

sources

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- METREX MANUAL - summarising past and futures activities and initiatives
- METREX DIRECTORY - with Member Profiles of Major projects, Planning issues, Networking interests and Key documents (also on-line)
- METREX BENCHMARK - of effective metropolitan spatial planning and development practice
- the completeworks - a booklet presenting METREX activities and interests

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- Conference reports and proceedings
- Expert Group and Project reports and proceedings
- General Assembly and Managing Committee proceedings

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To join METREX simply download and complete the Application Form from the METREX website and post, fax or e-mail this to the Secretariat. A copy of the METREX Statutes should also be downloaded from the METREX website, signed and included with the Application Form.

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

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...an introduction

METREX is the Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas. It was founded in 1996 at the Glasgow Metropolitan Regions Conference, with the support of local authorities in the West of Scotland and the European Commission.



METREX is a Network of practitioners, that is, politicians, officials and their advisers, concerned with spatial planning and development at the metropolitan level.



Integrated strategic planning is always also concerned with socio-economic futures and environmental, transportation and infrastructure issues. Metropolitan governance is a key issue for effective planning and implementation.

exchange

METREX is an acronym for metropolitan exchange. The exchange of information, knowledge and understanding is the prime concern of the Network and the main benefit of membership.

There are some 70 recognised metropolitan areas in Europe. They are the major urban areas and their areas of influence. They represent the wide spectrum of urban problems and opportunities that will determine Europe's future well-being and prosperity.

METREX now has Members from some 50 metropolitan areas. They represent all the geographic macro regions of Europe, north, east, south and west. They are repositories of practical knowledge and experience of effective action in addressing real issues.

Europe has a hugely rich heritage of effective spatial planning. It is access to this resource that METREX brings to its Members. Networking is the present and the future.

value

METREX uses all the means of modern communications. It does not have expensive offices or high operating overheads. It works through a decentralised and independent Secretariat/ Interpretariat and an elected Managing Committee, which ensure that its resources are wholly devoted to supporting Member services and activities. It has not raised its subscription level since its foundation and has grown its resources by attracting new Members.

The costs of membership are in meeting and communicating with colleagues who soon become working partners. **The benefits are high quality networking access to the full spectrum of European spatial planning and development experience. Membership offers exceptional value for its annual subscription of €7000 (€9000 for a multi-authority membership).**

function

METREX functions through a range of activities and initiatives initiated and supported by Members.

- Biennial Conferences on themes of current concern
- Biannual Conferences and General Assemblies
- A small elected Managing Committee supported by an independent Secretariat/Interpretariat
- Expert Groups to explore and address key issues of common interest
- Projects with EU or private sector co-funding
- Personal networking between METREX colleagues facilitated by the Secretariat/ Interpretariat as necessary

