

METREX Autumn Conference 2018

Brussels

Introduction

METREX will hold its Autumn Conference 2018 in Brussels on 11 and 12 October. It coincides with the EU Week of the Regions. The latter will focus on the next round of EU programmes linked to (amongst others) the Cohesion Policies and the European Regional Development Fund.

As METREX is a network for practitioners, in other words, for the people responsible for delivering solutions for the EU programmes and their often abstract aims, this moment in time seems right to show what METREX members are working on: Metropolitan Solutions.

The theme of the conference is:

Metropolitan Solutions - Translating policies into Actions on a Regional Level

The conference programme will see three main parts:

- Setting the scene, about the context in which our members are working on the various EU projects and programmes. In what policy frame is the project done, who are the partners in the project (inside and/or outside the region), how is the level of support from and feedback to the responsible EU counterpart, etc.
- Presentations of Metropolitan Solutions, showing examples of all kinds from METREX members and beyond. Metropolitan Regions show their projects, where they stand now and/or results achieved, and we will see projects from organisations that involve (regional) authorities.
- Reflecting on what is heard, sharing the experiences and how the network can support its members. This reflection is part of the Friday programme when we look forward into the next five years of METREX.

Metropolitan Solutions are presented by METREX members as well as partnered organisations like Eurocities, Urban M and other Metropolitan Regions and Cities. The presentations will be in small groups that will offer the opportunity to discuss, ask questions and draw principles that can be taken home.

We hope to welcome you and learn all about the Metropolitan Solutions from our members and partners!



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The conference is kindly hosted by the City of Oslo together with the Akershus County Council in the Norway House.

The venue is opposite the Berlaymont Building:

Norway House, Rue Archimède 17, 1000 Brussels.



Wednesday 10 October

METREX business, networks & expert groups

Venue: Representation of the Lombardia Region, Place Champs de Mars 2, B-1040 Bruxelles

10:00 - 12:00 Nordic Network

12:30 - 15:30 Metropolitan Governance

12:30 - 15:30 Baltic Space Expert group

16:00 - 18:00 Managing Committee meeting

For others who would like to meet outside the conference we can offer the Friday afternoon, from 15:30 - 17:00 at the Norway House. For any further arrangements, please contact Tim Page tim.page@eurometrex.org.

Programme

Thursday 11 October - The Metropolitan Solution

Venue: *Norway House, Rue Archimède 17, B-1000 Brussels*

- 08:30 Registration
(for security reasons: to enter Norway House you have to show a photo ID)
- 09:00 Opening of Conference by Dr. **Nicola Schelling**, President of METREX
- 09:15 Opening Keynote on Metropolitan Regions and Areas: Turning political ambitions into working policies, **Marie Loe Halvorsen** - Political Advisor, City of Oslo.
- 10:00 2 METREX members, MRDH The Hague and Vienna, and the City of Brno, each do a brief presentation (15 min each) on translating Cohesion Policies and explaining
- their role and contribution,
 - their actions to address the challenges and needs,
 - their concrete examples from their region.
- 10:45 Break
- 11:15 3 METREX members, MRA Amsterdam, Verband Region Stuttgart, Greater Helsinki, each do a brief presentation (15 min each) on their involvement in EU projects and programmes, explaining
- their role and contribution,
 - their actions to address the challenges and needs,
 - their concrete examples from their region.
- 12:00 A debate on results, challenges and the way forward concerning the policies touched upon. Panellists are the members previously introduced and **Marton Matko**, Eurocities policy Advisor Cohesion Policy and Integrated Urban Development.
- 12:30 Lunch



Thursday 11 October

PARALLEL SESSIONS 1ST ROUND

14:00 8 parallel sessions with METREX members presenting their approaches and solutions on concrete EU policies, the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund. The sessions are structured according to the “Common Output and Result Indicators for the ERDF and Cohesion Fund”. Listed are the confirmed contributions.

1. A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation

- **Città Metropolitana di Milano:** New skills and new jobs in the future metropolitan cities - **Dario Parravicini**, Director of Economic and Social Development, Transport and Tourism Department.
- **Brno MA:** Metropolitan Cooperation Development in the Brno Metropolitan Area (BMA) through ITI instrument - **ing. Petr Šašinka**, Head of the Department of ITI Management and Metropolitan Cooperation, Brno City Municipality.

