the ARLEM mandate  
– ARLEM Award 2020: Young Local Entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean

1.25 p.m.  
**Any other business**

1.30 p.m.  
**End of the meeting**  
*Lunch hosted by the CoR*