

METREX — The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas

NINTH MEETING OF THE NETWORK AND THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

Helsinki City Hall, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9-11 September 1999.

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Article 4. Purposes

For the purposes of the Statutes a metropolitan region or area shall be defined as core city and/ or cluster of related cities and their urban hinterland having a population of the order of 500,000 or more.

Article 5. Membership Criteria

Membership of METREX shall be open to all European metropolitan regions or areas which may be represented by any level, or levels, of administration within them and by politicians, officers or appointed advisers.

If a metropolitan region or area cannot take up Membership, for any reason that is acceptable to the Managing Committee, it may be admitted by the Managing Committee to the Association as an Observer. An Observer shall be able to participate in the exchange of knowledge between practitioners that is the purpose of the Network but shall not be able to participate in the management of the Network or its activities and shall not be entitled to a vote at its Meetings or General Assembly.

Article 6. Subscriptions

The annual Membership subscription to the Network for a single metropolitan region or area shall be 7000 EURO's. An additional subscription of 2000 EURO's shall cover all other additional Members from the region or area. The total annual subscription for a multi Member region or area shall therefore be 9000 EURO's.

Article 7. Withdrawal and Disqualification from Membership

A Member wishing to withdraw from Membership shall inform the Secretary General in writing giving one years notice. Although not required it will be helpful if Members can also state the reason for withdrawal. This will enable the Managing Committee to respond sympathetically to any Member facing short term difficulties. The Secretary General shall inform the next Managing Committee and the President will then respond to the Member on behalf of the Association.

Article 11. Powers of the General Assembly

The President will normally be elected at a biennial General Assembly and will serve until the next General Assembly. A President may stand for a second such term. Nominations for election as President shall be made in writing to the Secretary General up to three months before a General Assembly and shall be supported by another Member. If an election is needed it shall be by secret ballot of all voting Members (see Article 10) held at a General Assembly and conducted by the Secretary General or an agreed officer of the Association. A simple majority will determine the outcome. In the event of a tie there shall be a further secret ballot.

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Article 17. Responsibilities of the Managing Committee

METREX staff shall be retained by the Association as self employed consultants. The terms of their retention shall be in accordance with the provisions of the biennial budget which shall set out the number of days of consultancy work anticipated in each year and the daily rate in EURO's. The Secretary General shall manage the retained staff resources within the anticipated cash flow from subscriptions and other sources of finance.

Articles 18, 21 and 23. Delegations

The Secretary General and an authorised co signatory to the METREX Bank Account shall have the delegated power to authorise expenditure up to one subscription or 7000 EURO's.

The Secretary General may enter into financial commitments on behalf of the Association, for example through projects or initiatives, as set out in the biennial budget or agreed at Meetings of the Managing Committee or the General Assembly.