

# METREX — The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas

## **XI Meeting of the Network, Rotterdam, 10-12 May 2001** AGENDA FOR THE MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING

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Location      **Roofgarden (Daktuin)**  
**Golden Tulip Hotel**  
**Aert van Nesstraat 4**  
**3012 CA ROTTERDAM**

### **SATURDAY 12 MAY**

#### *Procedural note*

*Would Members please note that the Minutes of the Sevilla Meeting and relevant reports for items 3A, 3B, 5B, 5C, 6A and 8C can be downloaded from the METREX web site at <http://www.eurometrex.org> using Acrobat Reader, which is also available from the web site. Information on the Interreg III Strand C programme (ref item 3) of the European Commission can be found on the web site <http://www.inforegio.cec.int.eu> and on the Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (LGI) of the Open Society Institute (of the Soros Foundation, Budapest) (ref item 5C) on the web site <http://www.osi.hu/lgi>*

Meeting begins 09.00

#### **1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

#### **2 MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE**

*See the METREX web site to download the Minutes of the Sevilla Meeting*

Convento Nuestra. Señora de los Reyes. Calle Santiago, núm 33, 41003 SEVILLA,  
Saturday 28 October 2000

#### **3 THE InterMETREX and PolyMETREX PROJECTS**

*See the METREX web site to download the Prospectus for these projects*

- A InterMETREX
- B PolyMETREX

Coffee 10.45

#### **4 EUROPEAN AFFAIRS**

- A The DG TREN Transportation White Paper (due for publication in the second half of April)

#### **5 METREX INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS**

*See the METREX web site to download reports on items 5B and 5C*

- A InterMETREX pilot project under Interreg IIc
- B Hannover Expert Group Meeting on Planning for Major Events
- C SocioMETREX project (as submitted to the LGI on 26 March 2001)

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#### 3A/B      **InterMETREX and PolyMETREX**

*See the DG Regio web site <http://info regio@cec.int.eu> for the published Guidelines on the Interreg III programme and Communication on Interreg III Strand C*

There will be a presentation by the Secretary General on the outcome of discussions that have been held with the European Commission (DG REGIO) on the Interreg III Strand C programme and with the Dutch and Spanish governments.

The Lead Partner for InterMETREX will be Rotterdam City Council and for PolyMETREX will be the Generalitat de Catalunya, through the Institut d'Estudis Territorials, Barcelona. It is hoped to be able to confirm the ten Workshop host partners for InterMETREX (2000-2006) and the four Workshop host partners for PolyMETREX (2000-2003) at the Rotterdam Meeting (see METREX Prospectus).

The procedural position is that the Interreg IIIC programme will now be administered through four transnational Secretariats for a North-West Zone (NWZ) (based in London or Lille), a South Zone (SZ) (possibly based in Santander, Rome or Barcelona) and North-East and East Zones. InterMETREX will be submitted to the NWZ and PolyMETREX to the SZ. It is anticipated that the respective Secretariats will publish their programmes in the late summer allowing submissions to be made in the autumn. Decisions will then be made by the Steering/Monitoring Committees for each Zone and the projects could start early in 2002 if they are approved.

The total number of invited partners in InterMETREX could be 87 with a minimum requirements for about 42 partners (4 per Workshop). For PolyMETREX there could be 93 partners invited with a minimum requirement for about 48 partners (10-12 per Workshop).

The Interreg IIIC programmes for each of the four transnational Secretariats will be funded by each of the national governments involved contributing 6% of their overall Interreg III allocation from the European Commission to Strand C projects. Where a country (such as Germany) is in several Zones then this 6% will be allocated according to the population in each Zone. The budget for InterMETREX could be about 1.5m Euro's and for PolyMETREX 1.3m Euro's.

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Both projects offer the opportunity, for the first time, for METREX to promote projects covering the EU and CEEC. All METREX Members can participate in both projects if they wish and it is hoped that all will choose to do so. If the submissions are successful then the projects will enable METREX to pursue two key interests within the context of the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP) and the Porto Convocation Metropolitan Magna Carta and Practice Benchmark.

- With InterMETREX, to investigate and consider how metropolitan spatial planning is practiced across the wider Europe, with regard to *Competence, Capability and Process*, and to revise and extend the METREX Atlas (through the METREX web site).
- With PolyMETREX, to investigate and consider the scope for the development of *polycentric relationships* between metropolitan regions and areas in order to support the ESDP objective of a better urban balance across Europe.

Coffee 10.45

#### **4 EUROPEAN AFFAIRS**

##### **A The DG TREN Transportation White Paper**

It is understood that the White Paper will be published in the second half of April. It is intended to consider this in Expert Meeting 2 on the Friday morning of the Rotterdam Meeting but it would also be helpful for the Managing Committee to consider its implications. It may be appropriate for METREX to respond to the White Paper directly and it will also have implications for the PolyMETREX project.

