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

1-2 July 2024

Venue: Hotel du Département, Carcassonne, France
(Allée Raymond Courrière, 11855 Carcassonne)

Programme

1 July 2024

Morning/early afternoon	Suggested arrival time of participants
16:00–18:30	ARLEM workshop on civil protection <i>Interpreting from/into AR,EN,FR,IT,TR (ES passive)</i> (agenda will be communicated later)
20:30	Official dinner (TBC)

2 July 2024

09:00–13:00	10th ARLEM Commission meeting <i>Interpreting from/into AR,EN,FR,IT,TR (ES passive)</i> (agenda attached)
14:30–17:30	Conference: ‘Water, Europe and resilient communities-Towards a European Water Strategy: a multilevel water management to fight the climate crisis’ (agenda will be communicated later)

AGENDA of the 10th ARLEM Commission meeting

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

Meeting No	10
Co-chairs	Mina BOUHDOUD, Mayor of Lagfifat (Morocco) and Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS, First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions (EL/EPP)
Venue	Hotel du Department- Allee Raymond Courriere, 11855 Carcassonne, France
Date	2 July 2024 09:00–13:00 (local time)

Interpreting from/into AR,EN,FR,IT,TR (ES passive)

08:45	<i>Participants arrive</i>
09:00	Opening session – Welcome by the host – Statement by the co-chairs of the ARLEM Commission – Adoption of the agenda (COR-2024-01489-00-00-CONVPOJ-TRA) – Approval of the minutes of the ninth meeting of the ARLEM Commission, held in person on 25 April 2023 in Rabat (COR-2024-00xxx-00-00-PV-TRA)
09:30	A sustainable energy transition for the Mediterranean <i>This discussion is based on the ARLEM draft report circulated to members ahead of the meeting</i> – Franck PROUST (FR/EPP), ARLEM rapporteur, President of Nîmes Métropole – speaker from UfM – speaker from the European Commission Discussion and exchange of best practices with members

	<u>Questions for members:</u> – How do you support your country's national effort for a sustainable energy transition? – What are the main challenges in your city/region and the main opportunities available? – Do you have any best practices or recommendations to share? – Is there a specific offer of or request for cooperation that you would like to make to other ARLEM members?
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Water resilience in the Mediterranean <i>This discussion is based on the ARLEM draft report and the questionnaire circulated to members ahead of the meeting</i> – Taleb Abderrahmane EL MAHJOUB, ARLEM rapporteur, Mayor of Teveragh Zeina (Mauritania) – Speaker from the UfM – Speaker from the European Commission – Speaker from UN cities Alliance Discussion and exchange of best practices with members <u>Questions for members:</u> – What are the main water-related challenges your community is facing? – What measures have you taken to improve water resilience? Are you facing obstacles? – How could cooperation with neighbouring other partner territories help to address common water challenges? – Does daily water production meet the needs of your community? What is the source of your drinking water supply? Is there a waste water treatment system in your community?
12:00	Mediterranean capitals of culture and dialogue
12:25	Presentation of the ARLEM Roadmap on Civil Protection
12:45	Any other business
13:00	End of the meeting.



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Version of 3 May 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM) Workshop on Civil Protection

Co-chairs Mina Bouhdoud, Mayor of Lagfifat (Morocco) and Apostolos Tzitzikostas, First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions (EL/EPP)

Venue Carcassonne, France

Date 1 July 2024
4.00 – 6.30 p.m. (local time)

Interpreting from/into AR, EN, FR, IT, TR (ES passive)

This workshop takes place as a concrete follow-up to the ARLEM report on Cities and regions' role in Mediterranean Civil Protection by rapporteur and host André Viola (FR/PES), adopted on 25 October 2023 in Alghero, Italy. The aim is to provide ARLEM members with concrete information on available programmes in the Mediterranean, as well as on opportunities for cooperation. These will be presented by key partners such as the Union for the Mediterranean and DG ECHO - European Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations, and will showcase best practices in civil protection.

Draft agenda

3.45 p.m.	Participants arrive
4.00 p.m.	Welcome and introduction - Hélène Sandragné, President of the Departmental Council of Aude - Statement by the co-chairs of the ARLEM Commission - UfM - DG ECHO
4.15 p.m.	Roundtable 1: Cooperation and governance in Mediterranean Civil Protection <i>Statement by Ms Mina Bouhdoud, Mayor of Lagfifat (Morocco), Co-chair of the ARLEM Commission</i>