2. A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management

- **Amsterdam - Paris - Helsinki:** A conversation about bottom-up energy transition approaches in metropolitan areas of Amsterdam, Paris, and Helsinki. To meet the Paris agreement CO2 reduction targets regional energy strategies will be needed. Ensuring a durable energy transition, regional collaboration must be founded on bottom-up approach. This session aims at having an in-depth conversation about challenges related to a bottom-up approach such as stakeholder engagement, governance and financing. - **Edwin Oskam**, Regional Energy Manager, Amsterdam Metropolitan Area - **Juliane Kürschner**, Senior Policy advisor, City of Amsterdam - **Marie-Laure Falque Masset**, Director of climate energy, Paris Region Institute of urban planning - **Irma Karjalainen**, Director, HSY Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority.



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3. A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity

- **Vienna:** Status quo on transport connections in the Centropo region – Lessons learnt from Infrastructure Needs Assessment Tool (INAT) - **Paul Grohman**, Regional Development Expert, Urban Development Department City of Vienna.
- **Helsinki:** How do future developments, like the Helsinki's Airport Rail corridor and the Helsinki Tallin Tunnel project, fit into the long-term goals of TEN-T's cohesion policies? - **Christina Suomi**, architect, Head of Spatial Planning, City of Helsinki - **Douglas Gordon**, architect, International Coordinator, Spatial planning - **Sakari Saarinen**, project leader, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council - **Irma Karjalainen**, Director, Helsinki Region Environmental Services.

4. A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives

- **Verband Region Stuttgart:** The Stuttgart Region promotes landscape planning through its regional landscape park and the participation in the partnership on sustainable land-use within the EU Urban Agenda. The aim of the landscape park is to upgrade the regional landscape and natural areas, make them more accessible and interconnected. Master plans which are developed together with the municipalities form the framework for implementing measures in a targeted manner - **Thomas Kiwitt**, Director of the Planning Department Verband Region Stuttgart.



Thursday 11 October

PARALLEL SESSIONS 2ND ROUND

1. A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation

- **The Hague:** Exploring opportunities of a supra regional collaboration, case ABC Region (Amsterdam – Brussels – Cologne), based on a common cultural-economic background - **Dr. Peter Pol**, Urban Strategist, City of The Hague.
- Urban Manufacturing (Interreg Europe “Urban M” 2017-2021) on how to design policies to support collaborative maker spaces - **Dr. Steve Harding**, Director Institute for Creative Innovation, Birmingham City University.

2. A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management

- Brussels: Metropolitan Landscape including development of the NATO site - **Sven De Brycker**, project manager Territorial Strategie, Perspective. Brussels.

3. A better-connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity

Verband Region Stuttgart: The subject of the project “regional mobility points” is a region-wide, integrated network of intermodal mobility hubs (mobility points) where public transport services come together with shared mobility options (car, bike and pedelecs), park&ride facilities, user information points, taxis, and other new mobility services. The project is funded by the ERDF - **Frieder Oesterle**, Coordinator European Affairs, Verband Region Stuttgart.

4. A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives

- Vienna: LOS_DAMA! and sub-urban: How EU-funded pilot projects support improving cooperation within the metropolitan region - **Paul Grohman**, Regional Development Expert, Urban Development Department City of Vienna.

16:00 **The Creative Bureaucracy & Its Radical Common Sense**
Final keynote by **Charles Landry**, Author, Speaker and Founder of Comedia, an international authority on the use of imagination and creativity in urban change.

17:00 **Drinks & Buffet**

19:00 **Close**



Friday 12 October

Metropolitan Solutions: Practice & Reality

Venue: the Norway House, Rue Archimède 17, B-1000 Brussels

08:30 Registration

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08:50 Opening

09:00 Keynote by **Dr. Nicola Schelling** - President of METREX

09:20 Keynote: We need a Systemic Change: A Practitioner's View, **Esther Agricola**, Director of Urban Planning and Sustainability, City of Amsterdam

09:40 Presentations from METREX Expert Groups, current situation and a look into the future

- Econometrex - **Thierry Petit**, Île de France
- Metropolitan Governance - **Adriana May**, Regione Lombardia
- Baltic Space - **Jessica Andersson**, Stockholm County Council
- ABC Region - **Erik Pasveer**, MRA City of The Hague
- Urban - Rural - **Dagmar Keim**, City of Amsterdam

11:00 Break

11:30 Presentation Final Report **Viviana Rubbo**, Architect
Bernd Steinacher Fellowship

12:00 Final Keynote An Academic View - Europe as Metropolitan Network, **Prof. Eric Corijn**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

12:30 Announcements and close of Conference

12:45 Lunch

13:30 General Assembly & Announcements

- New Managing Committee
- METREX Strategy Plan
- Programme and Budget

15:30 Close of the General Assembly