#### **5 METREX INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS**

*See the METREX web site to download reports on items 4B and 4C*

##### **A InterMETREX pilot project under Interreg IIc**

The partners in the project are Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Planning Joint Committee (GCVSPJC) (Lead partner), Bradford, Lille, Dublin, Rotterdam and Brussels. The pilot project has now been completed with Workshops having been held in each partner area. The final meeting has been delayed because of the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the UK but should be held before the early summer. It is hoped that a report on the project will be able to be presented at the Managing Committee Meeting.

##### **B Hannover Expert Group Meeting on Planning for Major Events**

The Expert Group meeting on Planning for Major Events was held on Friday 9 March in Hannover. It was attended by colleagues from Hannover, Sevilla, Lisboa, Wroclaw and Zaragoza (Expo's) and from Barcelona, Athens and Torino (Olympics). The report of the meeting is available on the METREX web site.

Although the Expert group focussed on case studies on Expo's and the Olympics the findings and conclusions should be useful to all metropolitan areas considering major events (fairs, festivals etc.) as part of a strategy of renewal, revitalisation and restructuring.

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These issues will be explored in Expert Meeting 3 on the Friday afternoon of the Rotterdam Meeting but could also be considered at the meeting of the Managing Committee.

#### **C SocioMETREX project**

The Network agreed at the Torino General Assembly (the CEEC initiative) to investigate ways of helping our colleagues in the CEEC to participate in METREX activities. The Secretariat has found that the Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (LGI) of the Open Society Institute (of the Soros Foundation, Budapest) offers such an opportunity. A submission was made to the LGI by the Secretariat on 26 March for financial support of 100,000 USD to assist seven CEEC partners to participate in the SocioMETREX project (2001-2003) on *The Social face of Sustainability*. This is also the theme of the Thessaloniki Conference and the project will make an input into it. The submission can be downloaded from the METREX web site.

The LGI will be meeting on 23-24 April and their decision on the project should be known by the time of the Rotterdam Meeting. A project Workshop has been arranged for Wednesday 9 May in Rotterdam and the outcome will be reported to the Managing Committee Meeting.

#### **6 THE METREX REPORT**

*See the METREX web site to download the METREX Report*

#### **A METREX programme of activities 2001-2006**

It will be helpful to have a general discussion on the METREX programme of meetings, Conferences, Projects and Expert Group initiatives for the period 2000-2006 so that the Secretariat can ensure that these meet Members aspirations and requirements. In particular, it would be useful to be able to identify other Expert Group topics that could be pursued as was the case with Planning for Major Events. This demonstrated the value of a one day intensive Workshop involving Members with direct knowledge and experience of a particular strategic issue or a special interest in it.

#### **7 THE METREX THESSALONIKI 2002 CONFERENCE**

The proposed programme and budget for the Thessaloniki Conference in Spring 2002 was discussed at the Sevilla Meeting (see the Minutes, item 8, for a summary of the key points arising). In particular, Members were asked identify Workshop contributions that they would like to make on aspects of the theme of which they have knowledge, experience or concern. It will be helpful if Members can give some consideration to this before the Managing Committee Meeting.

The Conference Brochure will have to be finalised at the Copenhagen Meeting (5-7 October 2000) for printing and distribution in early 2002. The up to date Conference programme and budget, as agreed with colleagues in the Organisations of Thessaloniki and Athens, will be translated and circulated to Members, on their arrival in Rotterdam, for discussion at the Managing Committee meeting.

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#### **A Presidential promotional meetings in London, Stuttgart and Paris**

The President will be holding a series of METREX promotional meetings in the UK, Germany and France in order to increase Member representation from these key countries. A presentational CD (in English, German and French) has been produced for this purpose and will be made available to Members at the Rotterdam Meeting.

The London meeting will be held on 20 April 2001 at the offices of the Greater London Authority (GLA), which is now a Member of METREX. The GLA, through the Deputy Mayor, Nicky Gavron, has kindly agreed to host the meeting. Thirteen UK metropolitan regions and areas (cities and regional agencies) have been invited.

The German metropolitan regions and areas have recently formed a group for the exchange of knowledge on common interests. In February the Secretary General was invited by the Verband Region Stuttgart, the first metropolitan area authority to be formed in Germany, in 1996, to present the Network to its President, Director and senior staff. Stuttgart has now decided to join METREX and will be hosting a meeting in the autumn of the German metropolitan group. METREX will be able to make a presentation to this meeting.

The arrangements to similarly present the Network to French metropolitan area colleagues are being progressed by the President and the Secretary General.

The attendance and support of existing Members at these forthcoming promotional meetings will be very welcome.

#### **B New Members**

The Managing Committee will be able to welcome new Members from the GLA, Copenhagen/Malmö (Øresund), Stuttgart, Granada, Brno and San Sebastian-Bayonne to the Meeting.

#### **C AISBL Statutes and signatories**

At the Sevilla Meeting those Members that had not yet signed the METREX Statutes were given personal copies to complete and return to the Secretariat so that their Certificates of Membership could be given to them. Those Members who have not yet done this have been contacted by the Secretariat and asked to sign and return the Statutes before the Rotterdam Meeting. The situation can be reviewed at the meeting of the Managing Committee.

