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Purpose of the METREX DIRECTORY

This draft METREX DIRECTORY is specifically for the information, interest and use of the new METREX Managing Committee (MC) and the METREX membership as a whole. It will be updated annually, at the beginning of each financial year (January to December).

It includes summaries of the Major Projects, Planning Issues, Networking interests, Key Documents and Contact Details of METREX Members and Observers as an aid to the exchange of information, knowledge, understanding and experience that is the core function of the Network.

The DIRECTORY will also provide a key source of information to members of the Managing Committee in their arrangement of decentralised METREX activities (see Section 4.1).

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7	Bruxelles	7	Ville de Bruxelles
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9	Eurociudad Vasca 9		Eurociudad Vasca/Bayonne/St Sebastian
10	Firenze	10	Regione Toscana
11	Frankfurt	11	Planungsverband Frankfurt
12	Glasgow	12	GCVSDPA (1)
13	Hamburg	13	Hamburg Metropolitan Region
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16	Lisboa	18	Area Metropolitana de Lisboa
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2	Helsinki Region Environmental Services Agency
3	Agence d'Urbanisme de l'Agglomeration Marseillaise
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5	Regionalplanung Zürich und Umgebung

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METREX DIRECTORY

1 METREX

1.1 The idea of METREX

There are some 70 major metropolitan areas in Europe with populations of 500k and over. They comprise perhaps 60-70% of Europe's population of almost 500m. They have been described as the motors of the European economy and share many of the same strategic social, economic and environmental problems and opportunities. They need effective governance to address such issues in an integrated and coherent way. Spatial planning and development has a key role to play in this process. However, the management of metropolitan affairs involves many partners and interests.

METREX provides a forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience in addressing issues with a "metropolitan dimension", that is, those that are of metropolitan significance because of their impact or extent.

METREX is the acronym for metropolitan exchange. METREX is registered as an Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif (AISBL) with the Belgian Government and Article 4 of its Statutes defines the Purpose of the Network.

The purposes of METREX are to facilitate the exchange of scientific information, expertise and experience in spatial planning and development at the metropolitan region and area level in Europe, and to provide an interface between spatial planning and development at the transnational and metropolitan region and area levels in Europe. Spatial planning is defined as the strategic and integrated planning of land, development, infrastructure and environment, having regard to economic and social considerations. Metropolitan regions and areas are defined as urbanized areas with a core population of the order of 500,000 or above, and their surrounding hinterland.

METREX is, in effect, a self-help network of "practitioners" (politicians, officials and their advisers) involved in decision-making and implementation at the metropolitan level. The Network now has Members from some 50 European metropolitan areas, representing almost all European countries, and is, therefore, well placed to facilitate such exchange on a comprehensive and cost effective basis.

However, the unique and special quality of METREX is its combination of the professional and the personal. METREX members become colleagues and friends. Personal relationships are what make a network a Network.



METREX Members and Observers

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1 METREX

1.2 Metropolitan dimension

There is a range of inter related key social, economic and environmental issues that can be addressed most effectively at the metropolitan level. These include, for example,

- Urban structure and the balance to be struck between urban renewal (of land and buildings) and urban expansion
- Urban connectivity and the relationships between modes of transport for people and goods
- Economic change and the need for urban restructuring to cope with the consequences of growth or decline
- Social change and the need for urban facilities and services to respond to factors such as migration, demographics and consumer expenditure
- Environmental sustainability and the need to safeguard natural resources and balance their use and development with their capacity for regeneration
- Climate change and the need to mitigate the emission of urban greenhouse gases and adapt to the consequences of global warming

Such issues require to be considered in an integrated way over the longer term. Forward planning of this kind will require a process of metropolitan governance to assess needs and balance these with options for development, their costs and benefits and their environmental impact. This is the metropolitan dimension.

European metropolitan areas have already established a range of approaches to their governance (taking strategic decisions in the public interest on the basis of subsidiarity). These vary from statutory Authorities, with a full portfolio of competencies, capabilities, powers and resources, to Bodies with selected competencies to address a specific range of key issues, to voluntary cooperation between existing levels of government (for example, Regions, Provinces and Communities).

METREX has advocated, through the InterMETREX Benchmark, that all levels of government in metropolitan regions and areas should, collectively, consider the key issues that they need to address and the competencies, capabilities and processes that are necessary in their circumstances for effective governance.

METREX will continue to advocate the definition and recognition of metropolitan regions and areas across Europe and the establishment of appropriate forms of metropolitan governance to enable key issues to be addressed effectively

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2 European Nation States and metropolitan areas

3.1 The metropolitan dimension in Europe (EU27+)

1 Austria

Austrian municipalities are embedded in a three-tiered national system of government (federation – federal provinces (Länder) – municipalities). The municipalities are public entities with executive powers based on directly elected councils. Municipal autonomy constitutes the basis of their competences, i.e. the constitutionally granted and protected right to self-government in a range of policy areas. In particular, many decisions with spatial implications are reached on the local level and the level of the federal provinces. There is no centralised federal legislation for spatial planning in Austria. Spatial planning is regulated by legislation in the nine federal provinces. As the capital city of Austria, Vienna is both, a municipality and a federal province. On the legislative side, the central decision-making body is the city council ('Gemeinderat') which simultaneously is the assembly ('Landtag') of the federal province.

Austrian federal provinces.

- Land Wien (Vienna)
- Land Niederösterreich (Lower Austria)
- Land Burgenland (Burgenland)
- Land Oberösterreich (Upper Austria)
- Land Salzburg (Salzburg)
- Land Steiermark (Styria)
- Land Kärnten (Carinthia)
- Land Tirol (Tyrol)
- Land Vorarlberg (Vorarlberg)

2 Belgium

There are 3 communities (Flemish, French and German) in Belgium and 3 regions (Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels Capital Region). There are 10 provinces (5 in the Walloon Region and 5 in the Flemish Region), subdivided into numerous communes.

The competencies of the regions are relative to the territory, such as urban and spatial planning, mobility, agriculture, economy, employment, water policies, housing, environment and energy. The communities are charged with domains linked to the persons living in that community such as culture, education etc.

The Regions provide regional and sub-regional plans as a context for local planning by municipalities.

