

Special General Assembly (GA) at the XXI Meeting of the METREX Managing Committee, Riga, Saturday 29 May 2010

Location The Large Guild
 RIGA,
 Latvia

AGENDA ITEM

Saturday 29 May 12.30-13.00

- 1 Consideration of the outcome of the METREX electronic General Assembly, held on Friday 21 May 2010, to approve changes to the structure of the METREX Managing Committee**

Background

The AISBL Statutes, Section 6, Article 14, indicate that, *"Should the General Assembly rule that the number of Members is too great for all of them to be Members of the Managing Committee, it will decide the appropriate number for the Committee and elect them"*.

The President, Hannu Penttilä, set up a Steering Group (SG) of METREX colleagues, to consider the size and composition of the Managing Committee (MC) and whether it should be modified. The MC currently comprises all Member metropolitan areas with voting powers. The membership currently stand at 46 voting Members, as shown on the attached Appendix.

The SG has met twice in Brussels and the Action Notes can be downloaded from the METREX web site. It has concluded that the MC might be reduced in size to enable it to operate more effectively in the Network's interest. The SG has suggested the following composition and structure for the MC.

President	Elected at the biennial METREX Conference GA for a two-year term, extendable for a second term
Two Vice Presidents	Elected at the biennial METREX Conference GA for a two-year term, extendable for a second term
Seven MC Members	Elected at the biennial METREX Conference GA for a two-year term, extendable for a second term
Treasurer/Auditor	Appointed by the MC
Secretary General	Appointed by the MC
Total MC	12 members with the President having a casting vote

This means that the MC would comprise 21% rather than 100% of the voting METREX membership.

Action arising

As a result of the conclusions of the SG, an electronic GA will be held on Friday 21 May to approve this structure. If it is approved then the consequential arrangements for the election of the MC will need to be considered by the MC, in Riga, meeting as the GA.

Possible MC electoral arrangements

The AISBL Statutes, Section 5, Article 10, indicates that, "*Members may vote by letter or fax, and it will also be possible to vote electronically under Article 11. A Member may represent one other Member at the General Assembly, and a letter or fax may constitute proof of appointment*".

For recent Elections METREX has moved away from votes by letter or fax to electronic voting. This was considered more convenient and efficient for the membership and the Secretariat, when holding Elections. It is considered that the Statutes require a vote to be available to every Member comprising the 46 Member Electoral Register.

The SG has suggested the following arrangements for the election of the President, Vice Presidents and MC Members.

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| 31 May | Call for nominations for all posts, in writing, to the Secretary General, by letter, fax or e-mail. Nominations must be supported by one other Member, in writing, by letter, fax or e-mail. |
| 18 June | Nominations close |
| 12 July | Berlin GA called. Voting opens. Votes may be cast electronically up to 18.00 on Friday 17 September or personally at the Berlin GA. |

The President wishes to offer all Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates the opportunity to address the GA, if they wish. All MC Candidates will have the opportunity to present written Statements to the membership, in advance of the Elections. Voting will close at the Berlin GA after Presidential and Vice Presidential addresses have been made.

Recommendation

It is recommended to the MC that, should the composition and size of the smaller MC be agreed at the electronic GA on Friday 21 May, then the electoral arrangements outlined above should be adopted and reflected in the METREX Internal Regulations, for use on future occasions

METREX Members/Observers and the Electoral Roll 2010

Metropolitan area	Member
1 Amsterdam	1 Stad Amsterdam
2 Athens	2 Organisation of Athens
3 Barcelona	3 Prefecture of Catalunya
4 Berlin	4 Joint Spatial Planning Department of Berlin and Brandenburg
5 Bilbao	5 Gobierno del Pais-Vasco
6 Bologna	6 Regione Emilia-Romagna
7 Bruxelles	7 Ville de Bruxelles
8 Bucharest	8 Municipality of Bucarest (UMPCB)
9 Rotterdam/den Haag Metropolitan Area	9 Rotterdam City Council
10 Eurociudad Vasca	10 Municipality of The Hague
11 Firenze	11 Eurociudad Vasca/Bayonne/St Sebastian
12 Frankfurt	12 Regione Toscana
13 Glasgow	13 Planungsverband Frankfurt
14 Hamburg	14 Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee
15 Hannover	15 Hamburg Metropolitan Region
16 Helsinki	16 Metropolregion Hannover Braunschweig Göttingen
17 Lisboa	17 Helsinki City Council
18 London	18 YTV Helsinki Metropolitan Area
19 Madrid	19 Uusimaa Regional Council
20 Marseille	20 Area Metropolitana de Lisboa
21 Milano	21 Greater London Authority
22 Moscow	22 Comunidad de Madrid
23 Mitteldeutschland	23 AGAM
24 Napoli	24 Regione Lombardia
25 Napoli	25 Institute for the General Plan of Moscow
26 Nürnberg	26 Cities Globaly United
27 Oradea	27 Metropolregion Mitteldeutschland
28 Paris	28 Provincia di Napoli
29 Porto	29 Regione Campania
30 Prague	30 Verien die Region Nürnberg
31 Rhein-Neckar	31 Oradea Metropolitan Area Association
32 Riga	32 IAURIF
33 Sevilla	33 Area Metropolitana do Porto
34 Sofia	34 City of Prague
35 South Coast Metropole	35 Verband Region Rhein-Neckar
36 Stockholm	36 City of Riga Council
37 Stuttgart	37 Junta de Andalucia
38 Szczecin	38 Municipality of Sofia
39 Thessaloniki	39 Borough of Bournemouth
40 Torino	40 Stockholm County Council
41 Veneto	41 Stockholm City Council
42 Vilnius	42 Verband Region Stuttgart
43 Wien	43 Municipality of Szczecin
44 Wroclaw	44 Organisation of Thessaloniki
45 Zaragoza	45 Regione Piemonte
46 Zurich	46 Provincia di Torino
47 Krakow	47 Regione del Veneto
48 Budapest	48 Vilnius City Municipal Government
49 München	49 Stadt Wien
50 Granada	50 Municipality of Wroclaw
	51 Diputación Provincial de Zaragoza
	52 Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza
	55 RZU
	56 Municipality of Krakow
	57 Central Hungarian Development Agency
	58 Regionaler Planungsverband München
	59 Centro Internacional de Estudios Urbanos