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**POSITION STATEMENT
FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF METREX
1996-2000**

**PROSPECTUS FOR THE PERIOD
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PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

To provide Members and potential Members of METREX, and supporters of the Network such as the European Commission, with a position statement on the first 5 years of METREX, 1996-2000, and a prospectus for the period 2001-2006.

METREX has now adopted the practice of publishing all communications and documentation relating to its activities on the METREX web site, at <http://www.eurometrex.org>, in the six languages of the Network: Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, French, English and German.

This short Report, and its associated summary Appendices, makes reference to these sources which can be accessed for more detail through the website.

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WHY METREX?

Origins

METREX was founded at the Metropolitan Regions Conference held in Glasgow in 1996 with the support of the European Commission (see Appendix 1 for details).

Purposes

The two key purposes of the Network are the exchange of knowledge on metropolitan spatial planning and development issues and the contribution of the metropolitan dimension to planning at the European level.

The metropolitan dimension

The process of urbanisation across Europe has resulted in core cities and their hinterlands (areas of social and economic influence), or clusters of cities and towns, becoming the primary urban form. Most such areas are now *metropolitan* in character, meaning that they function as one interdependent urban region or area.

The concept of *subsidiarity* means that metropolitan regions and areas are now the level at which wider European spatial planning and development aims and objectives and transnational Visions can be realised most effectively. Many of the strategic spatial planning issues of concern at the European level, such as *sustainability*, can only be addressed effectively at the metropolitan level.

Metropolitan regions and areas share common problems of economic change, social inclusion, urban sprawl, traffic congestion, city centre vitality and viability, and environmental damage and pollution. They also offer opportunities for renewal and regeneration, high quality urban life, and economic competitiveness. It is because these issues are inter-related, and balances have to be struck between them, that effective spatial planning and development is required at the metropolitan level.

Membership

METREX is a Network drawn from the 120 or so recognised metropolitan regions and areas (urban areas and their hinterlands with populations of about 500,000 or more) in the wider Europe of the European Union (EU) and central and eastern European countries (CEEC) (see Appendix 2 and Diagram 1). This is the potential for METREX Membership.

Membership of METREX is open to all *practitioners* (politicians, officials and their advisers) with a common interest in *spatial planning and development* (the integrated consideration of land use, development and infrastructure having regard to social and economic factors) (see Appendix 3, List of Member metropolitan regions and areas).

METREX has grown from a founding Membership of 15 metropolitan regions and areas in 1996 to 33 metropolitan regions and areas in 2000 represented by over 50 local authorities and organisations. The Network has set itself the target of 40 Member metropolitan

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regions and areas by its biennial Conference in Thessaloniki in 2002. It intends to make a particular effort to attract more Members from France, Germany and the UK to become fully representative of the wider Europe.

A longer term objective is a Membership of 50 metropolitan regions and areas, representing all EU and CEEC countries, in order to enhance and enrich the scope for networking and the contribution that can be made to European affairs. It is hoped to achieve this objective by the Barcelona biennial Conference in 2004.

Four related European networks — the International Society of City and Regional Planners (Isocarp), the European Council of Town Planners (ECTP), the European Association of Development Agencies (EURADA) and the Network of European Planning Students (PLANET) — have Observer status.

Status

In 2000 the registration of METREX as an *Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif* (AISBL) was approved by Royal Decree in Belgium (see Appendix 4, METREX AISBL Statutes and Internal Regulations).

Management

METREX is managed by a Managing Committee comprising all Member metropolitan regions and areas, and chaired by a President elected at a biennial General Assembly. All political representatives are Vice Presidents (see Appendix 3 for Member details).

The General Assembly meets at the biennial Conference, and the Managing Committee meets every six months at METREX Meetings (Spring and Autumn).

The METREX AISBL Statutes and related Internal Regulations set out the managerial procedures of the Network. There are provisions for Presidential and Managing Committee elections, should these be felt necessary as the Network grows.

The day-to-day operation of the Network is through the METREX office in Glasgow managed by a Secretary General and an associated Secretariat and Interpretariat (see Communications on page 6).

FINANCE

Subscription budget

METREX is financed by Members' annual subscriptions of € 7,000 for each single authority metropolitan region and area, and € 9,000 for multiple Member metropolitan regions and areas (for example, comprising Regions, Provinces, Cities or Municipalities, etc.) In 1999 Members were asked to make a € 1,000 refundable deposit to establish a financial reserve for the financial year 2000.

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Network subscription income has risen from some € 73,000 in 1996/97 to € 168,000 in the year 2000. Total subscription income over the period 1996-2000 has amounted to some € 623,957. Glasgow City Council provides METREX with serviced Secretariat office accommodation in lieu of its subscription.

During the period 1996-2000 the €/GB£ exchange rate has declined from about € 1.5/£ to € 1.7/£ or by about 13%. Secretariat costs in Glasgow are paid in £. The Secretary General has managed the financial affairs of the Network within the available subscription and co-funding income as summarised below (Table 1).

The projected annual budget for 2001 is € 219,800 which covers annual Secretariat and Interpretariat costs (including website, communication and language services costs), biennial Conference preparation and promotion, the costs of Meetings, and Project/Expert Group support costs (see Table 2 below).

Start up co-funding

The Network benefited from start-up funding from Glasgow City Council (GCC) of £30,000 a year plus approved expenses (approximately € 54,400 at 1.6/£) for the initial three years 1996-1999, and business development support from the Glasgow Development Agency (GDA) of £12,000 (€ 19,200) during the two years 1997 and 1999.

