

XX Meeting of the METREX Managing Committee, Granada, Saturday 29 October 2005

Location Granada

AGENDA NOTES

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER 9.30 – 13.00

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2 MINUTES OF THE NURNBERG MEETING OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE (MC)

The Minutes of Nürnberg meeting of the METREX Managing Committee (MC), on Saturday 18 June, have been published, in the Network languages (DE|EN|ES|FR|IT), on the METREX web site at www.eurometrex.org.

The Minutes of the Nürnberg MC meeting are for approval at Granada

3 EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

**3A METREX Response to the Communication from the European Commission
*Working together for growth and Jobs – A new start for the Lisbon Strategy (COM (2005) 24).***

The Nürnberg MC meeting discussed the action required on the Lisbon Strategy in the context set by the President's note, tabled at the meeting, and the METREX Discussion Note. It was agreed that the issue of integrated metropolitan governance should continue to be considered and that the Secretariat should prepare a further Discussion Note on this issue.

A Discussion Note on Integrated Metropolitan Strategies can now be downloaded from the METREX web site (see also item 4C below)

It was also recognised that the METREX position on the Lisbon Agenda needed to be clarified and disseminated quickly in order to influence the EU and Member States. On 5 July the European Commission published a paper on Cohesion Policy in Support of Growth and Jobs – Community Strategic Guidelines 2007-2013 (COM (2005) 0299). The Guidelines are intended to set the context within which Member States will produce their own National Strategic Reference Frameworks for the administration of the Structural Funds in the period 2007-2013.

The Commission paper sought a response on the new elements that might be included in the Guidelines. The METREX response was therefore modified to include the suggestion that the objectives of METROPOLITAN initiative should be reflected in the Guidelines. It was also recommended that the Commission should require a metropolitan dimension to be included in National Strategic Reference Frameworks.

Members may recall that the EESC, at the Nürnberg MC meeting, also strongly recommended that all Europe's metropolitan regions and areas should make representations to their national Governments to include a metropolitan dimension in their National Strategic Reference Frameworks.

The President has reflected all these considerations in his response to José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, which can also be downloaded from the web site

3B The METROPOLITAN initiative

President and the Secretary General have continued to promote the METROPOLITAN initiative (see also 3C below) and will report to the Granada MC meeting

3C METREX and Brussels Open Days 10-13 October 2005

Working together for Regional Growth and Jobs

The Brussels Open Days Programme is included on the METREX web site and Members are cordially invited to attend the Workshops on The urban dimension and the future of cohesion policy (11 October), Monitoring Regional Development (12 October) and Regional Lisbon Governance (13 October)

3D Relations to European institutions and other networks

The President and the Secretary General will report on progress in developing these relationships

4 METREX INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

4A InterMETREX – the revised METREX Benchmark

The Lead Partner (Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee) and the InterMETREX Secretariat will report on the continuing development of the project, leading towards the concluding Workshops in Valetta in February 2006 and Szczecin in March 2006

4B PolyMETREXplus

The Lead Partner (Generalitat de Catalunya through the Institut d'Estudis Territorials) and the PolyMETREXplus Secretariat will report on the continuing development of the project at the Veneto Workshop in September and the Granada Workshop in October, leading towards the Representative Inter-regional Networking Activities - RINA Inception Workshop in Barcelona in January 2006

4C Expert Groups

The Expert Groups on Agriculture in Metropolitan Areas and on Urban Regualification expect to be able to present some initial findings and conclusions to the METREX Granada MC meeting

It was agreed at the Nürnberg MC meeting that the Expert Group on Metropolitan Governance should be reconvened under the leadership of the President, as before, and that the Verband Region Stuttgart would advise the Granada MC meeting on the future relationship between METREX and the Lisbon Regions.

