

ARLEM Award 2022

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“Yesterday (15/6/2021), the Euro-Mediterranean Assembly (ARLEM) launched the ARLEM Award 2022. In its fourth edition already, this competition aims to support young, dynamic entrepreneurs from the Mediterranean region who, in collaboration with their local or regional authority, positively impact their community and foster social progress and development.

While the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was already felt during the launch of last year’s edition, it is the fact that the pandemic has persisted for so long that has exacerbated the economic and societal situation worldwide, and in particular in the Mediterranean countries in focus (see map below).□

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Young local entrepreneurs’ need for support in developing their businesses has hence significantly increased since the last instalment. The award seeks to showcase how fruitful the collaboration between local and regional authorities and young entrepreneurs can be in trying to overcome the economic and societal consequences of the pandemic.

All interested and eligible young entrepreneurs are therefore invited to□□ [submit their applications](#) online as soon as possible. The closing date is 15 September 2021.”

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EIOPA publishes first quarterly set of Occupational Pensions Statistics

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) published its first set of quarterly comprehensive statistical information on the European occupational pensions sector. The data is based on pensions data regulatory reporting.

The statistics contains up-to-date and high-quality data and provides a comprehensive picture of the European occupational pensions sector, including country breakdowns that allow for comparability.

The statistics will be published on both a quarterly and annual basis, starting with the fourth-quarter of 2020. Each quarterly publication includes aggregated country-level information about the balance sheet, asset exposures and basic information on the features of the occupational pensions sector in

each country in the European Economic Area (EEA). The annual data publication will include additional statistics on expenses, member data, and contributions, benefits paid and transfers. Data based on annual reporting will be published later this year.

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[Announcement n° 5/2021 of the Community Plant Variety Office. Decision of the Administrative Council of the Community Plant Variety Office on test guidelines 25/03/2021](#)

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Technical examinations which are initiated or are to be approved by the Community Plant Variety Office must be performed in accordance with the test guidelines which have been adopted by the Administrative Council. Technical examinations started prior to the decision are not affected unless otherwise announced. The plant species concerned as well as the date of the decision are accordingly published in the Official Gazette of the Office. The technical protocol can be consulted through the website of the Office, or upon request can be transmitted by the Office. Technical questionnaires for the plant species called in question were amended accordingly. The technical questionnaires can be downloaded from the website, or upon request can be sent by the Office.

Decisions were taken in respect of the following plant species:

Alstroemeria L.

Beta vulgaris L. ssp. vulgaris var. flavescens D.C.

Cichorium intybus L. var. foliosum Hegi

Citrullus lanatus (Thunb.) Matsum et. Nakai

Foeniculum vulgare Miller

Lactuca sativa L.

Phalaenopsis Blume

Solanum habrochaites S. Knapp & D.M. Spooner; Solanum lycopersicum L. x Solanum habrochaites S. Knapp & D.M. Spooner; Solanum lycopersicum L. x Solanum peruvianum (L.) Mill.; Solanum pimpinellifolium L. x Solanum habrochaites S. Knapp & D.M. Spooner

Solanum lycopersicum L.

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