This joint support from Glasgow totalled € 201,600, and the Network could not have been established successfully without it.

European Commission co-funding

The Network also received co-funding of 80,000 ECU's (from the final budget of 313,000 ECU's) from the European Commission for the founding 1996 Glasgow Conference and € 39,000 (from the final budget of € 135,000) for the 1999 Porto Convocation. It currently receives co-funding of € 143,396 for the InterMETREX project (piloting the Porto Metropolitan Magna Carta Practice Benchmark) during 2000/2001 through the Interreg IIc programme (total project cost € 269,082).

European Commission (DG REGIO) support, therefore, totalled € 262,696 in the period 1996-2000, and the purposes of the Network could not have been progressed successfully without it.

Conference/Convocation co funding

METREX also benefited from the support of the Conseil Général des Alpes-Maritimes (80,000 ECU's) and the Ville de Nice (15,000 ECU's) in hosting the 1998 METREX Nice Conference, the Junta Metropolitana do Porto (€ 78,000) in hosting the 1999 Porto Convocation, and the Provincia di Torino, Regione de Piemonte, Città di Torino (€ 50,000) in hosting the 2000 Torino METREX Conference.

Member support for these three key events therefore totalled about € 223,000, and the momentum of the Network could not have been sustained without it.

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Meeting co-funding

Ten METREX Meetings that have been held in the period 1996-2000 in metropolitan regions and areas across the wider Europe. It is difficult to assess the cost of each of these to the hosting member (meeting and visit costs, documentation, support for language services, hospitality, etc.) but they are likely to have involved an average expenditure of € 20,000 each, or some € 200,000 in all.

METREX networking activities and the business of the Managing Committee could not have been sustained without this support from host Members.

TABLE 1 — FINANCIAL SUMMARY 1996-2000 (EURO's)

	EU	Members	Totals
CORE FUNDING			825,557
Start up co-funding (GCC/GDA)		201,600	201,600
Subscriptions		623,957	623,957
EVENTS AND INITIATIVES			1,051,199
Glasgow Conference (residential)	80,300	158,261	315,075
Nice Conference		95,000	162,294
Porto Convocation	39,000	70,035	134,573
Torino Conference		50,000	84,175
InterMETREX project	143,396	125,686	269,082
METREX Atlas		50,000 (est)	50,000
MEETINGS (10)		200,000 (est)	200,000
TOTALS	262696	1574539	2040756

Table 1 shows that the total networking expenditure generated by METREX (including the founding Glasgow Conference) was € 2.04m over the period 1996-2000. Of this, € 1.57m was spent by Members of which € 0.62m was for subscriptions, an estimated € 0.20m was Meeting costs and € 1.05m was for events and initiatives. The balance between Members' expenditure (€ 1.57m) and total expenditure (€ 2.04m) was met by co-funding from the European Commission of € 0.26m and delegate income of € 0.20m at Conferences.

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It can be concluded that a multi-Member founding metropolitan region and area (for example, a Region and a City) will, therefore, have had access to a € 2m METREX programme for € 4,500 per year, or for a total 5-year subscription of € 22,500 each (€ 9,000 per year for 5 years, shared equally).

During the period 1996-1998 accountancy services to METREX were provided by the European Urban Institute (EUI), Glasgow, through the core funding provided by Glasgow City Council. After the Nice General Assembly in 1998, accountancy and auditing services were provided with the support the Scottish Greenbelt Company, through John Brown, CA.

An Audit of the first three years of METREX (1996-1998) was presented to the Torino General Assembly, and the METREX Financial Year was changed from April-March to January-December in 1999 to accord with common European practice.

Banking services to METREX were provided by the Clydesdale Bank, Glasgow, from 1996 to 1999, and are now provided by Adam and Company, Glasgow, (a subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Scotland). Members' annual subscription Invoices are issued in December for payment between the following January and March to Adam and Company.

TABLE 2 — METREX BUDGET FOR 2001 (EURO's) (Provisional)

INCOME	219800
Subscriptions (projected)	219800
EXPENDITURE	219800
Secretariat (see Communications below)	118600
Interpretariat	18000
Supplies and services	26600
Biennial Conference	19400
InterMETREX (Interreg IIc) project	12750
Contingency (11%) (Projects, etc.)	24450

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Detailed information on all METREX activities, and on membership of the Network, can be found on the METREX web site at <http://www.eurometrex.org>.

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- Monsieur Roger Duhalde, Conseil Général des Alpes-Maritimes
- Prof. Klito Gerardi, Organisation for the Planning and Environmental Protection of Athens
- Senhor José Luís Pereira, Área Metropolitana de Lisboa.

Communication within the Network is now primarily by email and through the METREX website on which the Proceedings of Conferences, the Minutes of Meetings and the Findings and Conclusions of Expert Group initiatives are published, together with other information relevant to the activities of the Network, such as the programmes for forthcoming events.

The METREX Secretariat and Interpretariat comprises

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All can be contacted by email through the METREX Secretariat office at <http://www.eurometrex.org>.

CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, EXPERT GROUP INITIATIVES & THE METREX ATLAS

METREX has established a rolling programme of biennial Conferences, six-monthly Meetings (Spring and Autumn) and Expert Group initiatives and projects to progress the exchange of information and expertise between Members and other interested parties (see Appendix 5 for details).

The founding METREX 1996 Metropolitan Regions Conference

The 1996 founding METREX Metropolitan Regions Conference was held in the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow, from the evening of Wednesday 10 April to lunchtime on Saturday 13 April 1996. The four inter-related Conference Themes were

- Integrated strategies for sustainable metropolitan regions
- Integrated land use and transportation strategies
- Strategies for urban growth, renewal and regeneration
- Strategies for environmental renewal.