A Discussion Note on Integrated Metropolitan Strategies can be downloaded from the METREX web site (see also item 3A above)

4D Projects after 2006/2007

The Secretariat has produced a spreadsheet (Appendix 1) setting out current METREX initiatives, projects, Meetings and Conferences in 2005/2006/2007 for further consideration and discussion at the Granada MC meeting. This will then form a basis for the development of the METREX Programme for 2006 and 2007

5 The Way Forward for METREX

5A Action on the Presidents Barcelona paper

The six key points for ongoing action include,

- Membership and Member services
- Better involvement in Brussels (see also Agenda Notes – item 3)
- Projects
- Expert Groups
- International co-operation (USA and Asia)
- Topics (economic development, infrastructure, transportation)

Progress will be reviewed at the Granada MC meeting

6 Budget and Accounts for 2004 and Audit for 2004

6A Financial report

The METREX Accountant, John Brown, will report on the Income and Expenditure and Profit and Loss Accounts for the financial year 2005 (January to June 2005)

6B METREX audit for 2005

The METREX Accounts are audited by the City of Helsinki, which selects specific items of income and expenditure for scrutiny from the METREX computerised accounts and the ledgers of invoices and receipts.

The METREX Auditor will report to the Granada MC meeting on the audit of METREX income and expenditure for the financial period January to June 2005

7 MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary General will report on prospects for further new Members of the Network

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8A Metrexchange

The draft Metrexchange newsletter was circulated and considered at the Nürnberg MC meeting. The idea was to provide news for exchange between members prior to Meetings and Conferences and more detailed discussion at these events.

In this context, Members are invited to send news items for inclusion in the second Autumn 2005 pilot edition of Metrexchange and further consideration at the Granada MC meeting. The deadline for the receipt of contributions is **Friday 16 September**

8B Dates for Meetings/Conference in 2005/2006

2006 will be the 10th Anniversary of the founding of METREX, in Glasgow, in 1996. The Minutes of the Nürnberg meeting set out the proposals for an International Congress in Madrid from 3-6 May 2006, to be promoted by the Comunidad de Madrid in association with METREX and with the Patronage of Professor Sir Peter Hall, and the METREX bi-ennial Conference in Autumn 2006, hosted by the Municipality of Szczecin.

The METREX Secretariat, with colleagues from Madrid and Szczecin, will update the MC on progress with the arrangements for these events

It will also be appropriate to consider any other events or initiatives that might be included in the 10th Anniversary year programme

It will also be appropriate to give early consideration to prospective projects under the revised Structural Fund that might be now be prepared. For example, it may be that Urban Change/Climate Change may be a potential project together with Integrated Metropolitan Strategies (see Discussion Note referred to under items 3A and 4C)

Appendix

- 1 METREX Calendars for 2005/2006/2007 including initiatives, projects, Meetings and Conferences

2005 METREX Calendar

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monday								1				
Tuesday		1	1					2			1	
Wednesday		2	2			1		3			2	
Thursday		3	3			2		4	1		3	1
Friday		4	4	1		3	1	5	2		4	2
Saturday	1	5	5	2		4	2	6	3	1	5	3
Sunday	2	6	6	3	1	5	3	7	4	2	6	4
Monday	3	7 Lead in	7	4	2	6	4	8	5 Lead in	3	7	5
Tuesday	4	8	8	5	3	7	5	9	6	4	8	6
Wednesday	5	9	9	6	4	8	6	10	7	5	9	7
Thursday	6	10	10	7	5	9	7	11	8	6	10	8
Friday	7	11	11	8	6	10	8	12	9	7	11	9
Saturday	8	12	12	9	7	11	9	13	10	8	12	10
Sunday	9	13	13	10	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	11
Monday	10	14	14	11 Lead in	9 Lead in	13 Inter WK 8	11	15	12	10 Brussels	14	12
Tuesday	11	15	15	12	10	14 Nürnberg	12	16	13	11 Open Days	15	13
Wednesday	12	16	16	13	11	15 Poly SCM	13	17	14	12	16	14
Thursday	13	17	17	14	12	16 Nürnberg	14	18	15	13	17	15
Friday	14	18	18	15	13	17 Meeting	15	19	16	14 Lead in	18	16
Saturday	15	19	19	16	14	18	16	20	17	15	19	17
Sunday	16	20	20	17	15	19	17	21	18	16	20	18
Monday	17	21	21	18	16	20	18	22	19	17	21 Madrid	19
Tuesday	18	22	22	19	17	21	19	23	20	18	22 Congress	20
Wednesday	19	23 Poly WK5	23	20	18	22	20	24	21	19	23 Invitations	21
Thursday	20	24 Barcelona	24	21	19	23	21	25	22 Poly WK 7	20	24	22
Friday	21	25	25	22	20	24	22	26	23 Veneto	21	25	23
Saturday	22	26	26	23	21	25	23	27	24	22	26	24
Sunday	23	27	27	24	22	26	24	28	25	23	27	25
Monday	24	28	28	25	23 Inter WK 7	27	25	29	26 Possible	24	28	26
Tuesday	25		29	26	24 Budapest	28	26	30	27 Bucharest	25 Poly WK 8	29	27
Wednesday	26		30	27 Poly WK6	25	29	27	31	28 visit	26 and SCM	30	28
Thursday	27		31	28 Zaragoza	26	30	28		29	27 Granada		29
Friday	28			29	27		29		30	28 Meeting		30
Saturday	29			30	28		30			29		31
Sunday	30				29		31			30		
Monday	31				30 Lead in					31		
Tuesday					31							

