



ARLEM workshop on migration

The role of regional and local authorities in the external and internal dimensions of migration policies

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Organized by the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CPMR) and the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) in the framework of the 10th Plenary Session of the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), with the support of European Committee of the Regions (CoR).

Objectives of the workshop:

The workshop will aim to promote a better understanding of the role and the added value of Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs) in migration policies (in territories of origin, transit or destination of migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers). Very often, the closest authority to citizens carries the heaviest burden, even without competences, structure or financing. The debates will thus tackle the needs, the role and the potential of LRAs in both internal (reception & integration) and external (cooperation) dimensions of migration policies, also in connection with the action of the European Union (e.g. European Agenda on Migration, EU funding instruments) and promote the exchange of experiences.

Interpretation: English, Spanish, French, Arabic

Chair & moderator of the workshop:

- **Martín Guillermo-Ramirez**, Secretary General AEBR

Introductory statement on behalf of the ARLEM:

- **Vincenzo Bianco**, CoR and ARLEM member

Interventions by:

- **María del Mar Ahumada Sánchez**, Vice-Presidency of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission, Director General of Coordination of Migration Policies, Regional Ministry of Tourism, Regeneration, Justice and Local Administration, Junta de Andalucía
- **Davide Strangis**, Executive Secretary, CPMR Intermediterranean Commission, Coordinator CPMR Task Force on Migration
- **Gemma Pinyol**, President of Instrategies, CPMR expert consultant on migration
- **Mohamed Bousraoui**, Director of Special Programs, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
- **Mohamed Idaomar**, Mayor of Tetuan and President of MedCities
- **Doris Niragire Nirere**, Project manager, International Relations, Cooperation and Solidarity, Region of Occitanie
- **Ayben Okkali**, Expert, Union of Municipalities of Turkey
- **Gemma Aubarell**, Coordinator Mediterranean Strategy and Networks, Catalonia
- Debate