Opening Plenary addresses were given by Sr. Eneko LANDABURU, Director General of DGXVI, Regional Policy and Cohesion, and by representatives of the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee of the EU, and the Committee of the Regions.

The opening Keynote Address, *Towards a New European Space*, was given by Prof. Peter TREUNER of the Akademie für Raumordnung und Landesplanung, and the closing Keynote Address, *Strategic Planning for Metropolitan Regions*, by Prof. Michael PARKINSON of the European Institute for Urban Studies, Liverpool John Moores University. Wolf TOCHTERMANN, UNESCO, presented *Strategic Planning in a World Context* (see published Proceedings).

The Workshop programme was based on the 9 European geographical areas set out in *Europe 2000+, Co operation for European Territorial Development*, published by the European Commission in 1991, with 3 or 4 Case Study presentations in each Workshop. There were 24 Plenary and 32 Workshop speakers in all.

The founding Glasgow Conference was attended by 230 delegates from over 50 metropolitan regions and areas, including all EU countries, Norway and Switzerland and 7 CEEC countries. A METREX Founders Dinner was held on Friday 12 April to which some 70 representative delegates were invited, and an Interim Managing Committee was formed. METREX was then formally founded by acclamation at the Closing Plenary session on Saturday 13 April 1996.

The Conference Proceedings have been published on the METREX website. The Keynote Addresses will be published in the METREX 5th Anniversary Compendium to be presented to the Rotterdam Meeting of the Network in May 2001.

The 1998 METREX Nice Conference

The 1998 METREX Nice Conference was held in the Acropolis Palais des Congrès, Nice, from the evening of Wednesday 25 March to lunchtime on Saturday 28 March 1998. The theme was *Spatial Planning and Development in Europe and its implications for Metropolitan Regions* with particular regard to the three sub-themes of

- Sustainability and the Metropolitan Planning Process
- Planning for Economic Change and Development
- Integrated Land Use and Transportation Planning.

These three sub-themes were the subject of preparatory Expert Group consideration, led by the metropolitan areas of Athens, Rotterdam and Stockholm, respectively.

There was a programme of nine Workshops on related issues with 28 contributing metropolitan regions and areas. Spatial Planning profiles of all 28 contributing metropolitan areas have been published on the website as *The METREX Handbook* as an aid to continued networking.

The Conference initiated the Network's involvement with planning at the European level with Plenary addresses from the UK EU Presidency (and the other members of the EU troika), the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and other related EU organisations and institutions.

The opening Keynote Address on the Conference theme was given by Prof. Klaus KUNZMANN of Dortmund University, and the closing Keynote Address on *Spatial Planning and Development in Europe beyond 2000* by Professor Michael PARKINSON, of Liverpool John Moores University.

The Conference Proceedings will shortly be published on the METREX website. The Keynote addresses will be published in the METREX 5th Anniversary Compendium to be presented to the Rotterdam Meeting in May 2001.

The 2000 METREX Torino Conference

The 2000 METREX Torino Conference was held in the Torino Incontra Congress Centre from the evening of Wednesday 10 May to lunchtime on Saturday 13 May. The theme was *Quality of Metropolitan regions in the New Millennium — a key investment factor for development and competition*, with particular regard to the three sub themes of

- Quality of Urban Life
- Quality of the Urban Environment
- Quality of Mobility and Communications.

The Conference initiated the Network's consideration of matters of urban policy with Plenary addresses from the European Commission (DG REGIO and DG TREN) and contributions on the European Urban Audit and other European urban initiatives, and from the Committee of the Regions.

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The opening Keynote Address on Urban Renaissance was given by Martin CROOKSTON, of the UK Government Urban Task Force, and the closing Keynote Address on *Quality of Metropolitan Areas* was given by Prof. Claud RAFFESTIN, University of Geneva.

The Conference Proceedings have been published in full on the METREX website. The Keynote Addresses will again be published in the METREX 5th Anniversary Compendium to be presented to the Rotterdam Meeting in May 2001.

METREX 2002/2004/2006 Conferences

The continuing programme of METREX biennial Conferences has been confirmed as

- 2002, Spring, Thessaloniki. Jointly hosted by the Organisations of Thessaloniki and Athens. Conference theme: *The Social Face of Sustainability*
- 2004, Spring, Barcelona. Hosted by the Generalitat de Catalunya
- 2006, Spring, Szczecin. Hosted by the Municipality of Szczecin.

METREX Conferences are now normally held in the Spring and begin on a Wednesday evening, with a Welcome Reception, continue with two days of Plenary and Workshop sessions, and conclude with a General Assembly on the Saturday morning. Full language services are provided. Extension programmes continue to Sunday afternoon.

The Conference theme is chosen by the host Member(s) and approved by the Managing Committee. The programme is developed by the host Member(s) and the METREX Secretariat, and jointly published and promoted.

A METREX Conference costs about € 100,000 to hold, and these costs are met by delegate income and host Member co-funding.

METREX Meetings 1996/2000/2006

Ten METREX Meetings have been held over the last five years every Spring and Autumn. They have been hosted by METREX Members, and normally run on a Thursday and Friday with a meeting of the Managing Committee on the Saturday morning. They have covered a wide range of issues and the Agendas, Minutes and related reports and papers can be found on the METREX website (see Appendix 5 for details).