2006 METREX Calendar

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monday					1							
Tuesday					2 Poly SCM			1				
Wednesday		1 Programme	1		3 Madrid			2			1	
Thursday		2	2		4 Congress	1		3			2	
Friday		3	3		5 Szn Invites	2		4	1		3	1
Saturday		4	4	1	6 Meeting	3	1	5	2		4	2
Sunday	1	5	5	2		4	2	6	3	1	5	3
Monday	2	6 Lead in	6	3	8	5	3	7	4	2	6	4
Tuesday	3	7	7	4	9	6	4	8	5	3	7	5
Wednesday	4	8	8	5	10	7	5	9	6	4	8	6
Thursday	5	9	9	6	11	8	6	10	7	5	9	7
Friday	6	10	10	7	12	9	7	11	8	6	10	8
Saturday	7	11	11	8	13	10	8	12	9	7	11	9
Sunday	8	12	12	9	14	11	9	13	10	8	12	10
Monday	9 Lead in	13	13 Lead in	10	15	12	10	14	11 Lead in	9	13	11
Tuesday	10	14	14	11	16	13	11	15	12	10	14	12
Wednesday	11	15	15	12	17	14	12	16	13	11	15	13
Thursday	12	16	16	13	18	15	13	17	14	12	16	14
Friday	13	17	17	14	19	16	14	18	15	13	17	15
Saturday	14	18	18	15	20	17	15	19	16	14	18	16
Sunday	15	19	19	16	21	18	16	20	17	15	19	17
Monday	16	20	20	17 Lead in	22 Possible	19	17	21	18	16	20	18
Tuesday	17	21	21	18	23 Moscow	20	18	22	19	17	21	19
Wednesday	18	22 Inter WK9	22	19	24 visit	21	19	23	20	18	22	20
Thursday	19	23 Valetta	23	20	25	22	20	24	21	19	23	21
Friday	20	24	24	21	26	23	21	25	22	20	24	22
Saturday	21	25	25	22	27	24	22	26	23	21	25	23
Sunday	22	26	26	23	28	25	23	27	24	22	26	24
Monday	23	27	27	24	29	26 Szczecin	24	28	25	23	27	25
Tuesday	24	28	28	25	30	27 Conference	25	29	26	24	28	26
Wednesday	25		29 Inter WK10	26	31	28 Programme	26	30	27 Poly SCM	25	29	27
Thursday	26 Poy RINA		30 Szczecin	27		29 (Invites at	27	31	28 Szczecin	26	30	28
Friday	27 Inception		31	28		30 Madrid)	28		29 Conference	27		29
Saturday	28			29			29		30	28		30
Sunday	29			30			30			29		31
Monday	30 Madrid						31			30		
	31 Congress									31		

