

METREX — The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas

XIIth Meeting of the METREX Managing Committee, Copenhagen, 4-6 October 2001

MINUTES OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING

Location **The Royal School of Architecture**
Daneskiolds Alle 53
COPENHAGEN
Denmark

MINUTES

SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER

1 **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Representatives of 20 of the 35 Member metropolitan regions and areas in the Network attended the Meeting. The attendance is listed in Appendix 1 and apologies were received from those Members unable to attend.

2 **MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE IN ROTTERDAM**

The Minutes of the XI Meeting of the Managing Committee in Rotterdam were approved.

3 **EUROPEAN AFFAIRS**

On 12 September 2001 the European Commission published its new Transport White Paper "European Transport Policy 2010 : Time to Decide". The full text can be downloaded in pdf format from the Commission's web site at http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy_transport/en/lb_en.html A press release summarizing the White Paper and a press kit of 39 slides can also be downloaded from this web site in pdf format.

The White Paper press kit slides were presented by the Secretary General to the METREX Meeting on the afternoon of Friday 5 October in the absence of representatives from the Commission. The Meeting concluded that a response should be sent to the Commission (DG TRENDS),

- recognizing the favourable balance between car ownership and usage and public transport usage in the CEEC at present and commending support for accession countries to sustain such a balance in the longer term.
- advising of the InterMETREX and PolyMETREX projects and the contribution that these may be able to make to the intended review of Trans European Networks (TENS) in 2004.

This action was endorsed by the Managing Committee recognizing that individual Members may also wish to make their own representation to DG TRENDS when they have considered the White Paper and its implications. It would be helpful if Members could keep the Secretariat informed about any representations that they intend to make.

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4 METREX INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

A InterMETREX pilot project under Interreg IIc

Jim Parke, of the Secretariat, presented the outcome of the pilot project to the METREX Meeting on Friday 5 October. The Final Report can be downloaded from the METREX web site at <http://www.eurometrex.org> and is available in English and French.

The outcome of the pilot project has been used as a basis for a revised and updated METREX Benchmark to supercede the original Porto Benchmark and provide the framework for the forthcoming InterMETREX project under Interreg IIIC. The new Benchmark can also be downloaded from the METREX web site in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

The pilot project introduces the concept of "ladders of effectiveness", comprising of a range of steps leading from minimum to best practice in metropolitan spatial planning and development, under the headings of Competence, Capability and Process. However, the new METREX Benchmark is founded on the best practice identified in the pilot project.

Members are invited to consider the application of the findings and conclusions of the Final Report on the InterMETREX pilot project to their own circumstances as an aid to improved effectiveness in spatial planning and development practice.

B InterMETREX and PolyMETREX projects under Interreg IIIC

The InterMETREX project is essentially about making spatial planning and development practice *within* metropolitan regions and areas as effective as possible whereas PolyMETREX is concerned with the development of beneficial relationships *between* the metropolitan areas of Europe. Both projects support the aim of the European Spatial Development Strategy (ESDP) to achieve a better urban balance in the wider Europe of the EU and the CEEC.

The Interreg IIIC programme offers a unique opportunity to METREX to progress the InterMETREX and PolyMETREX projects because it applies to the wider Europe of the EU and CEEC (central and eastern European countries) and seeks submissions related to networking, spatial planning and urban development. It will run from 2002-2006 and will be administered by four secretariats for separate North West, North East and South and East European zones. Some countries, such as France, Germany, Italy and Greece, are in two or more zones.

It is now clear that the Operational Programmes (OP's) for Interreg IIIC in the North West Zone (secretariat based in Lille) and South Zone (secretariat based in Rome) may be finally published before the end of 2001 allowing submissions to be made early in 2002.

Submissions will be made by the InterMETREX lead partner (Rotterdam) to the North West zone secretariat and by the PolyMETREX lead partner (Catalunya) to the South zone secretariat.

The Prospectus for the InterMETREX and PolyMETREX projects has been on the METREX web site for some time, awaiting the finalization of the OP's for the North and South Zones. The Managing Committee concluded that it would now be sensible to run

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both projects for the full period of the Interreg IIIC programme (2002-2006). METREX Members agreed to host project workshops as appropriate and required.

Interreg IIIC now offers 50% co funding for most project partners and 75% co funding for Objective 1 and 2 and CEEC partners. The project finance will be based on the assumption that co funding for staff time will more than offset other participation costs such as travel and accommodation. Essentially partners will only have to fund a proportion of staff costs.

The timetable that is now foreseen to the submission of the InterMETREX and PolyMETREX projects is as set out in Appendix 2.

C METREX Expert group on Planning for Major Events

Gianfranco Fiora reported on the outcome of the meeting of the Expert Group that took place on the afternoon of Wednesday 3 October. At the meeting colleagues from Zaragoza presented the methodology that had been used to assess and select the preferred location for the World Expo 2008 submission. Colleagues from Athens and Torino described progress with their Olympic Games preparations.