The programme of Meetings for the period 2001-2006 could be

- 2001 — Spring, Rotterdam; Autumn, Copenhagen (confirmed)
- 2002 — Spring, Thessaloniki Conference; Autumn, Budapest (to be confirmed)
- 2003 — Spring, Germany; Autumn, Baltic Sea area (to be confirmed)
- 2004 — Spring, Barcelona Conference; Autumn, France (to be confirmed)
- 2005 — Spring, UK; Autumn, southern Italy (to be confirmed)
- 2006 — Spring, Szczecin Conference; Autumn, Czech Republic (to be confirmed).

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Spring 2001 — Rotterdam, 9-12 May 2001

Themes will include urban renewal (social, economic and environmental aspects), the Delta Metropolis (Amsterdam, den Haag, Rotterdam, Utrecht) and harbour development.

Autumn 2001 — Øresund (Copenhagen/Malmö), 4-6 October 2001

Themes will include the impact and consequences of the opening of the Øresund bridge (after one year), the Baltic countries and the CEEC and environmental benchmarking (current project finished in July 2000).

At the METREX Torino 2000 Conference General Assembly it was agreed that networking Meetings should continue to deal with a theme of the host's choosing, begin with an orientation visit and metropolitan planning presentation, continue with Expert Group consideration of issues arising, and conclude with findings and conclusions of practical value to the host. They will also consider current European issues. Full language services are provided. Preparatory networking will be through the METREX website.

Expert Group Initiatives

Expert Group Reports were prepared for the 1998 Nice Conference Workshop programme on the the three sub-themes of

- Sustainability and the Metropolitan Planning Process
- Planning for Economic Change and Development
- Integrated Land Use and Transportation Planning.

Hard copies of these Reports can be obtained from the METREX Secretariat.

An Expert Group Report was also prepared by the Secretariat after the Krakow Meeting (Autumn 1997) on the subject of the Krakow East Area (including the planned community of Nowa Huta and the Sendzimir Steelworks).

An Expert Group on Planning for Major Events was set up at the Sevilla Meeting (Autumn 2000), following an initiative by the Municipality of Wroclaw at the Torino General Assembly, to consider the strategic problems and opportunities presented to metropolitan areas from World or International EXPO's, the Olympics (Winter and Summer) and major Fairs and Festivals, etc. The Group comprises representatives from the metropolitan areas of Wroclaw, Sevilla, Lisboa, Barcelona, Athens, Torino and Zaragoza.

The intention is to report again on this issue to the Rotterdam Meeting (May 2001).

The METREX Atlas

At the first METREX Meeting, in Nice in 1996, Rotterdam City Council proposed that a METREX Atlas should be produced as an aid to informed networking to include a strategic planning profile of each Member metropolitan region and area (geographic and statistical information, planning strategy, key programmes and policies and major projects).

The final edition was produced in 1998 with profiles for 15 metropolitan regions and areas, including, Vienna, Helsinki, Côte d'Azur, Athens, Genova, Milano, Torino, Riga, Rotterdam, Krakow, Lisboa, Glasgow, Sevilla, Zaragoza and Stockholm.

The intention is to now progressively extend the Atlas to include all 33 METREX Member metropolitan areas and eventually as many of the metropolitan areas of the wider Europe as is possible. This could be done through the METREX website, as an *eAtlas*, and this project forms part of the InterMETREX project that is currently being prepared for submission through the European Commission's Interreg III programme (Strand C) (see also below under European programmes).

THE IMPORTANCE FOR EUROPE OF THE FUNCTION OF METROPOLITAN SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Spatial planning and development has moved up the European agenda over the last 5 years with the publication of the *European Spatial Planning and Development Perspective* (ESDP), through the European Commission, and the *Guidelines for the Sustainable Development of the European Continent*, through CEMAT (the Council of Ministers in the wider Europe with responsibility for Regional Planning).

The concentration of Europe's economic activity in the *Global Integration Zone* (GIZ) recognised by the ESDP and focussed on the London, Paris, Brussels, Randstad, Ruhr/Rhine area, is likely to continue and to grow. If it does, then there will be increased urban pressures in this core area, and there could be related problems of decline elsewhere. Measures to achieve a better urban balance are required.

The ESDP sees a polycentric approach to urban restructuring within metropolitan areas, and the development of polycentric relationships between metropolitan areas, as an appropriate response to the need for a better urban balance.

The Porto Convocation

METREX responded to the challenges of the ESDP and the other emerging European frameworks through the Porto Convocation held in 1999 on the initiative of the Junta Metropolitana do Porto, with the continued support of the European Commission (see METREX website for Proceedings).

The Porto Metropolitan Magna Carta, and its associated Practice Benchmark, aims to assist in achieving effective metropolitan spatial planning and development in Europe (see METREX website for copies of these key documents).

There are now over 40 metropolitan signatories to the Porto Declaration of Intent which provide a committed base for continued co-operation to realise the objectives of the ESDP, the CEMAT Guidelines and the Metropolitan Magna Carta, through European programmes.

The Junta Metropolitana do Porto and METREX intend to continue to progress the action envisaged in the Resolution adopted at the close of the Porto Convocation (see METREX website for details). The Porto Convocation is regarded by METREX as a key event in providing a firm basis from which to contribute the metropolitan dimension to spatial planning and development at the European level.

European programmes

METREX is now actively pursuing the opportunities offered by European Commission programmes, such as Interreg III (Strand C) (2001-2006), to achieve the better urban balance, across Europe, sought by the ESDP and the CEMAT Guidelines.

