

Metropolitian Regions and the Brussels agenda

▪ *Fields of activity for METREX in Brussels :*

▪ **REGIO**: Territorial cohesion in „functional urban areas“, Urban-rural relations, land use , nodes of accesabiltiy in Macro regions

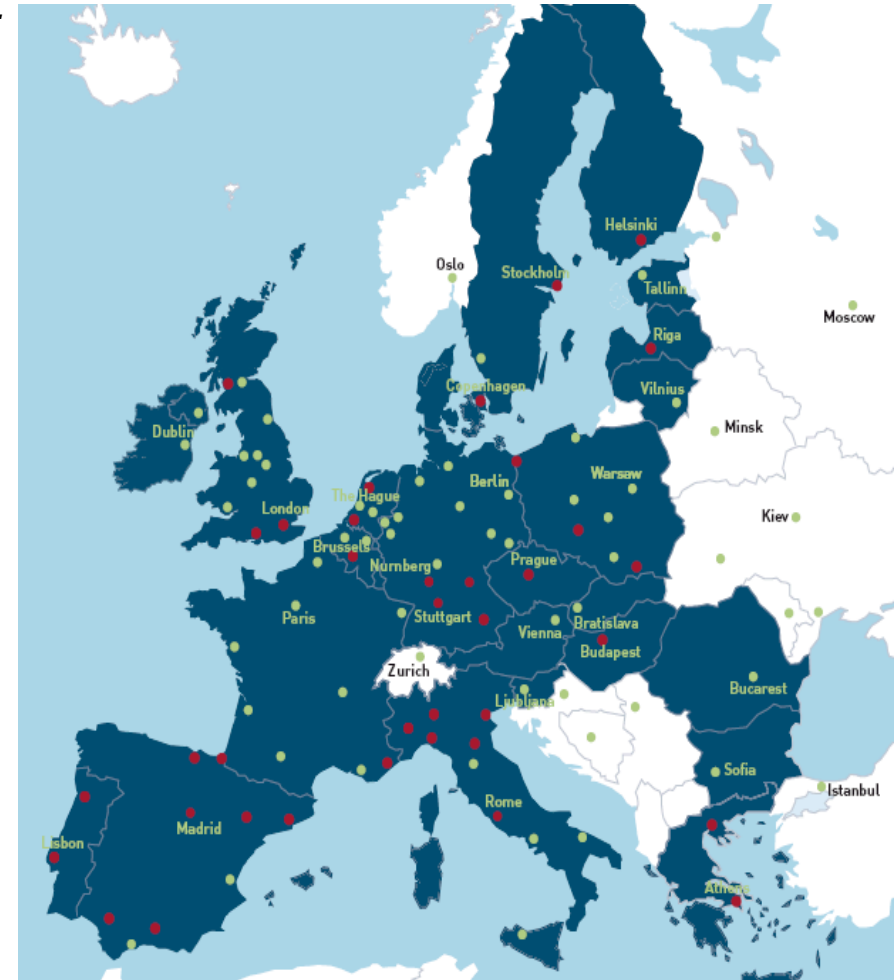
▪ **METREX- expertise:** Metropolitan Governance (Integration of city and region; polycentrality)

▪ **TRANSPORT**: TEN; secondary transport Infrastructure; urban mobility, logistics

▪ **METREX-expertise:** Spatial planning , network of experts

▪ **CIIMATE**: 40 % of CO2 from bigcity agglomerations.

▪ **METREX-expertise:** EUCO50/80; smart grids



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- **Hot topics in REGIO:** Territorial cohesion new goal in the EU Treaty; preparation next generation structural funds post 2013 period
- Sub topics: Macro regions; urban rural relations –
- Which strategy for METREX ? What do city regions want ?
- **Hot topics in CLIMATE:** Energy action plans, smart grids,
- Sub topics: Covenant of Mayors - Which role will METREX play ?
- (support network ? certification of projects ?; contacts to US Gov. Schwarzeneger – next year ceremony in Brussels ?)
- Sustainable Energy week: 22-25th March 2010 – METREX a partner?
- **Hot topics in TRANSPORT:** New launch of urban mobility action plan; new TEN nets
- Sub topics: Is there a METREX position ? Which bodies to participate

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- **Better visibility for METREX in Brussels**
- **METREX Communication strategy according EU agenda and EU topics**
- **METREX positions for EU topics (position papers)**
- **METREX cooperation with Brussels networks (Eurocities, CEMR, new EP Intergroup „urban“)**
- **Mid-run: METREX office in Brussels**



- **CURRENT STRUCTURE:**
- **Website:** www.eurometrex.org
- **President:** Hannu Penttilä, Vice-Mayor of Helsinki
- **General Secretary:** Roger Read, Glasgow
- **METREX: Steering committee:** ??
- **Two annual General Assemblies, working parties**
- **Contact-point in Brussels:** Sylvia Schreiber, Stuttgart Region Office
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