It was agreed at the meeting that the report on Planning for Major Events, currently on the METREX web site, should be extended, updated and published in hard copy and electronic form. Colleagues from Lisboa kindly offered to assist with the funding for this and a further meeting was scheduled for spring 2002, possibly in Torino, to continue the work of the group.

The Managing Committee noted the intentions of the Expert Group to continue its work.

D SocioMETREX project

The SocioMETREX project takes the same theme as the METREX 2002 Thessaloniki Conference, "The Social Face of Sustainability", and the intention is to contribute partial findings and conclusions to the Conference workshop programme. The project meetings are held before, or in the case of Copenhagen after, the spring and autumn Meetings in 2001 and 2002 as follows.

Rotterdam 2001	Urban deprivation
Copenhagen 2001	Inclusive accessibility
Thessaloniki 2002	Urban migration and housing
Budapest 2002	Economic inclusion

The twelve project partners are Thessaloniki, Athens, Rotterdam and Copenhagen from the EU and Minsk, Riga, Szczecin, Wroclaw, Prague, Brno and Budapest from the CEEC. The submission for project co funding from the Local Government Initiative (LGI) of the Soros Foundation was not approved at this stage and in consequence the participation of CEEC partners has been supported, on the basis of individual need, by METREX. This has cost about €2500 a meeting.

The Managing Committee agreed to continue financial support for the participation of CEEC partners in the SocioMETREX project, on the basis of individual need, and to include provision of €5000 in the provisional budget for 2002 (see Appendix 3).

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The project is facilitated by Anne Power, Professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics, who it is hoped will also give a keynote address at the Thessaloniki Conference.

The developing project Workbook will be placed on the METREX web site and a "bulletin board" opened to facilitate continued discussion and exchange by the partners and Members.

E Other Expert Group initiatives

Colleagues from Emilia-Romagna suggested that metropolitan governance should continue to be an issue for consideration by the Network. The President included a Commission on this issue in the Torino Conference. Athens suggested that it would be informative to hold a meeting in London, at a political level, to consider this issue again. Other colleagues from Stuttgart, Rotterdam, Torino and Catalunya expressed an interest in participating. This would make a small Expert Group of 7 metropolitan areas. It may be that colleagues from France, Scandinavia and the CEEC will also be interested in participating.

The Secretary General informed the Meeting that Nicky Gavron, Deputy Mayor of London and responsible for spatial planning and development, had offered to host such meeting when the Greater London Authority (GLA) was well established.

The Meeting agreed that the Secretary General should ask the GLA to kindly host a political Expert Group meeting on metropolitan governance in London in spring 2002.

F The contribution of Vice Presidents to the promotion and development of the Network and its activities

The Meeting agreed that Vice Presidents would support the President at promotional and other events. The next such event will be in Stuttgart on Thursday 25 October when METREX will be presented to a meeting of German metropolitan regions and areas.

5 METREX 2002 THESSALONIKI CONFERENCE

Colleagues from Thessaloniki made a presentation on the forthcoming METREX 2002 Conference on "The Social Face of Sustainability". A presentational CD was given to all Members and will be sent to those who could not attend.

The Conference will be held from 8-11 May 2002 and members are asked to reserve these dates in their diaries.

The draft brochure for the Conference is on the web site and this will now be finalized with colleagues from Thessaloniki and Athens for circulation and promotion in the New Year. It may take the form of an invitation (as for the Porto Convocation) with an accompanying CD with the full brochure text in languages.

Catalunya informed the Meeting that the Minister for spatial planning and development, Dr. Pere Macias i Arau, would be pleased to make a contribution on "New Life for Old Cities". Lisboa emphasized the importance of the theme and suggested that it may be appropriate to include a workshop on the implications of the current world crisis.

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These and other changes to the programme will be considered by the joint hosts of the Conference, the Organization of Thessaloniki in association with the Organization of Athens, the President and the Secretariat.

6 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND AFFAIRS

A METREX signatories to the Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif (AISBL) Statutes

The Secretary General explained that AISBL signatories, including new Members and existing Members that have not yet signed, will now be incorporated into the Statutes every two years, after a General Assembly, by the Network's lawyers, Dekeyser and Partners, Brussels

Appendix 6 attached to the Minutes of the Rotterdam Meeting shows current signatories and non signatories to the AISBL Statutes. Members who have not yet signed the Statutes are requested to do so by downloading them from the METREX web site and posting a signed copy to the Secretariat. This will then be passed to Dekeyser and Partners for incorporation.

B Accompanying persons

It was agreed that Members hosting a METREX Meeting should be able to make a charge to cover costs for accompanying persons if they so wish.