The InterMETREX project

The InterMETREX project (€ 269,000) is currently piloting the Porto Practice Benchmark in six partner metropolitan areas: Brussels, Rotterdam, Lille, Dublin, Bradford and Glasgow. The project involves workshops in each area, and runs from Spring 2000 to Spring 2001. The outcome will provide a basis for the continued consideration of the Practice Benchmark across the wider Europe of the EU and the CEEC.

The intention is to progress the InterMETREX project (€ 1.5m, 2001-2006) through an application under the Interreg III (Strand C) programme. The objective will be to assist more European metropolitan regions and areas to realise their social, economic and environmental potential, through effective metropolitan spatial planning and development, and thus to contribute to the better urban balance sought by the European frameworks.

The PolyMETREX project

It is also intended that the PolyMETREX project (€ 1.5m, 2001-2004) will be progressed through the Interreg III (Strand C) programme. The Lead Partner will be the Generalitat de Catalunya. The objective will be to assist European metropolitan regions and areas to realise their potential for co-operation and complementarity, and in this way also to contribute to the better urban balance sought by the European frameworks.

The InterMETREX and PolyMETREX Prospectus

The METREX Secretariat has produced a detailed Prospectus setting out the provisional form, content, programme and budget for these two projects. The Prospectus has been discussed in principle with the European Commission (DG REGIO), circulated widely to potential project partners, considered at the Torino General Assembly in May 2000 and will now form the basis for submissions under Interreg III (Strand C) in 2001. Copies of the Prospectus can be obtained from the METREX Secretariat.

The SocioMETREX project

The intention is to initiate a project under the METREX 2002 Thessaloniki Conference theme of the *Social Face of Sustainability* to address the related issues of

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- Urban deprivation and social inclusion
- Urban in-migration and social inclusion
- Education, training and economic integration
- Transportation and social inclusion
- Integrated programmes for social inclusion.

The findings and conclusions could then be presented to the Conference.

The possibility of a submission under the Local Government and Public Services Reform Initiative (LGI) of the Soros Foundation, Budapest, is being investigated.

The role of METREX in Europe

METREX is now established as a primary network through which Europe's metropolitan regions and areas communicate with each other and with the European institutions on spatial planning and development issues. In particular, it has been recognised by the European Commission as a valuable partner in achieving the common objective of a more sustainable and balanced urban Europe.

THE METREX 5TH ANNIVERSARY COMPENDIUM

It is intended to complement this summary Report with the publication of a selection of Keynote Papers given at METREX Conferences, Meetings and Expert Group sessions during the period 1996-2000. This METREX 5th Anniversary Compendium will be presented to all Members at the Rotterdam Meeting in May 2001.

APPENDIX 1 — THE FOUNDING GLASGOW METROPOLITAN REGIONS CONFERENCE (10-13 April 1996)

In 1994, Strathclyde Regional Council agreed to support a Conference of Europe's Metropolitan Regions, in Glasgow in 1996, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the publication of Sir Patrick Abercrombie's historic Clyde Valley Plan.

The Regional Council was set up in 1975 when local government in Scotland was reorganised. Strathclyde was the first strategic planning authority in the United Kingdom to cover a metropolitan region, and to have the powers, through its Structure Plan, to formulate and implement a regional strategy. In 1990/91 it received the inaugural *Award for Regional Planning* given by the European Commission and the European Council of Town Planners.

In 1996, local government in Scotland was again reorganised, and Strathclyde and its nineteen constituent District Councils (Local Planning Authorities) were replaced by eight new all-purpose Councils. The structure planning process was continued through the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan Committee (GCVSPJC), constituted with representation from each new Council.

It was because of these changing circumstances that Strathclyde Regional Council felt that a Conference of Europe's Metropolitan Regions, held in Glasgow, would assist its successor, the GCVSPJC, to establish links with colleagues involved in strategic planning. Surprisingly, given the significance of Metropolitan Regions to Europe's social, economic and environmental future, there was no European network for the exchange of information, expertise and experience at the metropolitan level, prior to the Conference. An aim, therefore, was to form such a Network, at the Conference.

The Conference was privileged to have as its patron the Rt. Hon. Bruce MILLAN, the former EU Commissioner for Regional Policy. The Conference would not have been possible without the far sighted co-sponsorship of the European Commission and the support of Glasgow City Council and the Glasgow Development Agency.

At the closing session of the Conference the Chairman, Bailie Dr. Gerald McGrath (Chair of the International affairs Committee of Glasgow City Council), circulated a letter of intent to all delegates, outlining the progress made in establishing the Network, as a basis for future action. This was accepted by the Conference by acclamation, and METREX was founded.

At the Glasgow Conference founding colleagues from the Conseil Général des Alpes-Maritimes offered to host the 1998 METREX biennial Conference in Nice in order to assist with the establishment of the Network, and this offer was accepted with gratitude. The Network was, thereby, established and began the activities summarised in this Report.

APPENDIX 2. EUROPE'S METROPOLITAN REGIONS AND AREAS

Within Europe there are some 120 recognised metropolitan regions and areas of which 33 are now Members of METREX, and 40 have become signatories to the Porto Declaration of Intent.

METREX aims to have a Membership of at least 40 metropolitan regions and areas by the time of the METREX Thessaloniki Conference in 2002, and 50 by the time of the Barcelona Conference in 2004 in order to be fully representative of all EU and accession countries. The main countries where increased membership needs to be achieved are Germany, France and the UK.

Within the EU there are 80 metropolitan areas, and a further 23 in the CEEC. When these countries become members of the EU, then this wider Europe will contain over 100 metropolitan areas.

