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the **network** of
European Metropolitan Regions and Areas

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“to plan is a basic human need”

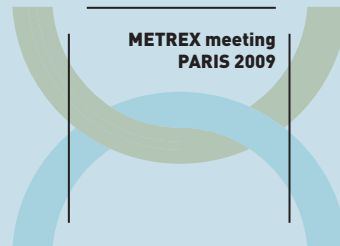
It is also a basic function of governance
at the European and metropolitan
levels.



Patrick Geddes (1854 - 1932)

METREX means metropolitan exchange

METREX facilitates the exchange of knowledge and practice between metropolitan regions and areas that is necessary for well-informed and effective strategic decision-making at the metropolitan level.



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the purpose of METREX is **practitioner exchange**

METREX provides a framework within which members can network for their individual and collective benefit in a cost-effective, stimulating and rewarding way.



structure and development

Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif (AISBL)

METREX The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas is an International Not-for-Profit Association, and is registered as an AISBL with the Belgian Ministry of Justice.

We have created a body of findings and conclusions on many key issues of metropolitan concern. These can be freely downloaded from the METREX website www.eurometrex.org, or obtained on CD from the METREX Secretariat.

The management structure of METREX:

President
Two Vice Presidents
Seven additional Managing Committee members.

All of whom are elected biennially.

Treasurer
Auditor
Secretary General.



metropolitan development



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:

a] Urban structure and the balance to be struck between urban renewal (of land and buildings) and urban expansion

b] Urban connectivity and the relationships between modes of transport for people and goods

c] Economic change and the need for urban restructuring to cope with the consequences of growth or decline

d] Social change and the need for urban facilities and services to respond to factors such as migration, demographics and consumer expenditure

e] Environmental sustainability and the need to safeguard natural resources and balance their use and development with their capacity for regeneration

f] Climate change and the need to mitigate urban greenhouse gas emissions, and adapt to the consequences of global warming.



the metropolitan dimension

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.

METREX MOSCOW
International seminar
2006

the political dimension

The network also intends to continue to contribute to European affairs, and to foster a more active political dimension within the network by encouraging members' politicians and officials to participate in METREX meetings and conferences.



networking and primary activities



members of METREX may...

a] Make the body of knowledge and experience in their organisations available to METREX colleagues

b] Take advantage of the opportunities for exchange offered by spring and autumn Meetings and biennial Conferences

c] Initiate or participate in Expert Groups on key issues of common interest and relevance

d] Participate in major EU INTERREG Programme projects promoted by METREX

e] Participate in international Study Visits.

METREX seeks to offer members a range of opportunities to gain and exchange knowledge, and recognises the need for high-value low-cost knowledge transfer.

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meetings and conferences

METREX meetings are scheduled for Athens and Hamburg in 2011, followed by a meeting in Marseille in 2012.

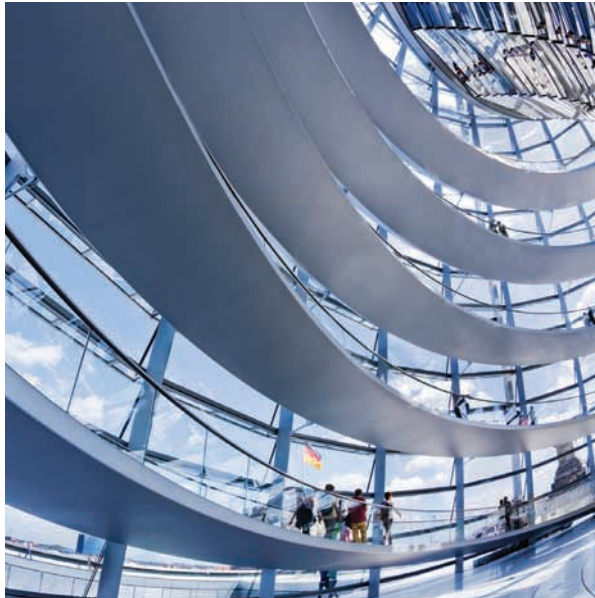
THE METREXLONDON conference, 'climate change - urban change', held in 2008 was a huge success. Future METREX conferences are scheduled for Berlin in 2010 and Wien in 2012.



METREXLONDON 2008
climate change -
urban change

The Hot Topic
Professor Sir David King

How we can save the planet
Dr. Mayer Hillman - Author



projects

METREX has successfully promoted the EUCO2 80/50 project. This project provides metropolitan regions and areas with the means to assess their greenhouse gas emissions and identify effective mitigation strategies to reduce these emissions by 80% by the year 2050 in order to meet the EU target and secure their own low-carbon energy futures.

