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

7-8 November 2022

Venue: Club Marvy

Izmir, Türkiye

Room: Marvy Hub

Programme

7 November 2022

morning

Suggested arrival time of participants

9.00 a.m.

Izmir visit (*optional*) as follows:

9.00 a.m. Departure from Club Marvy

10.00 a.m. Agora Smyrna Visit - Kemeraltı Historical Tour

12.00 p.m. Lunch at Nefes Restaurant in Izmir Marina

2.00 p.m. Arrival at Club Marvy

2.30 p.m.

Study visit: *Club Marvy*

5.15–6 p.m.

Mediterranean partners' coordination meeting

6–6.45 p.m.

European partners' coordination meeting

(*access for ARLEM members only*)

6.45–7.30 p.m.

27th meeting of the ARLEM Bureau

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

(*access restricted to Bureau members*)

8 p.m.

Official dinner

Club Marvy

8 November 2022

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

13th ARLEM Plenary session

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

Including at 3.30 p.m.

ARLEM awards ceremony: Young local entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean

4 p.m.

Cultural visit: Ephesus



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and no paper meeting documents will be available on site.*

8.30 a.m. Registration

9 a.m. Opening session

- Welcome by the Mayor of Izmir Metropolitan Municipality **Tunç Soyer**
- Welcome by Ambassador **Faruk Kaymakci**, Turkish Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs (tbc)

- Installation of the new **ARLEM Assembly 2022-2025**
- Opening statements by ARLEM co-presidency: **Vincenzo Bianco**, Chair of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX) of the European Committee of the Regions, Member of Catania Municipal Council (Italy) for the EU group and the nominated candidate of the Mediterranean partners group
- Statement by **Abdelkader El Khissassi**, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

- Adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the minutes of the twelfth plenary session held on 22 February 2021 in fully remote mode.

10 a.m. Roundtable: Inclusive and resilient cities in the Mediterranean

- Opening remarks by **Vincenzo Bianco**, Chair of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX) of the European Committee of the Regions, Member of Catania Municipal Council (Italy)

Statements by:

- **Alen Taletović**, Assistant Minister, Federal Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Yücel Yılmaz**, Mayor of Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality (Türkiye)
- **Xavier Cadoret**, Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress, mayor of Saint Gérard le Puy (France)
- **Bartłomiej Ostrowski**, Vice President and Governing Board Member of the European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)
- **Racha Omeyri**, Intercultural Research Officer, Anna Lindh Foundation (Egypt)
- Debate with ARLEM members.

11.00 a.m. Coffee break

11.15 a.m. Roundtable: Climate action in the Mediterranean: the ARLEM message to the COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh

- Opening remarks by **Olgierd Geblewicz** (PL/EPP), CoR rapporteur on *The CoR's role in boosting subnational climate diplomacy ahead of COP27 and COP28*

Statements by:

- **Almotaz Abadi**, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean in charge of Water, the Environment and the Blue Economy (*video message*)
- **Tunç Soyer**, Mayor of Izmir Metropolitan Municipality, Global executive committee member of ICLEI (Türkiye)
- **Josep Canals**, Secretary-General MedCities
- Debate with ARLEM members.

12.15 p.m. ARLEM works

For adoption

- Recommendations 2023
- Action Plan for 2023-2025

For decision

- New mandate, including appointments
- Topics and rapporteurs for the ARLEM reports 2023

For information

- Activity report 2022

1 p.m. Lunch Break

Family photo

- 2.30 p.m. Innovation ecosystems and start-ups in the Mediterranean as a means of recovering from the COVID-19 crisis**
- Presentation of the draft ARLEM report by **Catalina de Miguel García**, Delegate of the Government of Andalusia in Brussels (Spain)
 - Contribution from **Abdelkader El Khissassi**, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean
 - Debate with ARLEM members
 - Adoption of the draft report.
- 3 p.m. Service sector re-orientation: transferring skills from and to the tourism sector**
- Presentation of the draft ARLEM report by the rapporteur **Abdelaziz Derouiche**, President of the AMPCPP and President of the Prefectoral Council of Rabat (Morocco)
 - Contribution from **Mahmut Özgener**, Board Member of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB), President of the Izmir Chamber of Commerce (Türkiye)
 - Debate with ARLEM members
 - Adoption of the draft report.
- 3.30 p.m. Ceremony of the ARLEM Award:
Young local entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean**
- 4 p.m. End of meeting**
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