An extended EU of 28 Member States will contain a population of about 480 million of which 50%-60%, or 240-290 million inhabitants, will live in its metropolitan regions and areas.

This is a measure of the importance of metropolitan competitiveness and wellbeing to the economic prosperity and social cohesion of Europe. It is also an indicator of the potential significance of METREX in assisting in the achievement of effective spatial planning and development at the metropolitan level in Europe, and in achieving the better, and sustainable, urban balance across Europe sought by the ESDP and the CEMAT Guidelines.

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TABLE 3 — METROPOLITAN REGIONS AND AREAS WITHIN THE WIDER EUROPE

EU, Non EU, Accession/CEEC Countries	Metro's	METREX Members	Attended Porto
European Union (15)	80	26	26
Germany, UK, France,	43	5	3
Italy, Spain	18	11	13
Countries 6-15	19	10	10
Non EU (2)	4	0	0
Norway, Switzerland	4	0	0
Accession Countries (13)	23	7	10
Baltic states	3	1	1
Poland	8	3	3
Central European states	7	3	3
Eastern European states	5	0	1
Other CEEC countries (9)	12	0	4
Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova	7	0	3
Balkan states	5	0	1
European totals (39 countries)	119	33	40

APPENDIX 3 — METREX MEMBER METROPOLITAN REGIONS AND AREAS

METREX was founded by 15 metropolitan regions and areas, and currently has a membership of 33 metropolitan regions and areas, represented by 53 authorities.

Four related European networks have Observer status.

Members

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|-----------------------|---|---|
| 1. Amsterdam | 1. Provincie Noord-Holland | http://www.noord-holland.nl |
| | 2. Stad Amsterdam | http://www.amsterdam.nl |
| 2. Athens | 3. Prefecture of Western Attica | |
| | 4. Prefecture of Eastern Attica | |
| | 5. Prefecture of Piraeus | http://www.pireas.com |
| | 6. Prefecture of Athens | |
| | 7. Organisation for the Planning & Environmental Protection of Athens | |
| 3. Barcelona | 8. Generalitat de Catalunya | http://www.gencat.es |
| 4. Bilbao | 9. Gobierno del Pais Vasco | http://www.euskadi.net |
| 5. Bologna | 10. Regione Emilia-Romagna | http://www.regione.emilia-romagna.it |
| | 11. Provincia di Bologna | http://www.provincia.bologna.it |
| 6. Brno | 12. Municipality of Brno | http://www.brno-city.cz |
| 7. Bruxelles | 13. Région Bruxelles-Capitale | http://www.brussels.irisnet.be |
| | 14. Ville de Bruxelles | http://www.bruxelles.be |
| 8. Budapest | 15. Central Region of Hungary | http://www.kozpontiregio.hu |
| 9. Côte d'Azur | 16. Conseil Général des Alpes-Maritimes | http://www.cg06.fr |
| 10. Genova | 17. Provincia di Genova | http://www.provincia.genova.it |
| 11. Glasgow | 18. Glasgow City Council | http://www.glasgow.gov.uk |
| | 19. Scottish Enterprise Glasgow (formerly Glasgow Development Agency) | http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/glasgow/ |
| | 20. Glasgow & Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee | http://www.gvcvcore.gov.uk |
| | 21. (8 authorities) | |
| | 22. The Scottish Greenbelt Co. Ltd. | |

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12. Granada	23. Ayuntamiento de Granada	http://www.granada.org
13. Helsinki	24. Uusimaa Regional Council 25. Helsinki Metropolitan Area Council	http://www.uudenmaanliitto.fi http://www.ytv.fi
14. Kraków	26. Municipality of Kraków	http://www.krakow.pl
15. Lisboa	27. Área Metropolitana de Lisboa	http://www.aml.pt
16. London	28. Greater London Authority	http://www.london.gov.uk
17. Milano	29. Regione Lombardia	http://www.regione.lombardia.it
18. München	30. Regionaler Planungsverband München	http://www.region-muenchen.com
19. Øresund	31. Øresund Committee (Copenhagen/Malmö - 16 authorities)	http://www.oresund.com
20. Porto	32. Área Metropolitana do Porto	http://www.amp.pt
21. Prague	33. City Development Authority of Prague	http://www.prague-city.cz
22. Riga	34. City of Riga Council	http://www.rcc.lv http://www.randburg.com/lv/riga.html
23. Roma	35. Regione Lazio 36. Provincia di Roma	http://www.regione.lazio.it http://www.provincia.roma.it
24. Rotterdam	37. Rotterdam City Council	http://www.rotterdam.nl
25. Szczecin	38. Municipality of Szczecin	
26. Sevilla	39. Junta de Andalucía 40. Ayuntamiento de Sevilla	http://www.junta-andalucia.es http://www.ayunt-sevilla.es
27. South Coast Metropole	41. Borough of Bournemouth 42. Borough of Poole 43. City of Portsmouth 44. City of Southampton	http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk http://www.poole.gov.uk http://www.portsmouthcc.gov.uk http://www.southampton.gov.uk
28. Stockholm	45. Stockholm County Council 46. Stockholm City Council	http://www.sll.se http://www.stockholm.se

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29. Thessaloniki	47. Prefectural Authority of Thessaloniki County 48. Organisation for the Master Plan & Environmental Protection of Thessaloniki	
30. Torino	49. Regione Piemonte 50. Provincia di Torino 51. Città di Torino	http://www.regione.piemonte.it http://www.provincia.torino.it http://www.comune.torino.it
31. Venezia	52. Regione del Veneto	http://www.regione.veneto.it
32. Wroclaw	53. Municipality of Wroclaw	http://hpux.wcss.wroc.pl/wroclaw/wroclawe.html
33. Zaragoza	54. Diputación Provincial de Zaragoza	http://ebro.unizar.es/dpz

