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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
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