There are 3 metropolitan areas in Belgium

- Region de Bruxelles Capitale/Ville de Bruxelles (Brussels Capital Region / City of Brussels)
- Province Antwerpen/Stad Antwerpen
- Province Liege/Ville de Liege

The Brussels Capital Region consists of the City of Brussels and 18 other municipalities. The City of Brussels is by far the most important municipality of the Region and the capital of Belgium.

3 Germany

The Federal Republic of Germany is subdivided into 16 "Länder" (states; thereof three city-states ("Stadtstaaten"): Berlin, Bremen, Hamburg). The Länder again are administratively subdivided into "Regierungsbezirke" (in some states), "Landkreise"/"kreisfreie Städte" (districts) and into municipalities.

In Germany, planning is assigned to four different planning levels, corresponding to the federal administrative structure, with a strong emphasis on subsidiarity.

On the national level spatial planning is limited to formulating principles, general objectives and visions for spatial order (Bundesraumordnung).

The main responsibility for spatial planning lies with the states (Landesplanung). Each state develops its own state development plan, according to the national spatial guidelines.

Regional planning (Regionalplanung) is regulated by the respective state's law and thus varies from state to state.

Its main function is the interdisciplinary and supra-local coordination of development including the definition and allocation of functions and infrastructures with regional significance and the formulation of objectives of spatial development in spatial plans.

The municipalities are responsible for preparing a land-use plan according to the regional development policy and for defining the type of use of individual parcels of land and parts of their municipal territory (Bauleitplanung).

Apart from Germany's administrative system, there are eleven metropolitan regions in Germany which are formally recognized as European Metropolitan Regions by the Ministerial Conference on Spatial Planning.

These metropolitan regions are functional areas, crossing administrative borders and partly as well state borders. The players cooperate beyond these local boundaries and assume responsibility for their region. The regional governance of the metropolitan regions brings together representatives from politics, industry, science and society.

Some of these eleven are monocentric regions with a single large city and its outer conurbation area; others are polycentric, including several smaller cities and their surrounding areas.

The European Metropolitan Regions are,

- Capital Region Berlin-Brandenburg
- Metropolitan Region Northwest Germany Bremen-Oldenburg
- Frankfurt/Rhine-Main Metropolitan Region
- Hamburg Metropolitan Region
- Metropolitan Region Hannover Braunschweig Göttingen Wolfsburg
- Metropolitan Region Central Germany
- Munich Metropolitan Region
- Nuremberg Metropolitan Region
- Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region
- Metropolitan Region Rhine-Ruhr (Metropole Ruhr and Metropolitan Region Köln/Bonn)
- Stuttgart Metropolitan Region

4 Spain

Spain comprises 17 autonomous communities (Comunidades Atonomous) and two tiers of local government. The upper tier consists of 41 provinces (Diputaciones Provinciales) and 10 island communities. The lower tier is the municipalities (Municipios). There are 6 metropolitan areas in Spain.

- Comunidad de Madrid/Municipio Madrid
- Generalitat de Catalunya/Diputación Provincial de Barleona/Municipio de Barcelona
- Generalitat de Valencia/Diputación Provincial de Valencia/Municipio Valencia
- Diuputación General de Aragon/ Diputación Provincial de Zaragoza/Municipio Zaragoza
- Junta de Andalucía/ Diputación Provincial de Sevilla/Municipio Sevilla
- Diputación Provincial de Malaga/Municipio Malaga

- Diputación de Cantabria/ Diputación Foral de Vizcaya/Municipio Bilbao

There are wide area planning powers for Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and Bilbao. The autonomous communities are responsible for regional planning and local planning power are shared with the municipalities.

5 France

There are 3 levels of local government in France, namely, 22 regions, 96 departments and numerous communes. Many communes have the title Ville. There are special arrangements for Paris where the Department of the Seine and the Area of the Conseil de Viulle are the same. There is a statutory responsibility to prepare a regional plan. Statutory authorities (Communautes Urbaine) have been set up around Bordeaux, Lille, Lyon and Strasbourg and voluntarily elsewhere. There are 9 metropolitan areas in France.

- Region de l'Ile de France/Ville de Paris
- Region Aquitaine/Department de Gironde/Ville de Bordeaux
- Region Nord-Pas de Calais/Department du Nord/Ville de Lille
- Region Rhone-Alps/Department du Rhone/Ville de Lyon
- Region de Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur/Department des Bouches du Rhone/Ville de Marseille
- Region de Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur/Department des Bouches du Rhone/Ville de Nice
- Region de Midi-Pyrenees/Department de la Haute-Garonne/Ville de Toulouse
- Region Pays de la Loire/ Department de la Loire Atlantique Ville de Nantes/Ville de St. Nazaire
- Region de Lorraine/Department de Moselle/Ville de Metz

Urban planning is frequently a cooperative activity involving mater directive plans (SDAU) and local plans (POS). Authorities combine (Communautes Urbaine, Agence d'Urbanisme and Syndicats Inter Communaux) for the purpose.

6 Greece

There are two levels of local government in Greece, consisting of 52 prefectures (Nomoi) and numerous town (Demes) and village authorities (Koinotites). Regional bodies, consisting of central and local government members, have been established. There are 2 metropolitan areas in Greece.

- Attiki (Nomoi)/Dimos Athineon
- Thessaloniki (Nomoi)/Domos Thessaloniki

Planning is carried out at prefecture and city/town levels and metropolitan plans have been prepared for Athens and Thessaloniki by the Organisation for the Environmental Protection of Athens and the Organisation for the Environmental Protection of Thessalonki.

7 Ireland

There are two tiers of Irish local authorities, including 34 county and county borough councils and a number of borough, urban districts and town administrations. Eight Regional authorities have been established with responsibilities for reviewing the Development Plans of local authorities in their region and in adjoining regions, preparing Regional Planning Guidelines and Regional Economic and Social Strategies and promoting cooperation, joint actions, arrangements and consultation among local authorities and other public bodies. Dublin is the only metropolitan area in Ireland.