#### **D Presentation of Certificates of Membership**

Certificates will be presented to all those Members that have returned signed METREX Statutes to the Secretariat since the Sevilla Meeting.

## **9 FINANCIAL REPORT AND METREX ACCOUNTS FOR 2000**

#### **A Treasurer**

The AISBL Statutes require the appointment of a Treasurer whose function is to oversee the financial affairs of the Network. Legal restrictions in Scotland do not, for the moment, allow the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Planning Joint Committee (GCVSPJC) to take on this role.

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It is proposed that Honorary President Dr. Gerald McGrath should take on the function of Treasurer for the present.

#### **B 2000 Budget and expenditure**

Appendix A shows actual expenditure and outstanding commitments for 2000 in comparison with the budget. The main variation arose as a result of increased expenditure on the Torino Conference where the programme of keynote and workshop speakers required Secretariat/Interpretariat action early in 2000. A financial report on the Torino Conference was included in the Minutes of the Sevilla Meeting.

The Network received welcome approval to its InterMETREX project, under the Interreg IIc programme of the European Commission, which began in spring 2000 and required budgetary support. Preparatory work began on other projects (the InterMETREX and PolyMETREX Prospectus and SocioMETREX) which also required funding.

Other expenditure was kept below budget to provide the necessary additional funding for the Torino Conference, the InterMETREX project and other projects.

Although subscription Invoices for 2000 should have been paid by the end of March only about 30% were actually paid by that time. About 75% were paid by the end of June. This created cash flow problems for the Secretariat in meeting necessary expenditure on the Torino Conference and the InterMETREX project. There are outstanding subscriptions for 2000 due from the four Prefectures of the Athens metropolitan area and Regione Lazio.

#### **C Accounts for 2000**

The METREX accountant, John Brown CA, will present the formal accounts for the financial year 2000 to the meeting of the Managing Committee for approval. The accounts will be translated and made available to Members on their arrival, in Rotterdam.

#### **D EU approved expenditure rates**

The European Commission has now published approved expenditure rates for staff and consultants participating in EU projects. It is proposed to reflect these in the METREX budget for 2001.

#### **E Budget for 2001/2002**

The main revised provisions of the METREX budget for 2001 are shown in Appendix A and are presented to the Managing Committee for approval. Changes have been made from 2000 to 2001 to reflect the increased subscription income now in prospect for 2001 in comparison with 2000 and the funding now required for the new METREX projects.

The Secretary General will report on expenditure up to 31 March 2001 (when all subscriptions should have been paid) and 30 April 2001, at the Managing Committee meeting.

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#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **A      Dates for the Conference/Meeting in 2001**

The date for the METREX Conference in Thessaloniki in spring 2002 needs to be confirmed as does the date for the proposed Meeting in Budapest in autumn 2002.

Lunch 13.00

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## APPENDIX A The METREX budget and expenditure for 2000 and the proposed METREX budget for 2001

A 2000 AND 2001 BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	EXPEND	BUDGET
BUDGETARY HEADING	2000	2000	2001
	EURO'S	EURO'S	EURO'S
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>168500</b>	<b>194862</b>	<b>216800</b>
1 Subscriptions received	168500	157847	216800
2 Subscriptions and deposits outstanding		37000	
3 Interest received		15	
<b>NETWORK EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>134950</b>	<b>99918</b>	<b>190900</b>
4 Secretary General. 80 days @ 620	40800	36922	49600
5 Communications and management. 50 days @ 530	23000	7621	26500
6 Project support. 100 days @ 530	4600	297	53000
7 Interpretation and translation. 2 Meetings @ 9k	24000	15247	18000
8 Travel, accommodation & subsistence. 2 Meetings @ 12k	24000	18811	20000
9 Promotion. 3 meetings			3000
10 Printing and copying	4500	567	2000
11 Postage and telephone	4500	8331	5000
12 Insurance	450	898	1000
13 Audit and accountancy. 10 days @ 530	4600	3678	5300
14 Supplies and general expenses	4500	7546	7500
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>33550</b>	<b>94944</b>	<b>25900</b>
<b>PORTO CONVOCATION</b>		<b>7246</b>	
15 Expenditure		7246	
<b>CONFERENCE</b>	<b>14000</b>	<b>55683</b>	<b>17250</b>
16 Income	0	384	
17 Expenditure. 30 days at 575 average	14000	56067	17250
<b>InterMETREX</b>	<b>19536</b>	<b>26865</b>	<b>4750</b>
18 Income. 50% expenditure from EU	19536	23559	4750
19 Expenditure. 80 days @ 440. 5/2 meetings @ 750	39072	50424	9500
<b>OTHER PROJECTS</b>		<b>10134</b>	
20 DATAR, InterMETREX/PolyMETREX/SocioMETREX		10134	
<b>NET INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) OF FUNDS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-4984</b>	<b>3900</b>
Provisional figures to be confirmed by the Accounts for 2000			