

XXI Meeting of the METREX Managing Committee, Riga, Saturday 29 May 2010

Location Riga City Hall
RIGA,
Latvia

MINUTES

Saturday 29 May 9.30 – 12.30

The MC meeting was followed by a METREX General Assembly (GA) to consider the outcome of the METREX electronic GA (eGA) held on Friday 21 May to approve changes to the structure of the of the Managing Committee.

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The METREX membership comprises forty-six voting Members. A quorum of 50% is required at Managing Committee (MC) meetings. Twenty-six Members were represented at the Vilnius/Riga Meeting but only twenty-one attended the Riga MC meeting.

In the absence of a quorum the MC agreed to proceed with the Agenda and to seek electronic approval to the Minutes from the five Members not attending. A quorum was achieved by Friday 18 June

The Sederunt is shown in Appendix 1.

2 MINUTES OF THE WROCLAW MEETING

The Minutes of the Wroclaw MC meeting were approved

3 FINANCE

3A Financial Statements and audit for 2009

Having heard the Secretary General in explanation of the Financial Statements the MC approved the Income and Expenditure and Profit and Loss Accounts for the 2009 Financial Year

The Auditor reported on the Audit of the Accounts for 2009 and confirmed that the probity of the Association's financial management, as required by Article 25 of the AISBL Statutes.

The President requested the production of a report to clarify the Financial Management procedures of the Network and to amplify the budgetary headings in the Budget and this has been completed.

It will be circulated separately for the information of candidates for election as President, Vice Presidents and members of the MC in the forthcoming METREX elections

4 METREX MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS 2011/2012

The President proposed that he should write to the Chairman of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development and Planning Authority (GSDPA) to suggest that, following the relocation of the METREX Brussels registered office to Dekeyser and Associates rather than Scotland Europa, it would be appropriate to reconsider the services in kind provided by the GCVSDPA in lieu of a subscription. The Secretary General has advised the President of the other GCVSDPA services currently provided including the use of office premises and support services and storage.

This proposal was approved by the MC

The MA agreed to propose to the GA that the METREX membership subscriptions should be kept as at present.

- €7k for a single Member metropolitan area
- €9k for a metropolitan area to include more than one Member
- 50% for Members from CEEC countries, except the Baltic States and Poland
- 30% for Members from the CEEC Baltic States and Poland

It was agreed that the GCVSDPA payment in kind should be discontinued, as explained above.

The MC welcomed Marseille (AGAM), Wien, Campania and Toscana to membership.

5 METREX PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2011/2012

5A EUCO2 80/50 project on Climate change/Urban change

The Secretary General reported on the successful start of the EUCO2 80/50 project Greenhouse Gas Regional Inventory Protocol (GRIP) Workshop programme, with Workshops in Hamburg, Glasgow and Rotterdam. Two more Workshops will be held before the summer break and ten afterwards.

The EUCO2 80/50 Steering Group met in Vilnius and agreed a clarification of the spirit and intent of aspects of the EUCO2 80/50 Contract between the Metropolregion Hamburg and Manchester University. The University has been contracted to facilitate the EUCO2 80/50 mitigation scenario Workshop programme and a concluding Synthesis Workshop.

The METREX Secretariat will attend all Workshops and a first draft of a Metropolitan Mitigation Benchmark has been produced, based on the experience of the first three Workshops. This can be downloaded from the METREX web site. The purpose of the Benchmark is to enable all METREX Members not in the project to benefit from its outcomes and conclusions, in terms of effective mitigation practice. The attached diagram summarises the probable outcome of the project.

METREX has initiated the EUCO2 Club to keep all 450 stakeholders who will participate in the GRIP mitigation scenario Workshop programme in touch with one another as the project proceeds to the implementation of mitigation strategies and measures.

The MC noted the progress being made with the EUCO2 80/50 project and the role of METREX

5B Expert Groups

There are currently four active METREX Expert Groups.