- Dublin Regional Authority/Dublin Corporation/Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council/Fingal County Council/South Dublin County Council

8 Italy

Italy is constituted by 20 Regions, 15 Metropolitan areas, 110 Provinces and 8094 Municipalities. The Metropolitan areas have been recognised by the law, but until now none of these have been instituted.

Regarding spatial planning on metropolitan issues, there is not a national plan. It is carried out at regional, provincial and municipal level. Concerning the relations among the three institutional levels, each Region has a different planning organisation.

- Regione Puglia/Provincia di Bari/Comune di Bari
- Regione Emilia-Romagna/Provincia di Bologna/Comune di Bologna
- Regione Toscana/Provincia di Firenze/Comune di Firenze
- Regione Liguria/Provincia di Genova/Comune di Genova
- Regione Lombardia/Provincia di Milano/Comune di Milano
- Regione Campania/Provincia di Napoli/Comune di Napoli
- Regione Piemonte/Provincia di Torino/Comune di Torino
- Regione Calabria/Provincia di Reggio Calabria/Comune di Reggio Calabria
- Regione Lazio/Provincia di Roma/Comune di Roma
- Regione Veneto/Provincia di Venezia/Comune di Venezia
- Regione Sardegna/Provincia di Cagliari/Comune di Cagliari
- Regione Sicilia/Provincia di Catania/Comune di Catania
- Regione Sicilia/Provincia di Messina/Comune di Messina
- Regione Sicilia/Provincia di Palermo/Comune di Palermo
- Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia/ Provincia di Trieste/Comune di Trieste

9 Lithuania

There are 60 municipalities (NUTS level 4) in Lithuania. 6 of them are cities municipalities (Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipeda, Siauliai, Panevezys, Alytus), 4 are resort municipalities (Druskininkai, Palanga, Birstonas, Neringa) and 50 are district (rural) municipalities. Lithuania had 10 counties (NUTS level 3), but from 1 July 2010 these administrative units are under reform.

10 Netherlands

There are 12 provinces (Provincien) responsible for major local authority functions including strategic planning and numerous city, town and rural authorities (Gemeenten). There are 3 metropolitan areas in the Netherlands, which together form the Randstad.

- Provincie Nord Holland/Stad Amsterdam
- Provincie Zuid Holland/Stad Rotterdam/Stad s'Gravenhage
- Provincie Utrecht/Stad Utrecht

Regional authorities have been considered in the Netherlands and there are cooperative groupings of municipalities with common interests such as planning.

11 Portugal

There are 3 levels of government in Portugal. There are 18 district authorities and a system of 5 regions has been considered. The municipality (Concelho or Municipio) is the traditional major tier within which lie neighbourhoods or parishes (Freguesia). There are two metropolitan regions in Portugal with two unions of municipal authorities, the Area Metropolitan do Lisboa (AML) and the Area Metropolitan do Porto (AMP). In each there is a Junta Metropolitana (Presidents) and an Assembleia Metropolitana (Representatives).

- AML and the Concelho de Lisboa
- AMP and the Concelho do Porto

12 Sweden

Sweden has a two-tier system of local government. The upper tier comprises 23 Lan and the lower tier includes numerous Kommun. The cities of Göteborg and Malmö do not lie in Lan and are single tier authorities. The city of Stockholm is a Kommun lying within the Stockholm Lan. The government has the

power to appoint regional planning bodies to provide a framework for planning at Lan and Kommun levels. The following metropolitan areas are recognized.

- Stockholm Lan and Stockholm Stad
- Göteborg Lan and Göteborg Stad

12 Finland

Finland has 336 municipalities (2011) which together form 18 Regional authorities. Municipalities implement planning and building laws in respect of their own districts and devolved powers of self-government with the capability to raise taxes. The Regional Councils operate on the basis of joint working relationships with their member municipalities. The Regions are partly funded by these local administrations and partly state funded. Regional Councils main objectives are to support the implementation of EU regional policies as well as regional and land-use planning and the promotion of local and regional interests in general. The preparation of Regional structure plans (maakuntakaavat) are the responsibility of the Regional authorities and represent the key objectives of the national government.

Municipalities have the legal authority to plan for their areas at the detailed planning level, although such plans must take into account the strategic objectives of the higher Regional structural plan. In recent years, with the growing number of city-region issues, local authorities have had to widen their remit to work more closely together with neighbouring authorities when planning new development areas and a number of different models of cooperation have been used. A key challenge, particularly at the municipal level, has been the lack of legislation that connects land-use, housing and transport planning with other service networks into a more unified sustainable approach.

The Helsinki Region is the only metropolitan area in Finland. Within the existing municipal local government structure, a working partnership has been formed with 14 of the municipalities surrounding the capital city of Helsinki that form part of the Uusimaa region. The Helsinki metropolitan area has since 1970 a long history of cooperation in planning matters, which serves today as the basis for the existing Helsinki Region Transport (HSL) and Helsinki Region Environmental Services Agency (HSY). HSL is responsible for the planning and organisation of public transport within the capital region, as well as the preparation of the Helsinki Region Transport System Plan. HSY is the regional authority for water and waste management and information services.

The International competition for the Greater Helsinki Vision 2050 brought together the key objectives of 14 municipalities in the city-region in a joint venture to develop the region's overall structure in a way which strengthens the region's competitiveness and sustainability in the future and adopt strategic outlines of land-use, housing and traffic for 2050.

13 United Kingdom (UK)

Local government in the UK has moved away from a two-tier system of counties and districts to a system of predominantly single tier authorities. However, in some parts of England two-tiers remain. With two-tier government there was a clear distinction between strategic (structure planning) and local planning responsibilities. With single tier government various authorities have to form associations to sustain regional and metropolitan level planning.

In Scotland there is provision for Strategic Development and Planning Authorities (SDPA) around the 4 major cities. The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley SDPA has been established for 15 years and others are now being established.

The Local Government Association is the national voice for local government in England and Wales. In response to the need for a regional dimension in policy development, regional local government associations exist to promote the regional aspect within many policies and government programs.

There are 9 regional local government associations in England. Apart from the South East of England, each region is represented by a single regional local government association. There are 5 metropolitan areas in England.