C Language services

It was agreed that language services should continue to be provided on the basis of necessary personal need to enable Members to participate fully in the affairs of the Network. Members recognized the exceptional service provided by the Interpretariat who operate singly, without assistance, at METREX Meetings.

D Membership change

The Secretary General reported that the membership from Helsinki had changed with Helsinki City Council taking over from Uusimaa Regional Council. Helsinki Metropolitan Area Council continues as the other Helsinki Member.

The Secretary General will write to the Uusimaa to express the thanks of the Network for the support given by the Regional Council to METREX since its foundation in 1966. Special thanks were recorded to Pentti Tuovinen for his contribution.

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7 FINANCIAL REPORT, CASH FLOW STATEMENT AND PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR 2002/2003

A&B Financial statement and cash flow statement

John Brown, accountant to the Network supported by the Scottish Greenbelt Company, presented the financial and cash flow statements. These are attached as Appendix 3. It was noted that a number of subscriptions for 2001 remain to be paid and that this has created a short term cash flow difficulty. The Network's bank, Adam and Company, has agreed to assist with this.

Members noted the statements and recognized the need to lodge subscriptions by 31 March 2002 in order to enable the Network to function effectively. Members are asked to make arrangements accordingly.

C Provisional budget for 2002/2003

The provisional budget for 2002/2003, as also show in Appendix 3, was approved for presentation to the General Assembly at the Thessaloniki Conference.

D Treasurer

Rotterdam, seconded by Catalunya, proposed Helsinki as Treasurer to the Network. Helsinki City Council, represented by Jussi Vuorinen, accepted this nomination.

Members approved the appointment of Helsinki City Council as METREX Treasurer and thanked the Council for accepting this responsibility.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Dates for Conference and Meetings in 2002/2003

The Secretary General will now contact Budapest, represented by the Hungarian Central Region Development Agency, to confirm and finalize arrangements for the autumn 2002 Meeting. Stuttgart has kindly agreed to host the spring 2003 Meeting and Stockholm is considering the possibility of hosting the autumn 2003 Meeting.

B Open discussion on METREX activities in the period 2002/2003

Members have an open invitation to suggest to the Secretariat any issue that they would like to have discussed or considered by the Network either through an Expert Group or at a Meeting or Conference.

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METREX Secretariat, Glasgow, October 2001.

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APPENDIX 2 Provisional timetable to submission of the InterMETREX and PolyMETREX in 2001/2002

Possible timetable

- The four zone Secretariats submit draft Operational Programmes (OP's) to the Commission 15 October
- Commission meeting to consider OP's 25 October
- Approval process complete (3 months?) January
- Call for submissions February

METREX Action

1. Draft outline submissions to meet programme criteria. Revise Prospectus October
2. Prepare draft invitation pack (letter + information) from Rotterdam / Catalunya / METREX October
3. Contact Lille (NW) and Rome (S) Secretariats with draft packs November
4. Contact Dutch and Spanish Governments / Regions November
5. Hold possible Lead and Key (Workshop host) partners meeting December
6. Circulate invitation pack (100+?) January
7. Phone follow-up (non-replies) and finalise submission February
8. Hold partners seminar with NW and S zone Secretariats, the national Governments and Region (Zuid-Holland) March Commission,
9. Consider inclusion of private partners? March
10. Draft submission, meet, approve and submit April
11. Approval (6 weeks?) June/July

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APPENDIX 3 Financial statement and cash flow statement for 2001 and provisional budget for 2002/2003

2001 BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE	BUDGET 2001	INCOME EXPEND	PROFIT LOSS	BUDGET 2002/3
BUDGETARY HEADING	EURO's	EURO's	EURO's	EURO'S
OPENING BALANCE		-42601		
INCOME	232200	155900	211100	250000
1 Subscriptions	232200	154900	211100	
2 Interest received		0		
3 Deposits		1000		
NETWORK EXPENDITURE	194900	97789	106475	206400
4 Secretary General. 80 days @ 620	49600	16844	20261	49600
5 Communications and management. 50 days @ 530	26500	7835	9304	26500
6 Project support. 100 days @ 530	53000	21621	22522	53000
7 Interpretation and translation. 2 Meetings @ 9k	18000	15471	17325	25000
8 Travel, accommodation & subsistence. 2 Meetings @ 12k	27000	17253	17528	28000
9 Printing and copying	2000	1489	1627	2000
10 Postage, stationary and telephone	5000	2189	2247	5000
11 Accountancy. 10 days @ 530	5300	3668	3668	5300
12 Supplies and general expenses	8500	11419	11963	12000
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	37300	58111	104625	43600
CONFERENCE	17250			20000
13 Income		0	0	
14 Expenditure. 30 days at 575 average		515	515	
NET INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) OF FUNDS	20050	57596		23600
PROFIT			104110	
EXCHANGE DIFFERENCE		-914		
CLOSING BANK BALANCE		14081		