1 The Expert Group on Major Infrastructure, led by the Capitalregion Berlin-Brandenburg, will meet in Berlin from 17/18 June. The subject will be "TEN-T proceeding and conclusions for Metropolitan regions". A top expert from EU-Commission DG Move, Mr Adelsberger the secretary of the expert group "Methodology", will give an overview of the ongoing proceedings of the TEN-T process. An invitation to all METREX Members to attend has been circulated by the Secretariat and colleagues from the Capitalregion. The Group intends to continue to focus on transportation.

2 The Expert Group on Employment location within metropolitan areas, led by IAU-Idf, met in Vilnius. Key issues are cluster development and public support for them. The Group intends to undertake comparative mapping of clusters using a common methodology. There will be a questionnaire and in depth interviews. It is hoped to develop future strategies for spatial planning. There are strong common interests with the Intra Polycentricity Expert Group and these will be pursued.

3 The Expert Group on Intra Metropolitan Polycentricity, led by Stockholm County, also meet in Vilnius. A final report will be made to the METREX Berlin-Brandenburg Conference. The Group is considering the need to continue networking on further aspects of this issue.

4 The Expert Group on Affordable Housing has met once in Glasgow in February 2010 will meet at the forthcoming METREX Berlin-Brandenburg Conference. A report from the GCVSDPA on assessing affordable housing need and a developed Position Statement from the City of Helsinki will be considered together with progress reports from other Group members.

The President requested each of the Leaders of all four Expert Groups to kindly prepare short summaries of their planned future activities and to identify any financial or Secretariat support that they will need from the Network

The MC noted the activities of the Expert Groups and agreed that arrangements should be made for them to meet again during the Berlin-Brandenburg Conference. The Secretary General will liaise with the leaders of the Groups and colleagues from the Capitalregion to confirm these

5C METREX Programme

2010

Berlin autumn Conference – Theme – Quality of Life in Metropolitan Regions and Areas
Confirmed as 15-18 September 2010

2011

Athens spring Meeting Theme - EU neighbours (to be considered further)
Hamburg autumn Meeting - Conclusions from the EUCO2 80/50 project and dissemination as part of the European Green Capital programme
Study Visits to St. Petersburg and Istanbul are under consideration for 2011/2012

2012

Spring Meeting for further consideration and discussion
Conference location for further consideration and discussion - Wien has expressed an interest

METREX Members are invited to confirm an interest in hosting the Spring 2012 Meeting and Autumn 2012 Conference. Guidance on hosting a Meeting or Conference can be found on the METREX web site

5D London/Paris booklet

METREX held its autumn 2008 Conference in London and its spring 2009 Meeting in Paris in order to open up the possibility of an exchange of experience and practice between colleagues in Europe's two global cities. A London/Paris booklet has been prepared by colleagues in IAU-Idf and METREX (on behalf of the Greater London Authority – GLA) to facilitate this. This can be downloaded from the METREX web site.

The President has written to the President of IAU-Idf and the Mayor of London to open negotiations on this possibility

5E METREX Budget for 2011/2012

The MC approved the METREX Budget for 2011/2012 and agreed that it should be submitted to the Berlin General Assembly for adoption. The Budget is attached as Appendix 2

6 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

6A European Neighbourhood Policy

The MC agreed that the following neighbouring metropolitan areas should be invited to the Berlin-Brandenburg Conference in order to explore possible future networking and the exchange of effective practice.

- Alexandria - contacted through Athens
- St. Petersburg - contacted through Helsinki
- Minsk - contacted through Vilnius and Moscow
- Lviv - contacts already provided by Wroclaw
- Chisinau - contacted through Bucharest
- Odessa - Contact through Sofia/Thessaloniki

The Secretary General will liaise with colleagues from the Capitalregion to explore the possibilities and take the necessary action

6B International relations

METREX has been invited to attend and contribute to the annual Congress of the US National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) in San Diego in 2011.

Colleagues from the US, China and South America will be invited to attend the forthcoming Berlin-Brandenburg Conference when there will be an opportunity to explore issues of common interest. Such interest has focused on the issue of climate change/urban change and the EUCO2 80/50 project to date.