- North West Regional Leaders Board - Liverpool City Council and Manchester City Council/ AGMA (Association of Greater Manchester Authorities).
- Association of North East Councils - Newcastle City Council, Gateshead Council, Sunderland City Council
- Local Government Yorkshire and Humberside - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Leeds City Council
- West Midlands Leaders Board - Birmingham City Council
- London Councils - Greater London Authority (GLA)
- East Midlands Councils
- South West Councils
- South East England Councils
- East of England Local Government Association



The Welsh Local Government Association represents 22 local authorities. Cardiff Council represents the sole metropolitan area in Wales.

The example of the West Midlands Leaders Board

West Midlands Leaders Board is a voluntary association of 33 local authorities and represents the broad range of local government interests at a regional level. In essence, WMLB has 4 main roles.

- An influential force for the economic and social advancement of the West Midlands region
- A facilitation mechanism through which local authorities can work together on a regional basis.
- Lobbying organisation a regional voice of local government.
- A provider of 'value added' services particularly in the areas of corporate consultancy, information dissemination and training services.

Services provided to local authorities

- Regional land use, transport and economic development strategies
- Developing a regional housing strategy
- Environment and sustainability policies
- Developing a regional voice in Europe and promoting interests in accessing European funding streams

- Culture - Supporting the work of West Midlands Life (Regional Cultural Consortium)
- Managing the West Midlands Consortium for Asylum and Refugee Support (WMCARS)
- Developing a regional E-Governance Strategy via the SMART project.
- Social Inclusion

14 Norway

Norway is divided into 19 counties and numerous municipalities (Communes). The State also has an administration in each county (County Governor). Planning is carried out at county and commune levels. Oslo/Askerhus is the only metropolitan area. Both Oslo and Askerhus are county authorities within which lie a number of communes.

- Oslo County/Oslo Kommune and Askerhus County

15 Switzerland

Switzerland is a Confederation of 26 cantons within which lie 2850 communes. There are 142 planning regions composed of communes. Spatial planning is carried out at the federal, cantonal, regional and communal level. There are 3 metropolitan areas.

- Zurich Metropolitan area
- Trinational metropolitan area of Basel
- Metropolitan area Bassin lémanique

The core of the metropolitan area of Zürich is formed by the RZU (Regionalplanung Zurich und Umgebung) which is the umbrella planning association of the City of Zurich, the six neighbouring planning regions and the canton of Zurich.

16 Denmark

Denmark is divided into 16 regional administrations within each of which are numerous district authorities. The intention is that urban communities and their hinterlands should constitute districts. The exception is the metropolitan region of Copenhagen within which there are numerous districts. Strategic planning is carried out at regional level and structure and local plans at district level.

- Kobenhavns Amt/Kobenhavns Kommune

17 Poland

Poland is administered by 49 provincial authorities (voivodeships) headed by a government representative (voivode). Provinces are sub divided into administrative districts within which lie numerous communes (urban and rural). Planning is carried out at province and commune levels.

There are 7 metropolitan areas in Poland.

- Krakow/Katowice
- Warsaw
- Poznan
- Lodz
- Wroclaw
- Gdansk
- Szczecin

The above assessment is based on the work of the joint French-German Working Group established by the Akademie fur Raumforschung und Landesplanung (ARL) and La delegation a L'Amenagement du territoire et á L'Action regionale (DATAR), the European Municipal Directory and the International Manual of Planning Practice of Isocarp.. These sources are acknowledged. They have been updated directly by METREX Members and Observers.

There is a pending debate on the metropolitan areas in Poland. Various sources show various data. For example Lewis Dijkstra in 'Metropolitan regions in the EU', EU Regional Policy No 1/2009, claims that there are as many as 22 metropolitan areas in Poland (2009), which constitute about 59 % of the population of Poland. This claim seems to be not well justified. Polish specialists, who seem to be more conservative in their opinions (among them B. Jałowiecki), claim that there are only 7 metropolitan regions, 6 regional centres, and 6 subregional centres. According to the Polish Union of Metropolitan Areas (1990), a grouping 12 major Polish cities, there are 12 metropolitan cities.

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3 METREX Member and Observer Profiles

METREX Members have provided three main sources of information on their metropolitan areas to enable informed networking with colleagues.

1 METREX Member Profiles

All Members are invited to provide a Profile to be included, for reference, on the METREX web site at www.eurometrex.org. Profiles contain short bullet point references under the following headings. For an example, see **12 Frankfurt** below.

- METREX liaison contact
- Major Projects
- Planning Issues
- Networking Interests
- Key Documents

As of January 2011 there are 14 Profiles on the web site for the following metropolitan areas.

- Bruxelles
- Budapest
- Frankfurt
- Glasgow
- Hamburg
- Hannover
- Madrid
- Milano
- Napoli
- Rhein-Neckar
- Stuttgart
- Szczecin
- Veneto
- Zaragoza

All METREX Members and Observers are cordially invited to complete, and keep up to date, METREX web Profiles, which will then also be included in this DIRECTORY (see headings in orange). Each Member can have one page within the DIRECTORY.

2 METREX eAtlas

As part of the 2006 InterMETREX project, funded through Interreg IIIC, METREX produced an eAtlas that provides comprehensive planning summaries for 13 metropolitan areas under the following headings.

- National Planning Context
- Urban Region
- Geography
- Statistics
- Trends
- Historical development
- Strategic planning
- Strategic development programmes
- Major projects

The eAtlas was an initiative by the City of Rotterdam. The eAtlas can be viewed in full at www.eurometrex.org under the Activities of the Network button, InterMETREX project, the METREX eAtlas. The following eAtlas summaries are included.

- Athens
- Budapest
- Emilia-Romagna
- Glasgow
- Helsinki
- London
- Napoli
- Rotterdam
- Sofia
- Stockholm
- Stuttgart
- Torino
- Zurich

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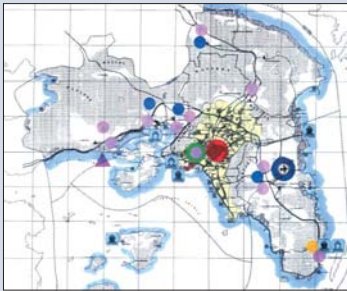
3 Presentations at METREX Meetings and Conferences

Since 1996, when METREX was founded, there have been 21 biannual Meetings and 7 biennial Conferences. Most Members have now made presentations to Meetings and Conferences and these provide high quality and valuable sources of insight and information into the key planning issues across metropolitan Europe. Many presentations can be downloaded from the METREX web site under the METREX Meetings button.