Observers

Isocarp	The International Society of City and Regional Planners	http://www.soc.titech.ac.jp/isocarp/isocarp-home.html
ECTP	The European Council of Town Planners	http://www.ceu-ectp.org
EURADA	The European Association of Development Agencies	http://www.eurada.org
PlaNet	The Network of European Planning Students	http://www.planningnetwork.org

APPENDIX 4 — METREX AISBL STATUTES AND INTERNAL REGULATIONS

(Section headings. See METREX website for complete texts)

METREX AISBL STATUTES

Subject to Royal Decree, in Brussels, 16 August 2000, Number 7/CDLF/14.226/S.

Section 1 : Designation, Registered Office and Lifespan of the Association

- Article 1. Designation
- Article 2. Registered Office
- Article 3. Lifespan

Section 2: Purposes of METREX

- Article 4. Purposes

Section 3: Membership Criteria, Subscriptions, Withdrawal, Liability

- Article 5. Membership Criteria
- Article 6. Subscriptions
- Article 7. Withdrawal and Disqualification from Membership
- Article 8. Liability

Section 4: Organisational Structure

- Article 9. The Structure of METREX

Section 5: The General Assembly

- Article 10. Composition of and Representation at the General Assembly
- Article 11. Powers of the General Assembly
- Article 12. Frequency of General Assemblies, Notification, Agenda and Minutes
- Article 13. Decision Making at the General Assembly

Section 6: The Managing Committee

- Article 14. Appointment or Election and Resignation of Members of the Managing Committee
- Article 15. Frequency of Meetings of the Managing Committee, Notification, Agenda and Minutes.
- Article 16. Decision Making at Meetings of the Managing Committee
- Article 17. Responsibilities of the Managing Committee
- Article 18. Delegations
- Article 19. Representation
- Article 20. Personal Liabilities

Section 7: The Secretary General

Article 21. Function and Responsibilities of the Secretary General

Section 8: Fiscal Year and Financial Management

Article 22. Fiscal year and Accounting

Article 23. Financial Operation

Article 24. Treasurer

Article 25. Financial Auditing

Section 9: Dissolution and Liquidation

Article 26. Dissolution

RELATED INTERNAL REGULATIONS

As approved by the Helsinki Meeting of the Managing Committee on Saturday 11 September 1999

Article 4.Purposes

Definition of extent of any metropolitan region or area

Article 5.Membership Criteria

Definition, entitlements and responsibilities of METREX Observers

Article 6. Subscriptions

Definition of current subscriptions

Article 7.Withdrawal and Disqualification

Clarification of procedures

Article 11. Powers of the General Assembly

Clarification of electoral procedures

Article 17. Responsibilities of the Managing Committee

Clarification of the contractual arrangements for METREX staff

Articles 18, Delegations

21 and 23.

Clarification of delegated expenditure limits to the Secretary General

APPENDIX 5 — METREX CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND EXPERT GROUP INITIATIVES 1996/2002

(Programmes, Proceedings, Agendas, Minutes, Reports and Papers may be downloaded from the METREX website)

- Glasgow**
10-13/10/96
- Founding Metropolitan Regions Conference**
Inter-related Conference themes:
- *Integrated strategies for sustainable metropolitan regions*
 - *Integrated land use and transportation strategies*
 - *Strategies for urban growth, renewal and regeneration*
 - *Strategies for environmental renewal*
- Brussels**
12/06/96
- Inaugural METREX Meeting**
and Meeting of the Interim Managing Committee
- METREX constitution, procedures, programme of activities and budget established
- Nice**
17-18/10/96
- II METREX Meeting**
and Meeting of the Interim Managing Committee
- European planning issues considered
- Lisboa**
17-18/04/97
- III METREX Meeting**
and Meeting of the Interim Managing Committee
- Sustainable planning issues considered
- Kraków**
25-27/09/97
- IV METREX Meeting**
and Meeting of the Interim Managing Committee
- Economic restructuring considered
 - Kraków East case study
- Nice**
26-28/03/98
- II Biennial METREX Conference**
and Inaugural General Assembly (V METREX Meeting)
Conference theme:
Spatial Planning and development in Europe and its implications for Metropolitan Regions
- Expert Group Reports on
 - *Sustainability and the Metropolitan Planning Process*
 - *Planning for Economic Change and Development*
 - *Integrated Land Use and Transportation Planning.*
 - Managing Committee established
- Brussels**
25-26/06/98
- VI METREX Meeting**
and Meeting of the Managing Committee
- AISBL Statutes considered
 - Programme of activities and budget established