The Secretary General will liaise with colleagues from the Capitalregion to explore the possibilities and take the necessary action

7 EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

7A European relations

Sylvia Schreiber of the Stuttgart Brussels Office presented the role and activities the METREX Brussels "antenna" from the Brussels offices of Stuttgart, Hanse, Helsinki and Ile-de-France.

The MC noted this welcome addition to METREX capability to be represented in Brussels. Position Papers produced by the antenna will be presented to the MC for approval

7B ESPON

Ewa Kurjata reported, on behalf of colleagues from Amsterdam and Szczecin, that the ULYSSES project (Using applied research results from ESPON as a yardstick for cross-border development planning) had been approved under the under the ESPON Targeted Analysis programme.

METREX colleagues were invited to take an interest in the ULYSSES project

7C Bernd Steinacher Fellowship

The MC noted that a Call for Applications by Candidates for the Bernd Steinacher Fellowship would be made in June. The first Fellow could then be appointed at the Berlin-Brandenburg General Assembly

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8A Berlin-Brandenburg Conference - 15-18 September 2010

Theme - Quality of Life in Metropolitan Areas - Living, Learning, Creating, Moving

A warm invitation to attend the forthcoming METREX 2010 autumn Conference in Berlin was extended by Ulrike Assig on behalf of the Capitalregion Berlin-Brandenburg. The Conference will have a number of special features, being a partially joint event with SCANDRIA (Scandinavian-Adriatic Corridor for Growth and Innovation). It will be held in Radialsystem V, a new space for the arts in Berlin housed in modern conversion of an old water pumping station on the River Spree.

The Programme was presented and registration and hotel booking will open on 20 June. METREX Members will be e-mailed with the details

Colleagues were asked to note that the Conference would run from a Wednesday to a Friday, with a joint session with SCANDRIA on the Wednesday, a Host's day structured around the interests of the four METREX Expert Groups and the EUCO2 80/50 project on the Thursday, and a METREX day, including the General Assembly, on the Friday.

The Secretary General will liaise with colleagues from Berlin-Brandenburg and the leaders of the EUCO2 80/50 project and the Expert Groups to explore how any networking meetings can be fitted into the Programme

8B IAU-Idf mini Questionnaire

Genevieve Danchin thanked colleagues for their responses to the IAU-Idf mini Questionnaire on "Device and process of follow-up /assessment/ evaluation of the metropolitan strategies or planning documents" circulated in April. A schedule of results will be prepared and circulated.

It may be that the issues raised by the Questionnaire can be progressed by a METREX Expert Group. IAU-Idf will explore this possibility for further consideration at the Berlin-Brandenburg Conference