They are referred to by Metropolitan area in the Member and Observer Profiles that follow.

All METREX Members and Observers are cordially invited to e-mail to the Secretariat, as pdf's, unpublished past Meeting and Conference presentations, which will then be included on the METREX web site and referred to in this DIRECTORY.

Strategic development programs



Economic

A comprehensive program for the boosting of the competitiveness of the productive sector and attraction of new investment by making the city more appealing to potential investors by:

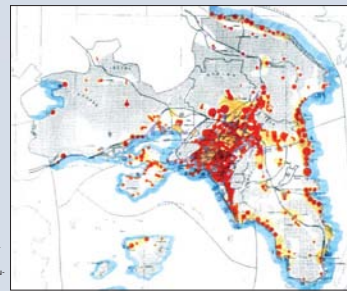
- the creation of business-technology-research parks with the specific implementation programs of restructuring older industrial complexes
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- the organisation and urban upgrading of manufacture and industrial parks
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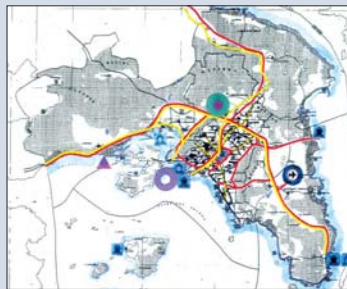
Housing

The program refers to the preparation of the General Urban Plans for the Town Municipalities of the Greater Athens Area, as well as the allocation of second-home areas in the Coastal Zone of Greater Athens.

The Program aims at the creation of a non-polluting, multi-functional city, characterised by small distances, sensible growth, containment of the urbanization of the hinterland and a well-studied planning of future development



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Infrastructure

A program 1) for the reorganisation of the Urban and inter-city transportation systems with special emphasis on supporting man-transportation means and in particular means with environmental technology (metro, tram, suburban train)
2) for the upgrading of the energy and telecommunications infrastructure and 3) for the completion of the sanitary installations that covers the whole area's needs

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Landscape

A program for the protection and promotion of the Natural Environment both within the Athens conurbation and in the outerurban area with:

- programs for the protection and reforestation of the mountain areas
- programs for the protection, landscaping and planting of Attica rivers and creeks
- programs for the restoration and reshaping of the unused, inertmatter quarries
- programs for the restoration and planting of the old dumps of Athens basin



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4 Berlin	4 Capitalregion Berlin and Brandenburg
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Major Projects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Model of German Capital Region • Joint spatial planning plan of Berlin and Brandenburg • Common Structural Concept for the Area Surrounding BBI Airport • Initiatives for Growth and Regional Development within the Baltic-Adriatic-Development-Corridor: Projects, Events and Pilots 	
Planning Issues	
Spatial planning and development for German Capital Region with 6 million inhabitants on a area of 30.370 sq km	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To adopt demographic change and public services • To keep landscape and quality of climate limiting land use increase and offering potentials of CO2 reduced energy • To ensure quality of European infrastructure embedding 	
Networking Interests (selected)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • METREX, Eurocities, World Water Forum, Baltic Metropolises • Baltic-Adriatic-Development Corridor – European Networking and Infrastructural Prerequisites for Economic Growth • Oder-Partnerschaft (Cross Oder Partnership for cross border development) 	

- Interreg IV/Objective 3B - Baltic Sea Region (BSR), Central-EU-Space (CEUS), Alpine Space
- Interreg IV C: SCANDRIA, SoNorA, Transitects, Catch MR
- IKM – Network of European Metropolitan Regions in Germany
- ARC – Airport Regions Conference (Issues of spatial planning in regions with main scale airports)
- Dialogue Forum BBI Airport (Issues of harmonizing interests of the surrounding areas of BBI)
- Regionalparks in Brandenburg and Berlin – Strategies for Sustainable Development in the Metropolitan Area

Key Documents

- Model Capital Region Berlin-Brandenburg
- Capital Region Berlin-Brandenburg - revision of joint spatial planning
- Joint Planning for Berlin and Brandenburg
- Strategy-Report
- SCANDRIA Declaration - www.scandriaproject.eu

<http://gl.berlin-brandenburg.de/publikationen/index.html>

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<p>6 Bologna</p> <p>METREX Liaison Contact</p> <p>Major Projects Planning Issues</p> <p>Networking Interests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan governance - OECD, EMI • Affordable Housing • Metropolitan spatial planning and development -- IAURIF, NordRegio • Public Private Partnership and Investments - Global City, MIPIM • Networking - Eurocities, European Regional Science Association <p>Key Documents</p> <p>Emilia-Romagna eAtlas http://www.eurometrex.org/e-atlas/intro.htm</p> <p>METREX 2006 Szczecin Conference presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Szczecin_2006</p> <p>METREX 2005 Nürnberg Meeting presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Nurnberg_2005</p> <p>METREX 2004 Barcelona Conference presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Barcelona_2004</p> <p>METREX 2003 Stockholm Meeting presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?TitleID=Stockholm%202004&PicID=stockholm&Cat=Meetings&SubCat1=Stockholm_2003</p>	<p>6 Regione Emilia-Romagna</p> <p>Claudio TOLOMELLI (MC) <ctolomelli@regione.emilia-romagna.it> Silvia GRASSI <sgrassi@regione.emilia-romagna.it></p>

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Major Projects

Development of Land Use Plans with an Environmental Impact Report (Rapport sur les Incidences Environnementales) for major sites in the city.

- *Cité Administrative de l'Etat* - Converting an administrative zone into a mixed quarter.
- *Tour & Taxis* - Redevelopment of a former railway and warehouse (for goods) site.
- *Rue de la Loi* - Doubling the density of the building blocks along the Rue de la Loi to centralise the employees of the European Commission and transform it into a sustainable neighbourhood.
- *European Quarter* - Reallocate the buildings left by the European Commission into housing.
- *Da Vinci* - Renovation of a former warehouse site and create a mixed quarter.

