14th Plenary session of the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM)

23-24 October 2023

Venue: Hotel Calabona
Alghero, Italy
Room: Sala Plenaria

Programme

23 October 2023

morning
Suggested arrival time of participants

15:00–16:00
Study visit: Sustainable urban mobility in Alghero

16:45–17:30
Mediterranean partners’ coordination meeting

17:45–18:30
European partners’ coordination meeting
(access for ARLEM members only)

18:30–19:30
28th meeting of the ARLEM Bureau
Interpreting into/from EN, FR, IT, AR, TR and from ES
(access restricted to Bureau members)

20:00
Official dinner: Agriturismo "Sa Mandra"
(for ARLEM members and invited speakers)

24 October 2023

09:00–16:00
14th ARLEM Plenary session
Interpreting into/from EN, FR, IT, AR, TR and from ES

Including, at 15:30
ARLEM awards ceremony: Young local entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean

16:15–18:30
Cultural visit: Nuraghe of Sardinia
14th Plenary session of the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM)

24 October 2023

Venue: Hotel Calabona
Alghero, Italy

Room: Sala Plenaria

Agenda

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

Please note that all ARLEM meetings are paperless and no paper meeting documents will be available on site.

08:30 Registration

09:00 Opening session
- Welcome by the President of the Regional Council of Sardinia Michele Pais (ECR/IT)
- Opening statements by the ARLEM co-presidents: Patrick Molinoz (PES/FR), Chair of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX) of the European Committee of the Regions and Vice-president of the Bourgogne-Franche-Comté region for the EU group and Ahmad Al Khazali, Mayor of Greater Ramtha Municipality for the Mediterranean partners group
- Statement by Nello Musumeci, Minister for Civil Protection and Sea policies, Italian government
- Statement by Christian Solinas (ECR/IT), President of the Region of Sardinia and ARLEM and CoR member
- Statement by Sabri Ergen, Deputy Secretary General for Transport and Urban Development of the Union for the Mediterranean
- Adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the minutes of the 13th plenary session held on 8 November 2022 in Izmir, Türkiye.
09:45 Cities' and regions' role in Mediterranean civil protection
- Presentation of the draft ARLEM report by André Viola (PES/FR), Member of the Departmental Council of Aude
- Contribution from:
  - ARLEM members sharing their experiences:
    - Mutfah Ahmadi, Mayor of Zliten (Libya)
    - Mounir Lymouri, Mayor of Tanger (Morocco)
  - Tristan Simonart, Team Leader International Cooperation, Unit B1 – Civil Protection Horizontal Issues, The Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), European Commission
- Debate with ARLEM members
- Adoption of the draft report

10:45 Roundtable: The role of territorial cooperation in the Mediterranean
- Statements by:
  - François Alfonsi (Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance/FR), Member of the European Parliament and rapporteur on the EP report on "The Role of cohesion policy in addressing multidimensional challenges in the Mediterranean"
  - Marie-Antoinette Maupertuis (EA/FR), CoR rapporteur on: "Boosting lasting an effective cross-border cooperation with our neighbours"
- Debate with ARLEM members

11:45 Coffee break

12:15 Urban health and sustainable urban mobility in the Mediterranean
- Presentation of the draft ARLEM report by the rapporteur Abdelaziz Derouiche, President of the AMPCPP and President of the Prefectorial Council of Rabat (Morocco)
  - Statement by Sabri Ergen, Deputy Secretary-General for Transport and Urban Development of the Union for the Mediterranean
- Debate with ARLEM members
- Adoption of the draft report

12:45 Lunch Break
Family photo

14:15 Capacity building session: peer-to-peer cooperation
Statements by:
- Ibrahim Ahmed Eshible, Mayor of Tripoli and ARLEM observer, from the Nicosia Initiative
- Patrick Molinoz (PES/FR), CIVEX Chair and ARLEM member
- Debate with ARLEM members.

14:45 ARLEM works

For adoption
- Recommendations 2024

For decision
- Topics and rapporteurs for the ARLEM reports 2024

For information
- Activity report 2023

15:30 Ceremony of the ARLEM Award:
Young local entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean

16:00 End of meeting.