

M E T R E X -- The Network of European Regions and Areas

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Metrex Network and the Managing Committee
Friday 27 March 1998 at the Acropolis Palais des Congrès et des Exhibitions, Nice.

The Network Meeting commenced at 9.00 pm.

Agenda item 1.

Attendance and apologies.

The Sederunt is attached. Apologies were received from Roger Duhalde, Salvatore Bonadonna, George Ananiadis, Dimitris Patilieris, Marta Vincenzi, Fred de Ruiter, Robert McGerty and Vincent Goodstadt.

Agenda item 2.

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Interim Managing Committee, Krakow, Saturday 27 September.

The Minutes circulated previously were approved by the Interim Managing Committee.

Agenda item 3.

Electoral procedures.

A Confirmation of the Metrex Membership and intending Members.

A number of Metropolitan authorities participating in the Conference indicated an intention to join the Network. It was agreed that these should be invited to the next Meeting of the new Managing Committee. The Appendix lists those to be invited.

B Election or nomination of the Managing Committee.

It was agreed that, having regard to number of existing and potential new Members, all Members should have membership of the Managing Committee. The Appendix lists the new Managing Committee.

C Election or nomination of the President.

Bailie Dr Gerald McGrath agreed to stand for election and was seconded by Robert McGerty. There being no other nominations at this time Bailie McGrath was declared duly elected as President.

In accepting the Presidency Bailie McGrath indicated that he would not be standing at the forthcoming Glasgow City Council Elections in May 1999 and would therefore only hold the Presidency until this time. There will therefore have to be a mid term Presidential Election in March 1999 at the Network Spring Meeting.

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The electoral procedures will be set out in the Agenda papers for this Meeting.

D Election or nomination of the Vice Presidents.

It was agreed that, as previously, all politician Members of the Managing Committee should be Vice Presidents in order to be able to represent and promote the Network. The Appendix list the Vice Presidents.

E Honorary Presidents.

The Managing Committee unanimously agreed that Klito Gerardi and Jose Luís Periera, who were key Founders of the Network but have now retired from their political appointments, should be offered Honorary Presidencies of METREX. This will allow both colleagues to have such continued involvement with the Network as they may wish.

The Managing Committee also agreed that, having regard to the exceptional support for the Conference given by the Conseil Général des Alpes-Maritimes and the importance of this to the development potential of the Network, Roger Duhalde should similarly be asked to accept an Honorary Presidency.

Klito Gerardi and Jose Luís Periera accepted their tokens of esteem from the President and Jean-Pierre Mascarelli accepted on behalf of Roger Duhalde.

Agenda item 4.

Matters for information and discussion.

A Registration of METREX as an Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif (AISBL) in Brussels.

The Secretary General reported that the President and Vice President McGerty had initiated the process of AISBL registration in order to facilitate the transfer of the Conference co funding to METREX.

Copies of the Draft Articles of Association, in French, were made available to Members. It was agreed that the Articles should be translated into the Network's working languages for consideration at the next Meeting of the Managing Committee. It was also agreed that Dekeyser Avocat, Brussels, should be invited to attend to clarify the constitutional and procedural implications of registration.

Dekeyser had confirmed that the Draft Articles were acceptable to the Belgium Justice Department but would, of course, require further consideration and approval by the Membership before they could be formally lodged.

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B EU relationships.

Forthcoming EU policy events to which METREX has been invited include,

- Firstly, the Commission is arranging Transnational Seminars on seven of the main themes within the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP). These include transport and telecommunications, the European urban system, water management, knowledge as a development factor, a new rural-urban relationship, environmentally sensitive areas and cooperation in spatial planning in the context of European enlargement.

The Secretary General will attend the Introductory Seminar in Berlin in April. The Seminar on the European Urban System will take place in Lille on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 June. Clarification is being sought on the METREX representation that can be included.

The seven Transnational Seminars will conclude at a major Forum on European Spatial Planning Development Perspectives in Brussels in Spring 1999.

- Secondly, the Commission is also preparing a Forum in November 1998 at which it will present its conclusions from the debate on "Towards an urban agenda for the European Union".
- Thirdly, the Council of Ministers responsible for Regional Planning will be meeting in Glasgow in June 1998, at the end of the UK Presidency of the EU, to consider the final version of the ESDP. METREX hopes to be included as an observer.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Managing Committee should consider how METREX participation in such EU events should be arranged.

C The METREX Ecos-Ouverture Micro Project submission.

At an earlier meeting of the Partners it was agreed that further clarification should be sought from DGXVI on whether the submission had weaknesses of presentation or content.

Subsequent correspondence after the Nice Meeting has clarified that the submission will require only clarification of the details of the local case studies, the local involvement in these, the relevance of them to CEE partner planning problems and one or two minor financial issues. It was felt that the inclusion of Wroclaw would strengthen the bid.

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METREX has been encouraged to resubmit and the Secretariat will contact Partners to seek the further information required. The resubmission deadline is 15 June 1998. The Secretariat will liaise with the Partners with a view to circulating a revised submission to all by mid May.

D Programme of Meetings 1998/99/2000.

The following Meetings were arranged following welcome offers from Members.

- Meeting of the new Managing Committee and interested potential new Members to review the first two years of METREX and set directions for the coming two years.

Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June 1998 at the offices of Scotland Europa, Square de Meuus 35, Brussels. The Agenda will be circulated after Easter together with further details of the arrangements.

- Autumn Meeting in Zaragoza 23-24 October 1998.
- Spring Meeting in Bologna possibly at the end of March 1999.
- Autumn Meeting in Helsinki possibly in September 1999.
- METREX biennial Conference in Torino in Spring 2000.

The President thanked the Members concerned for their kind offers to host these Meetings and expressed particular delight at the offer from Mercedes Bresso, subject to confirmation by the Provincia di Torino, to hold the METREX 2000 Conference in Torino as this is Glasgow's twin City.

Agenda item 6.

Agenda for the Brussels Meeting.

The Meeting will involve all existing and potential new Members in a review of the initial years in which METREX has established itself and thereafter in discussions to confirm the programme of activities and action for 1998/99/2000.

The outline Agenda was approved as a basis for this important Meeting. The Agenda Papers and Reports will be written, translated and circulated by mid May.

The President confirmed that he would make a particular effort, in the period to March 1999, to secure EU support for the METREX activities and action agreed at the Brussels Meeting.

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The Meeting closed at 10.00 pm with thanks from the President to all those involved in the arrangements for the Conference especially the Conseil Général des Alpes-Maritimes, the Ville de Nice, the management and staff of the Acropolis Palais des Congrès, the Rapporteur General and the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Workshops, and the Secretariat/Interpretariat.

Attachments.

- Sederunt.
- Appendix listing all existing Members of the Managing Committee and Vice Presidents.
- Appendix continued to list all potential new Members invited to attend the Brussels Meeting.

Roger Read,

Secretary General,

Glasgow, 10 April 1998

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