Building Regulations for new building zones

- *Verdun bis* - Regulations relative to new plots created as a consequence of the development of a new road.

Mobility items

- Development of the Regional Express Network to increase the use alternative travel modes from the surroundings into the Brussels Capital Region
- Climate Change: EUCO2 80/50 project

Future projects

- Redevelopment of the Heysel plateau (www.neobrusseles.com)

Planning Issues

- Mobility - Congestion of major road axes going through the city/Encourage alternative modes to the car
- Urban renewal - Insulation of existing housing stock as a first mitigation strategy for climate change
- Balance between densification and qualitative open space, what about high rise buildings?
- Lack of affordable housing

Networking Interests

- Public transport and mobility
- Economic decline: how to encourage local urban development without public funding

Key Documents

- Plan de Développement Communal de la Ville de Bruxelles: Development plan of the City of Brussels
 - Plan Communal de Mobilité - Mobility Plan
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From Planungsverband to Regionalverband

From 1st April, 2011 we operate under a new name: Regionalverband Frankfurt RheinMain, or Regional Authority FrankfurtRheinMain in English. There is continuity because many of the structures and competences remain unchanged. However, there will be a new Executive Board, with extended membership and extended responsibilities for regional co-operation and networking

Major Projects

- Preparation of the "Regionaler Flachennutzungsplan", the first combination of a Land Use Plan and a Regional Plan in Germany
- C-Change - Changing Climate, changing lives: An Interreg IVB NWE project to address climate change issues in the context of multi-functional open space.
- EUCO2 80/50: The Planungsverband is one of the partners and contributed actively to the first phase of the project.
- Klima MORO: The Planungverband's area is part of one of model regions in the Federal Government's project addressing "Raumentwicklungsstrategien zum Klimawandel", spatial strategies for climate change. This is about adaptation.

Planning Issues

- Spatial Planning for a dynamic European metropolitan region with some 2.2 million inhabitants on a 2500 sq km area

Networking Interests

- PURPLE, the Peri-Urban Regions Platform Europe - Issues of sustainable development of the open space in metropolitan areas
- ARC, the Airport Regions Conference - Issues of spatial planning in regions with important airports

Key Documents

- The Planungsverband Ballungsraum Frankfurt/Rhein-Main, Our responsibilities and our goals.
- Frankfurt/Rhein-Main 2020 - the European metropolitan region
- Regional Monitoring 2005 - Metropolitan Region Frankfurt/Rhein-Main
- Facts and Figures 2004

These documents as well as many more (in German) are available for download
[www.region-frankfurt.de /download/download.asp](http://www.region-frankfurt.de/download/download.asp)

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Major Projects

- Clyde 'Gateway' regeneration
- Glasgow - Clyde Valley Green 'Network'
- Clyde waterfront regeneration
- Central Scotland Green 'Network'

Planning Issues

- Waterfront Development
- Environmental Restructuring
- Strategic Planning in a Wider Spatial Context
- Urban Regeneration
- Metropolitan Planning Issues

Networking Interests

- OECD Territorial Study Directorate
- Rotterdam Port Development
- US - UK University Based Planning Schools
- EU Expert and Working Groups on the Environment
- Scottish Enterprise Network

Glasgow eAtlas

<http://www.eurometrex.org/e-atlas/intro.htm>

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Major Projects

- KlimzugNORD: Adjustment Strategies to Climate Change
- GEFIS: Find commercial and industrial sites online
- "From the region - for the region": Joint marketing for the region's produce
- Improving parking for commuters: Park&Ride and Bike&Ride
- Lower Elbe Maritime Landscape: marketing for the region's maritime touristic treasures.
- "Blue metropolitan water network": Giving the otter back its territory.
- "Changing attitudes to land use": Space-saving home building and sustainable spatial development.

Planning Issues

- Climate Change and Adjustment Strategies
- Economic Cooperation and Development
- Spatial Planning
- Traffic
- Tourism
- Science and Technology Transfer

Key Documents

- "Hamburg Metropolitan Region - Facts and Practice"

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<p>Planning Issues</p> <ul data-bbox="288 1487 1046 1608" style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Planning for a changing European metropolitan capital • Economic Clusters and commercial development in the city-region • Social housing policy • Open space, Parks and Nature development network 	
<p>Networking Interests</p> <ul data-bbox="288 1711 876 1800" style="list-style-type: none"> • EUC02 80/50 • Economic and Cluster group • Social housing, including affordable housing issues 	
<p>Key Documents</p> <ul data-bbox="288 1904 1283 1989" style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Helsinki Vision 2050 • 'From City to City-Region' - a spatial analysis of creating an integrated Metropolis for the Future http://www.hel2.fi/ksv/julkaisut/julk_2009-8.pdf 	

- Helsinki Metropolitan Area Transport (PLJ 2007). for HLJ 2011 information and materials - <http://www.hsl.fi/EN/HLJ2011/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Helsinki Metropolitan Area Climate Strategy to the Year 2030
- The State of Helsinki Region 2009 - European comparisons
- Helsinki Region Trends 2010
- Major Cities in Northern Europe – Statistical Comparisons

Helsinki eAtlas

<http://www.eurometrex.org/e-atlas/intro.htm>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Olympic Games • Metro system, line development • Open natural space network • Transports, energy and water supplies network 	
Planning Issues	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social housing policy • Loss of industrial space • Polycentric urban regions 	
Networking Interests	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public transportation • Developments and sprawl • Migrants • Social housing • New spaces for economic activities • New relation between city and country 	
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Major Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTCP (Provincial Spatial Co-ordination Plan) has a double role in the planning system: it rules the guidelines for municipalities plans and it also plays an implementation role of its own policies and programs • Implementation projects for 12 programme areas, one of the most important implementation tool of the PTCP • PSO - Strategic and implemetation plan for the Vesuvio area (volcanic area) 	
Planning Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-articulation and valorisation of the urban system in a polycentrical network • Preservation and valorisation of the local cultural and natural heritage and environment • Development of local transportation network and improvement of integrated transportation hubs 	
Networking Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intra-Metropolitan Polycentricity 	
Key Documents	
These documents as well as many more (in Italian) are available for download at http://sit.provincia.napoli.it/ptcp.asp http://sit.provincia.napoli.it/articolo.asp?key=21	
Napoli eAtlas http://www.eurometrex.org/e-atlas/intro.htm	
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27	Oradea	30	Oradea Metropolitan Area Association
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- Cluster management to support research and development
- Lead Partner of the INTERREG IVB project in the European TEN-Corridor Rotterdam-Genua CODE24
- Rapid-transit railway system for the Rhein-Neckar region
- Regional economic development
- Flood control measures
- Energy conception for the Rhein-Neckar region, especially for biomass resources
- Development of regional open spaces
- Strategy to handle demographic change in the Rhein-Neckar region