The project involves 15 METREX partners led by the Metropolregion Hamburg and is sponsored by GE-ecomagination.

METREX intends to produce a Metropolitan Mitigation Practice Benchmark - EUCO2plus in order to disseminate the findings and conclusions of the EUCO2 80/50 project.



Childrens' thoughts on climate change expressed in their paintings a METREX sponsored project for the METREXLONDON conference



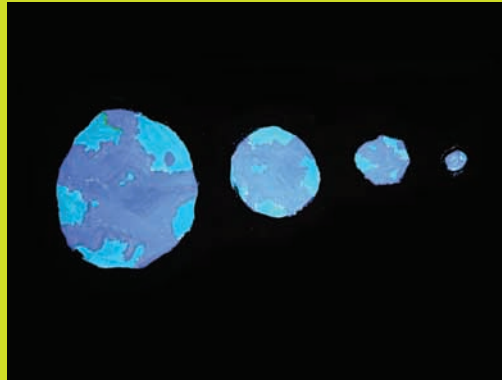
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Phillip Harrier

renewable energy
Paucic O'Carroll-Batterham

wind turbines
Emily Watt

melting world
Isla Gordon

nuclear plant
Euan McGhee



interMETREX

InterMETREX was an INTERREG IIIC networking project to benchmark metropolitan planning practice in 32 metropolitan areas across the wider Europe.

The Benchmark is a tool to aid metropolitan competitiveness and sustainability, and should be actively used within metropolitan regions and areas to address their spatial planning and development issues, and realise development opportunities in the most effective way.

The Benchmark can be downloaded from the METREX website in EN|DE|FR|IT|ES.

The e-Atlas, which may be accessed through the METREX website, promotes networking between metropolitan regions and areas. It features information on METREX members' national planning context and the political, social, economic and environmental characteristics of their urban regions, future planning and development issues, and relevant contact details in order to facilitate informed networking and exchange on issues of common interest.



**Ceci n'est pas un Plan
summarises the ETVF
and can be accessed on
the METREX website.**

www.eurometrex.org

polyMETREXplus

PolyMETREXplus was an INTERREG IIIC networking project to consider how some 25 metropolitan cities can work towards better urban balance within the EU through collaboration, complementarity and a polycentric approach to regional competitiveness. Its outputs were a Vision, Framework and Action Plan for polycentricity and better European territorial balance. These should be actively used as a basis for ongoing cooperation between metropolitan areas to enable them to become as collectively competitive as possible, and to work towards territorial cohesion.

PolyMETREXplus was progressed through a programme of Representative Interregional Networking Activities (RINAs) to work towards better

urban balance through a polycentric approach to regional competitiveness. These RINAs should continue, and others should be initiated, based on clusters and corridors of cooperating metropolitan areas.

METREX advises that European policies, programmes and projects, such as the Trans-European Transportation Network, should have regard to the PolyMETREXplus Framework.

We also advise that, on the principle of subsidiarity, the European Union should initiate an appropriate process for the conception, production and maintenance of a European Territorial Vision and Framework (ETVF) to provide a coherent context for national, regional and metropolitan strategic planning.

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climate change and low carbon energy futures a key metropolitan issue

Climate change and the need for metropolitan regions and areas to adopt effective strategies for mitigation and adaptation is the key issue for the future.

METREX has enabled its members, in addition to project partners, to participate as observers in the EUCO2 80/50 project.

We have produced a Metropolitan Mitigation Manual and a related DVD to support the adoption of the EUCO2 80/50 process by the 200 metropolitan regions and areas in Europe and in North America.

**Metropolitan areas -
the green power
stations of the future**

insulate and generate



expert groups

METREX Members have formed Expert Groups to consider issues of common interest:

- Sustainability and metropolitan planning process
- Planning for economic change
- Integrated land-use planning and transportation
- Planning for Major Events
- Major Urban Restructuring
- Urban re-qualification
- Strategic Planning for Retailing
- Metropolitan Governance
- EU Lisbon Strategy indicators

The Expert Groups are currently considering:

- Major Infrastructure in metropolitan areas
- Employment location in metropolitan areas
- Intra-metropolitan aspects of polycentricity
- Affordable housing

We intend to revisit the work of previous Expert Groups, and to initiate further groups in response to member requirements.

