



**European Committee  
of the Regions**



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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

<b>Meeting No</b>	6
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Arianna Censi and Mina Bouhdoud ( <i>replaced by Lahcen Amrouch</i> )
<b>Venue</b>	In light of the current COVID-19 situation, this meeting will be held in a digital format.
<b>Date</b>	29 October 2020 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Central European Time

*Interpreting into/from AR, EN, FR and passive IT*

### **Draft Agenda**

- 9.30 a.m.** *Speakers and members are strongly encouraged to test the connection on the virtual platform (Interactio).*
- 10.30 a.m.** **Opening session**
- Statement by the co-chairs
  - Adoption of the agenda (COR-2020-02878-00-01-CONVPOJ-TRA)  
Adoption of the minutes of the fifth meeting of the ARLEM Commission, held in Brussels on 18 October 2019 (COR-2019-05118-00-00-PV-TRA)
- 10.45 a.m.** **Towards a renewed partnership between the EU and its Southern Neighbours**
- **Ingrid Schwaiger**, Deputy Head of the Unit "Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South", Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission
  - Q&A
- 11 a.m.** **Thematic debate on seizing the transformative potential of the COVID crisis**
- **Christophe Ingels**, Member of Covid team for the Neighbourhood South, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

- Debate
  
  - 11.30 a.m.      Agriculture and food security in the context of climate change in the Mediterranean**
    - **Agnès Rampal** (FR/EPP), ARLEM rapporteur
    - **Isidro González**, Deputy Secretary General of UfM in charge of Water & Environment
    - **Jean-Paul Pelissier**, International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies CIHEAM (Montpellier)
    - Debate
  
  - 12.10 p.m.      Digitalisation of small and medium sized businesses in the Mediterranean region**
    - **Lizzy Delaricha**, Mayor of Ganei Tikva, Israel, ARLEM rapporteur
    - Q&A
  
  - 12.25 p.m.      Any other business**
  
  - 12.30 p.m.      End of the commission meeting**
  
  - 2 p.m.            Union for the Mediterranean Strategic Action Plan on Sustainable Urban Development**  
**Presentation and discussion with Mediterranean local authorities**  
*(digital format, interpretation in AR/EN/FR will be provided)*
  
  - 4 p.m.            End of the presentation and discussion**
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