- Regional statistic data base
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- Culture
- Education, health and sports
- Leisure and recreation planning
- Regional identity and homeland
- Applied geography

Planning Issues

- Sustainable spatial and settlement development, open space development
- Environmental planning
- Renewable resources
- Protection of natural resources
- Traffic, Infrastructure
- Recreation areas

Networking Interests

- Regional governance
- Regional economic development
- Intermodal traffic projects
- European INTERREG projects
- Regional park policies
- Regional tourism management
- European flood control management
- Regional resources and energy conceptions

Key Documents

- Facts and figures Rhein-Neckar
 - Real estate market report
 - Regional monitoring
 - Regional statistic data base
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Metropolitan area	METREX Member authority
32 Riga	35 City of Riga Council
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Major Projects Planning Issues Networking Interests Key Documents	
Vilnius/Riga 2010 METREX Meeting presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Vilnius_Riga_2010	
33 Sevilla	36 Junta de Andalucia
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Major Projects Planning Issues Networking Interests Key Documents	
METREX 2009 Wroclaw Meeting presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Wroclaw_2009	
34 Sofia	37 Municipality of Sofia
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Major Projects Planning Issues Networking Interests Key Documents	
Sofia eAtlas http://www.eurometrex.org/e-atlas/intro.htm	
METREX 2007 Zaragoza Meeting presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Zaragoza_2007	
METREX 2004 Barcelona Conference presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Barcelona_2004	

Metropolitan area	METREX Member authority
36 Stockholm	38 Stockholm County Council 39 Stockholm City Council
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Stockholm eAtlas http://www.eurometrex.org/e-atlas/intro.htm	
METREX 2010 Berlin Conference http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Berlin_2010	
METREX 2009 Wroclaw Meeting presentations http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Wroclaw_2009	
METREX 2009 Paris Meeting presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Paris_2009	

Metropolitan area	METREX Member authority
37 Stuttgart	40 Verband Region Stuttgart
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Major Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Transport Plan • Stuttgart 21 station redevelopment and railway network upgrading, related S-Bahn improvements • European and International marketing, projects, networking, and lobbying economic clusters and competence centres • Extensions and upgrading of suburban railway network, including accessibility Implementation of Landscape Park Concepts 	
Planning Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retailing • Demographic Changes • Conversion sites and brown field development 	
Networking Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Governance • Regional Economic Development • Local and Regional Public Transport (esp. New Transport Technologies, New Finance Models, Intermodal Projects) 	
Key Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • METREX eAtlas • Regional Transportation Plan • Regional Plan 	
Stuttgart eAtlas http://www.eurometrex.org/e-atlas/intro.htm	
METREX 2004 Barcelona Conference presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Barcelona_2004	
METREX 2003 Stuttgart Meeting presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?TitleID=Stuttgart%202004&PicID=stuttgart&Cat=Meetings&SubCat1=Stuttgart_2003	

Metropolitan area	METREX Member authority
38 Szczecin	41 Municipality of Szczecin
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Major Projects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CETC Project 	
Planning Issues	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterfront development Szczecin-Berlin-Baltic water routes development • Local and regional infrastructure and public transport • Tourism industry development • "city core" development • Cross-border metropolitan planning 	
Networking Interests	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, infrastructure, investment projects • Working within and across national borders, planning and implementing common development strategies • Metropolitan functions 	
METREX 2006 Szczecin Conference presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Szczecin_2006	
39 Thessaloniki	42 Organisation of Thessaloniki
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Major Projects Planning Issues Networking Interests Key Documents	

Metropolitan area	METREX Member authority
40 Torino	43 Regione Piemonte 44 Provincia di Torino
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Torino eAtlas http://www.eurometrex.org/e-atlas/intro.htm	
METREX 2004 Barcelona Conference presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Barcelona_2004	
41 Veneto	45 Regione del Veneto
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Major Projects Planning Issues Networking Interests Key Documents	

Metropolitan area	METREX Member authority
42 Vilnius	46 Vilnius City Municipal Government
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Major Projects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New city centre on the right bank of the Neris river • Park of architecture (industry redevelopment in Uzupis) • National stadium and sports centre • Technology valleys • Housing and living environment renovation • Modern tram and parking system • Modernisation of Vilnius international airport • Vilnius southern and western bypasses 	
Planning Issues	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional cooperation • Urban redevelopment • Housing renovation • Waterfront development 	
Networking Interests	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poly METREX project 	
Key Documents	
Vilnius and Kaunas dipolis strategic plan http://www.vilnius.lt/dipolis/index.php?t1=401	
Vilnius city strategic plan 2002-2011 http://www.vilnius.lt/vmsp/en	
Vilnius city master plan 2015 http://www.vilnius.lt/bplanas	
Vilnius old town revitalisation strategy http://www.ensure.org/vilnius2/gb/index.htm	
Vilnius/Riga 2010 METREX Meeting presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Vilnius_Riga_2010	
Investment projects in Vilnius and other Lithuanian cities (MIPIM material) http://www.development.lt	

Metropolitan area	METREX Member authority
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43 Wien

47 Stadt Wien

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Wien metropolitan area

The Vienna metro area is composed of a core area and outlying areas.

- Core area - Continuous area of 500 x 500 m grid-cells with more than 250 inhabitants/workers containing at least one central area with a minimum of 2.500 inhabitants/workers per cell
- Outlying area - Communities outside the core area where more than 45% of daily commuters commute to the metro core area

This results in a Vienna Metro Area of 7.500km², 80 - 100 km in diameter.