The Expert Groups' findings and conclusions are published on the METREX website.

www.eurometrex.org

European spatial planning observatory network

espon

METREX, a practitioner network, intends to maintain a mutually beneficial collaborative relationship with ESPON, a research network, to support the application of research – for example, the application of the ESPON Targeted Analysis for Stakeholders in terms of Comparative Consumption and Comparative Services of Public Interest.

Further opportunities for METREX consideration are offered by ESPON's Targeted Analysis (see www.espon.lu), and may be initiated through the METREX Secretariat.

the international dimension and the european neighbourhood policy

METREX continues to develop an international dimension to METREX affairs. So far members have made study visits to:

Moscow 2006
Shanghai 2007
Washington USA 2008
Santiago Chile 2009

These study visits have enabled METREX to develop international relationships for networking on issues of common interest with European neighbours, North and South America and China.

Future study visits to St. Petersburg and Istanbul are being considered.

We also intend to explore exchanges with neighbouring metropolitan areas to consider key issues in common. Areas that are of interest include Moscow, St. Petersburg, Minsk, Kiev, Lviv, Belgrade, Chisinau, Odessa, Istanbul, Alexandria and Rabat.



**Moscow is a member of
the METREX network**

communication

In any network good communication is essential. We hope to continue to develop our electronic communications capability, not only via the internet and our website, but also through teleconferencing and videoconferencing (particularly for Project and Expert Group working).

The METREX email database, with all member and associated contacts, is available on a restricted basis (having regard to data protection legislation) and may be accessed on enquiry to the METREX Secretariat at enquiries@eurometrex.org



membership

The METREX membership currently includes 60 authorities from 50 separate metropolitan regions and areas across the wider Europe.

In particular, METREX would welcome membership from Oslo, Tallinn, Warsaw (Mazovia), Bratislava, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Dublin, and Luxembourg, and from metropolitan areas in France and the UK.

For further information on METREX and its activities, please consult the METREX website www.eurometrex.org or contact the METREX Secretariat at enquiries@eurometrex.org

We invite you to join us

www.eurometrex.org

METREX Veneto meeting 2007



METREX members

1 Amsterdam	1 Stad Amsterdam	24 Napoli	54 Provincia di Napoli
2 Athens	2 Organisation of Athens	25 Napoli	28 Regione Campania
3 Barcelona	3 Prefecture of Catalunya	26 Nürnberg	29 Verien die Region Nürnberg
4 Berlin	4 Joint Spatial Planning Department of Berlin and Brandenburg	27 Oradea	30 Oradea Metropolitan Area Association
5 Bilbao	5 Gobierno del Pais-Vasco	28 Paris	31 IAURIF
6 Bologna	6 Regione Emilia-Romagna	29 Porto	32 Area Metropolitana do Porto
7 Bruxelles	7 Ville de Bruxelles	30 Prague	33 City of Prague
8 Bucharest	8 Municipality of Bucarest (UMPCB)	31 Rhein-Neckar	35 Verband Region Rhein-Neckar
9 Rotterdam/den Haag Metropolitan Area	9 Rotterdam City Council	32 Riga	36 City of Riga Council
10 Eurociudad Vasca	10 Municipality of The Hague	33 Sevilla	37 Junta de Andalucia
11 Firenze	11 Eurociudad Vasca/Bayonne/ St Sebastian	34 Sofia	38 Municipality of Sofia
12 Frankfurt	12 Regione Toscana	35 South Coast Metropole	39 Borough of Bournemouth
13 Glasgow	13 Planungsverband Frankfurt	36 Stockholm	40 Stockholm County Council
14 Hamburg	14 Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority	37 Stuttgart	41 Stockholm City Council
15 Hannover	15 Hamburg Metropolitan Region	38 Szczecin	42 Verband Region Stuttgart
16 Helsinki	16 Metropolregion Hannover Braunschweig Göttingen	39 Thessaloniki	43 Municipality of Szczecin
17 Lisboa	17 Helsinki City Council	40 Torino	44 Organisation of Thessaloniki
18 London	18 YTV Helsinki Metropolitan Area	41 Veneto	45 Regione Piemonte
19 Madrid	19 Uusimaa Regional Council	42 Vilnius	46 Provincia di Torino
20 Marseille	20 Area Metropolitana de Lisboa	43 Wien	47 Regione del Veneto
21 Milano	21 Greater London Authority	44 Wroclaw	48 Vilnius City Municipal Government
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23 Mitteldeutschland	23 AGAM	46 Zurich	50 Municipality of Wroclaw
	24 Regione Lombardia	47 Krakow	51 Diputación Provincial de Zaragoza
	25 Institute for the General Plan of Moscow	48 Budapest	52 Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza
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