8C Vilnius/Riga Meeting presentations and MC meeting presentations

All PowerPoint presentations will be published on the METREX web site as usual

RR/Riga/Glasgow/30/5/2010 and 7/6/2010

Appendix 1

Sederunt

1	Joannes	Smit	Senior advisor	1	Stad Amsterdam
2	Ulrike	Assig	Referent	2	Joint Spatial Planning Department of Berlin and Brandenburg
3	Alfonso	Sanz	Director de Ordenacion del Territorio	3	Gobierno del Pais-Vasco
4	Jesus Maria	Erquicia	Resp de Ordenacion del Territorio	3	Gobierno del Pais-Vasco
5	Claudio	Tolomelli	Responsabile Controllo Strategico	4	Regione Emilia-Romagna
6	Silvia	Grassi	Funzionario Controllo Strategico	4	Regione Emilia-Romagna
7	Heiko	Kasseckert	Director (Verbandsdirektor)	5	Planungsverband Frankfurt
8	Reinhard	Henke	Senior Policy Advisor	5	Planungsverband Frankfurt
9	Jakob	Richter	Head of the office	6	Hamburg Metropolitan Region
10	Wilhelm	Schulte		6	Hamburg Metropolitan Region
11	Douglas	Gordon	Architect Planner	7	Helsinki City Council
12	Hannu	Pentilä	President	7	Helsinki City Council
13	Miliza	Ryoti	Advisor to the Mayor	7	Helsinki City Council
14	Olavi	Veltheim	Head of Master Plan Unit	7	Helsinki City Council
15	Olli	Lahtinen	Advisor	7	Helsinki City Council
16	Alberto	Leboreiro	General Deputy of Regional Planning	8	Comunidad de Madrid
17	Cecile	Bost	Territorial Strategy/Spatial Plan Director	9	AGAM
18	Markus	Eggermann	Geographer	10	Metropolregion Mitteldeutschland
19	Reinhard	Wölpert	Deputy Head of Planning Office	10	Metropolregion Mitteldeutschland
20	Genevieve	Danchin	Project manager	11	IAURIF
21	Thierry	Petit	Economist	11	IAURIF
22	Zinta	Mikelsone		12	City of Riga Council
23	Georgette	Rafailova	Chief expert	13	Municipality of Sofia
24	Petar	Terziev	Director	13	Municipality of Sofia
25	Phillip	Robinson	Planning Policy Manager	14	Borough of Bournemouth
26	Hans	Hede	Senior Regional Planner	15	Stockholm County Council
27	Jeannette	Wopperer	Regionaldirektorin	16	Verband Region Stuttgart
28	Ewa	Kurjata	Senior International Officer, Auditor	17	Municipality of Szczecin
29	Krzysztof	Michalski	Deputy Director	17	Municipality of Szczecin
30	Magdalini	Segkouni	Architect Engineer	18	Organisation of Thessaloniki
31	Alberto	Miotto	Funzionario	19	Regione del Veneto
32	Francesca	Franzin		19	Regione del Veneto
33	Toffano	Romeo	Dirigente	19	Regione del Veneto
34	Albert	Serratosa	IET	20	Generalitat de Catalunya
35	Kurt	Mittringer	Leadre of Section Urb Dev and Plan	21	Stadt Wien
36	Sylvia	Schreiber	Director	21	Stuttgart Brussels Office
37	Roger	Read	Secretary General		METREX
38	Tim	Page	Head of Communications		METREX
	Sederunt total			21	
39	To be contacted for eMC			22	Rotterdam/den Haag
40				23	Napoli
41				24	Porto
42				25	Brussels
43				26	Vilnius

Appendix 2

Approved METREX Budget for 2011/2012

	€	€
Income		271700*

Subscriptions (49)	271700*
Interest received	0
Expenditure	243000
Secretary General	50000
Communications and management	30000
Project support - co-funded	40000
Project support - networking	20000
Interpretation and translation	35000
Travel, accommodation and subsistence	30000
Printing and copying	12000
Postage, stationary and telephone	5000
Accountancy	7000
Miscellaneous expenses	14000
Surplus/deficit	28700
METREX 2011 Reserve/Contingency and 2012 Conference	25,000
Income/Expenditure	3700
Profit/(Loss)	3700

Note * - This income figure has been updated from the €270000 shown in item 5K of the Riga MC Agenda Notes to reflect the current membership.

Metropolitan greenhouse gas Inventories

& The European metropolitan route to decarbonisation

Sources of greenhouse gas emissions

Irreplaceable carbon



Petrochemicals
Cement

Aviation



Replaceable carbon

A. Energy

Renewables

- 1 Regional
- 2 National
- 3 European



B. Development

Residential
Services
Industrial



C. Transport

Road
Rail
Marine

Effective mitigation measures

1 Carbon capture and storage (CCS)

2 Biofuels (algae)

Hybrid planes

3 Wind

4 Solar

5 Hydro

6 Wave/Tidal

7 Geothermal

8 Biofuels (wastes)

9 Biomass (forestry)

10 Energy audits

11 Passivehaus standards

12 Passivehausplus
(Air/ground pumps)

13 Solar thermal

14 Solar PV

15 Thin film solar

16 Electromobility

17 Hydrogen

18 Hydrogen fuel cells

Operational issues

Storage

Base load capacity

Peak load spreading

Intelligent transmission

CCS for geo-engineering
or plus hydrogen to produce
methane for efficiency gains

CHP not effective with
shift from gas to electricity

Gas based district heating
may continue if converted
to electricity

Hydrogen fuel cell storage
and emergency generation

Sell to Grid or retain for use

Peak load spreading