In 2010 the population was close to 1.8 million in the core and 0.4 million in the outlying areas.

Major Projects

- Preparation of the new (4th) urban development plan (in combination with the general traffic-concept and the general greenspace-concept) which fulfills the required "integrated concepts" of the Europe 2020-Strategy
- Realisation of one of the biggest urban development projects in Central Europe: "aspern Seestadt"
- Realisation of a large development area at Vienna's future central railway station (Hauptbahnhof Wien), including Viennas second CBD, housing, central park and production
- Development of interlinked intra-urban development areas such as the large railway-station-quarters Nordbahnhof and Nordwestbahnhof
- Definition of projects focusing on energy efficiency; concerning different city areas including the important architectural heritage of the so called "Grunderzeit" (1948-1918)
- Taking a role as the driving forces/ Involvement in networks of regions and cities, such as: EUROCITIES, CATCH-MR, pro2013+, ARGE Donauländer and Council of Danube Cities and Regions; Intensive participation in the process to establish the EU-Strategy for the Danube Region and the development of the cross boarder region CENTROPE; Taking part in EU-funded research (ESPON-POLY_CE, CIDEP) and other EU-funded projects

Planning Issues

- Joint spatial development for a dynamic European metropolitan region (together with Lower Austria and Bratislava (Slovakia) called CENTROPE
- Communication platform and establishing governance structures with the neighbouring communities, e.g. Metropolitan Area Management Vienna/Lower Austria (SUM: Stadt-Umland-Management)
- Enlargement of the existing transport association to include Bratislava (Slovakia)

Networking Interest

- Modern governance in metropolitan regions
- Managing growing cities/regions
- Demographic changes and urban/metropolitan development

Key Documents

- Urban Development Plan 2005 (regional Development scheme)
- Progress-Report concerning the Urban Development Plan 2005 (2010)
- SRO (Strategy to the spatial Development in the eastern Region) concerning Vienna, Lower-Austria and Burgenland

<http://www.wien.gv.at/stadtentwicklung/strategien/step/step05/index.html>

<http://www.wien.gv.at/stadtentwicklung/strategien/step/step05/fortschreibung/index.html>

<http://www.wien.gv.at/stadtentwicklung/studien/b008076.html>

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<p>METREX 2009 Wroclaw Meeting presentations</p> <p>http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Wroclaw_2009</p>	
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<p>Planning Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ebrópolis-Strategic Urban Planning: www.ebropolis.es 	
<p>Networking Interests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polymetrex Project 	
<p>Key Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge Society: Digital Mile Project Eco-City Valdespartera www.valdespartera.es PLAZA: The largest logistics platform in Europe www.plazadosmil.com 	
<p>METREX 2007 Zaragoza Meeting presentation</p> <p>http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Zaragoza_2007</p>	

Metropolitan area	METREX Member authority
46 Zurich	51 RZU*
*Regionalplanung Zürich und Umgebung	
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Major projects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New through-station under main railway station and tunnel to the North • New railway tunnels to the Northeast, and to the South • Upgrading Stadelhofen railway station • Building and extending new suburban train systems • Extension of the Northern freeway bypass • New freeway bypass at airport • Freeway tunnel to cross the city center 	
Planning Issues	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of transport and settlement • Intensification of land use and urban quality • Implementation of green infrastructure system 	
Networking interests	
Key documents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RZU Charta 08 • Richtplan des Kantons Zürich 	
METREX 2009 Wroclaw Meeting presentations http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Wroclaw_2009	
47 Krakow	52 Municipality of Krakow
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Major Projects	
Planning Issues	
Networking Interests	
Key Documents	
METREX 2007 Veneto (Vicenza) Meeting presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Veneto_2007	
METREX 2005 Nürnberg Meeting presentation http://www.eurometrex.org/ENT1/EN/Meetings/meetings.asp?Pres=Yes&SubCat1=Nurnberg_2005	

Metropolitan area	METREX Member authority
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Major Projects Planning Issues Networking Interests	
Key Documents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy Plan of the Central Hungary Region, 2007-2013 • Central Hungary Operational Programme 2007-2013 	
Budapest eAtlas http://www.eurometrex.org/e-atlas/intro.htm	
49 München	54 Regionaler Planungsverband München
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Major Projects Planning Issues Networking Interests Key Documents	
50 Granada	55 Centro Internacional de Estudios Urbanos
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4.1 Management

METREX Managing Committee

The Managing Committee is responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Association and the promotion of its purposes. The following Managing Committee was elected at the METREX Berlin General Assembly (GA) on Friday 17 September 2010. It will serve until the next GA in Wien in autumn 2012.

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3 Alberto Leboriero, Madrid

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6 Juliane Kürschner, Amsterdam

7 Kurt Puchinger, Wien

8 Georgette Rafailova, Sofia

9 Jakob Richter, Hamburg

10 Claudio Tolomelli, Emilia-Romagna

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11 Ewa Kurjata, Szczecin

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12 Roger Read

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4.3 Web site

Communications

METREX communications are now almost entirely electronic, through the Internet and via the METREX web site at www.eurometrex.org. These opportunities have developed rapidly over the last decade and now offer a fast and low cost means of communication and dissemination of knowledge and information. Networking has become much easier, less costly and more efficient.

The METREX web site now holds the records of the Network's activities, is the source from which to download documents and provides the data-base for networking communications through Member Profiles.

METREX intention is to continue to develop its electronic communications potential, through the Internet and its web site, teleconferencing and videoconferencing (particularly for Project and Expert Group working).

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Key references and downloads

- Glasgow Metropolitan Regions Conference founding Declaration
- Proceedings - Meetings, Conferences, Projects and Expert Groups 1996-present
- Porto Declaration and the Metropolitan Magna Carta
- Szczecin Declaration
- Washington DC Declaration
- Porto Practice Benchmark
- InterMETREX Benchmark of effective metropolitan spatial planning and development practice
- PolyMETREXplus Framework for a polycentric metropolitan Europe
- Impressions - METREX - The first 10 years 1996-2006
- Intentions - METREX - 2007 onwards
- ETVF - European Territorial Vision and Framework