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	<i>This first roundtable will focus on the state of play of cooperation and collaboration in the Mediterranean in terms of civil protection, as well as the opportunities to link all levels of governance. Programmes and concrete projects in the European Union and the Mediterranean region will be presented, including the Mediterranean Framework on Civil Protection, the PPRD MED and huB46.</i> – Tristan Simonart, Team Leader International Cooperation, Civil Protection Horizontal Issues, DG ECHO – European Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations – Franck Proust, President of Nîmes Métropole (FR/EPP) / Adrien Mangiavillano, Head of airport unit – André Viola, ARLEM rapporteur, member of the Departmental Council of Aude (FR/PES), and host Discussion and exchange of best practices with members <u>Guiding questions:</u> – <i>How does cooperation on wildfires represent an opportunity to strengthen links between Euro-Mediterranean countries?</i> – <i>What are the connecting elements that still need to be improved between Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and the sub-national and local levels? How can local communities and municipalities contribute to this?</i> – <i>In what way, at the end, is civil protection, as a whole, a factor of peace, stability and development? And what are the public policy levers that can encourage societies to be more resilient?</i>
5.00 p.m.	Coffee break
5.15 p.m.	Roundtable 2: Case studies: Prevention, Preparedness and Response <i>Statement by Mr Apostolos Tzitzikostas, First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions (EL/EPP), Co-chair of the ARLEM Commission</i> <i>During the second roundtable, several specific on-going case studies will highlight concrete actions in the Mediterranean taking place in the domain of wildfire risks, which aim to create synergies on issues common to the region and closely linked to the local level.</i> – <i>Representative from Project WUI (Forest Habitat interface against forest fires in Ariana, Tunisia)</i> – <i>Representative from the cross-border Tunisian-Algerian cooperation on Civil protection</i> – <i>Representative from the Risk assessment mission on palm-tree fires in the oasis, Morocco</i> – <i>Representative from Junta de Galicia, Spain, USE4FOREST project, Interreg Sudoe</i> – <i>Representative from Département of Pyrénées Orientales, France, COOPEREM project, Interreg Poctefa</i>



	Discussion and exchange of best practices with members <u>Guiding questions:</u> - <i>What are the main obstacles to the implementation of local projects in land use planning policies?</i> - <i>What are the challenges of wildfire risk assessment and mitigation in the Euro-Mediterranean zone?</i> - <i>How can the European Union, through the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, further amplify its action other than in the capacity response in the event of a disaster?</i>
6.10 p.m.	Closing - André Viola, ARLEM rapporteur, member of the Departmental Council of Aude (FR/PES)
6.30 p.m.	End of the meeting



EU local dialogue

WATER, EUROPE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Towards a European Water Strategy: a multilevel water management to fight the climate crisis

Tuesday, 2 July 14:30 – 17:30

Carcassonne, France

Interpretation: EN, FR, ES, AR

14:30-14:45 Opening

Hélène SANDRAGNE, *President of Departmental Council of Aude*

Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS (EPP/GR), *First-vice President of the European Committee of the Regions, and co-chair of the ARLEM commission for sustainable territorial development*

Christian POUGET, *Prefect of Aude Department*

Carole DELGA, *President of the region Occitania, Pyrénées-Méditerranée* **tbc**

14:45-15:10 Keynote speech

Hervé DOUVILLE, *Senior Researcher at METEO France, author and coordinator on changes in the water cycle, IPCC Report No. 6.*

Debate with the participants

15:10-16:00 Round Table I – How climate change impacts water resources

Moderated by Loïc CHARPENTIER, Water Europe

Hélène SANDRAGNE, *President of Departmental Council of Aude, representative of Réseau 11*

Lluïsa MORET SABIDÓ, *President of Provincial Deputation of Barcelona* **tbc**

Alessandra TODDE, *President of the Sardinia Region* **tbc**

Taleb Abderrahmane EL MAHJOUB, *Mayor of Tevragh Zeina (Mauritanie) and ARLEM rapporteur on water resilience*

Debate with the participants



16:00-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:05 Round Table II – The role of the EU and local and regional authorities to tackle water scarcity and droughts

Moderated by: Loïc CHARPENTIER, Water Europe

Raphael GLUCKSMANN, European Parliament, European Deputy **tbc**

Luca PEREZ, DG Environment, European Commission, **tbc**

André VIOLA (PES/FR), European Committee of the Regions, rapporteur on water resilience initiative

Jean-Marc PHILIP, Vice-president Europe and International Pôle Aqua Valley

Pietro Francesco de LOTTO, European Economic and Social Committee, President of the Consultative Commission on Industrial Change **tbc**

Debate with the participants

17:05-17:25 A perspective

Erik ORSENNA, Great Witness, President of the initiative L'avenir des Grands Fleuves (IAGF)

17:25-17:30 Closing remarks

André VIOLA (PES/FR), member of the European Committee of the Regions rapporteur on water resilience initiative