



**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>	7
<b>Co-chairs</b>	Mina Bouhdoud, Mayor of Lagfifat (Morocco) and Antje Grotheer, Vice-President of the State Parliament of Bremen (Germany) (replacing Arianna Censi)
<b>Venue</b>	<i>Online (via Interactio): link received via email the week before</i> <i>On site (JDE 52)</i>
<b>Date</b>	26 October 2021 10:00-13:45 Central European Time (with a break from 11:45-12:15)

*Interpreting into/from AR, ES, EN, FR, IT, TR*

**In light of the current COVID-19 situation, and in accordance with the recent decision of the CoR President, this meeting will be hybrid (participation will be possible either remotely or onsite)**

**Please note that CoR room JDE 52 has limited capacity to accommodate members with physical distancing. Members interested in participating in person should therefore notify the ARLEM secretariat at least two weeks before the meeting. Please only book your travel once your participation has been confirmed by the ARLEM secretariat (see more details in Annex).**

Members will receive a PRACTICAL GUIDE on how to connect to the remote meeting platform. All documents for the meeting will be available exclusively online.

## Draft Agenda

- 9:00** *Speakers and members are strongly encouraged to test the connection on the virtual platform (Interactio).*
- 10:00** **Opening session**
- Statement by the co-chairs
  - Adoption of the agenda (COR-2021-04319-00-02-CONVOPOJ-TRA)
  - Adoption of the minutes of the sixth meeting of the ARLEM Commission, held in Brussels on 29 October 2020 (COR-2021-04196-00-00-PV-TRA)
- 10:30** **Innovation ecosystems and start-ups in the Mediterranean as a means of recovering from the COVID-19 crisis**
- **José Enrique Millo Rocher**, Secretary-General of External Action of the Government of Andalusia (alternate to the ARLEM rapporteur (representing the Association of European Border Regions))
  - **Aurélien Pastouret**, Programme Manager, Regional Cooperation Neighbourhood South, Economic Investment Plan, Directorate-General Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)
  - **Giuseppe Provenzano**, Advisor for Research and Innovation, Union for the Mediterranean
  - **Mikel Landabaso Álvarez**, Director, Growth and Innovation, Joint Research Centre (JRC)
  - **María Helena de Felipe**, President of the Federation of Businesswomen Associations in the Mediterranean (AFAEMME), EESC Rapporteur on the New Agenda for the Mediterranean
- Debate with members
- 11:45** *Coffee break*
- 12:15** **Service sector re-orientation: transferring skills from the tourism sector**
- **Mohamed Boudra**, ARLEM rapporteur, President of the Moroccan Mayors' Association
  - **Mohammed Elrazzaz**, Regional Integration Coordinator, Economic Development and Employment, Union for the Mediterranean
  - **Natalia Bayona**, Director of Innovation, Education and Investments, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
  - **Cesare Onestini**, Director, European Training Foundation
  - **Slim Tlatli**, former Minister of Employment and Tourism of Tunisia
- Debate with members
- 13:15** **Any other business**
- 13:30** **End of the commission meeting**
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