- Zaragoza**
22-24/10/98 **VII METREX Meeting**
and Meeting of the Managing Committee
- Establishment of large factories around metropolitan areas considered
 - Opel-España case study
 - METREX Atlas completed
- Bologna**
25-27/03/99 **VIII METREX Meeting**
and meeting of the Managing Committee
- Polycentric metropolitan strategies considered
 - Urban heritage strategies considered
- Helsinki**
09-11/09/99 **IX METREX Meeting**
and Meeting of the Managing Committee
- Port and airport development and integrated transportation strategies considered
 - Metropolitan governance considered
- Torino**
10-13/05/00 **III Biennial METREX Conference**
and II General Assembly
Conference theme:
Quality of Metropolitan Regions in the New Millennium — a key investment factor for development and competition
- Presidential Commission on Metropolitan Governance (continuing)
- Sevilla**
26-28/10/00 **X METREX Meeting**
and Meeting of the Managing Committee
- Historic areas, access and transportation considered.
- Rotterdam**
10-12/05/01 **XI METREX Meeting**
and Meeting of the Managing Committee
- Urban renewal, the Delta Metropolis and harbour development
- Copenhagen**
04-06/10/01 **XII METREX Meeting**
and Meeting of the Managing Committee
- The impact of the opening of the Øresund bridge, the Baltic countries and the CEEC, and environmental benchmarking
- Thessaloniki**
Spring 2002 **IV Biennial METREX Conference**
and III General Assembly
Conference theme:
The Social Face of Sustainability

DIAGRAM 1 — Europe's metropolitan regions and areas

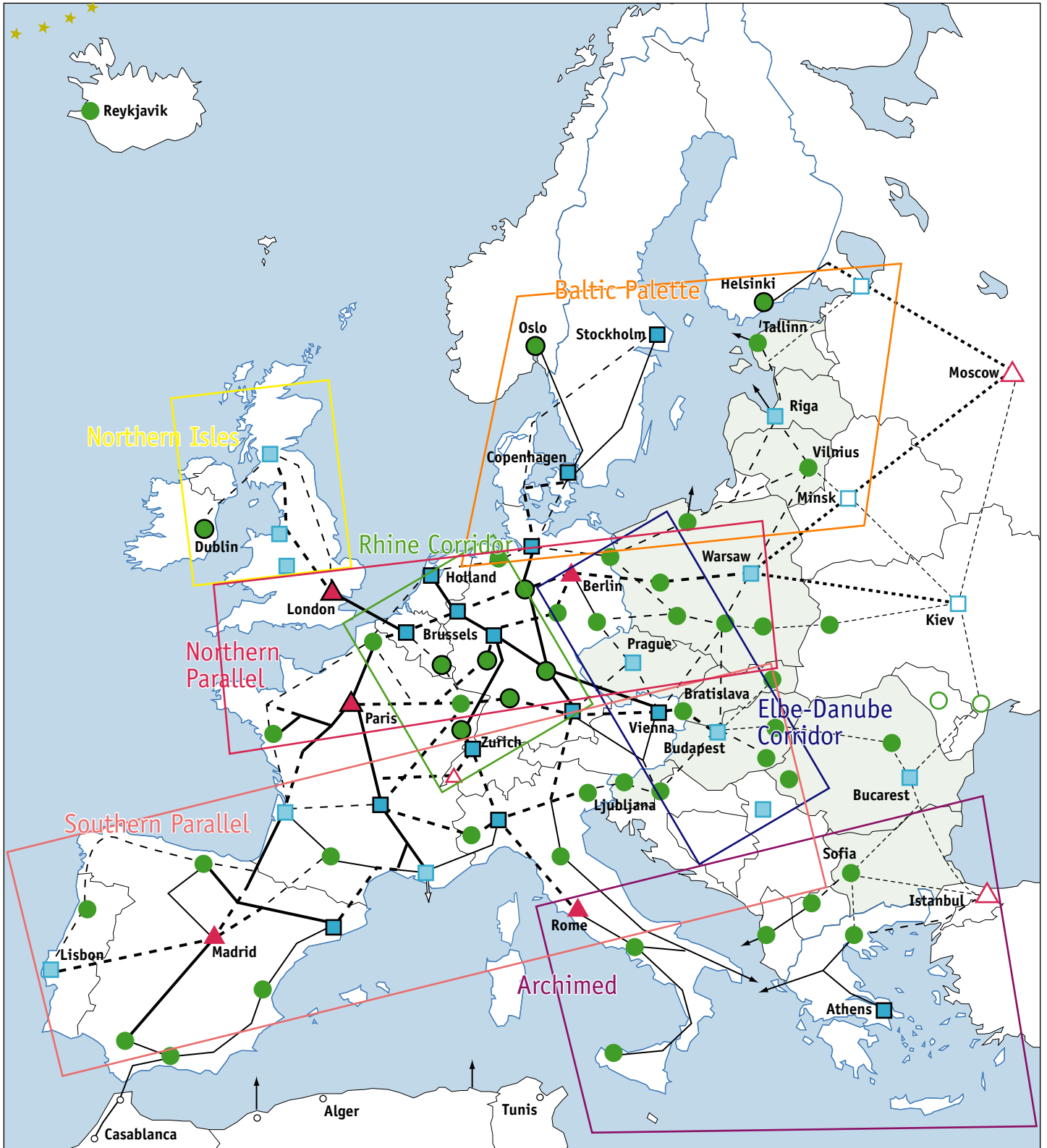




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Metropolitan polycentric relationships

Transnational Polycentric Balance - Application



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| ▲ International urban centre | ■ European urban centre | ● National urban centre | — Main transportation link |
| ▲ International urban centre to be developed with priority | ■ European urban centre to be developed with priority | ● National urban centre to be developed with priority | - - - Main transportation link to be developed with priority |
| ▲ International urban centre to be developed in the longer term | ■ European urban centre to be developed in the longer term | ○ National urban centre to be developed in the longer term | ⋯ Main transportation link to be developed in the longer term |
| ▲ Urban centre with specific international function (Zurich) | | | — Secondary transportation link |
| | | | - - - Secondary transportation link to be developed with priority |
| | | | ⋯ Secondary transportation link to be developed in the longer term |
| | | | ↔ European/intercontinental sea services to be developed |

