

XVIth Meeting of the METREX Managing Committee, Stockholm, Saturday 20 September 2003

Location Ersta Conference Centre, Stockholm

Note. The Stockholm Meeting was particularly important because it was preceded by a meeting of Members interested in participating in METREX Expert Groups, on the afternoon of Wednesday 17 September, and included a meeting of prospective partners in the PolyMETREXplus project (under Interreg III C) on the afternoon of Friday 19 September. Over 80 participants attended, which is the largest Meeting that METREX has held. The theme of the Meeting was Polycentricity, which is also the objective of PolyMETREXplus. The papers given to all these inter related parts of the Meeting were therefore of particular interest and relevance and, where available, have been published on the METREX web site at www.eurometrex.org

MINUTES

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 9.00-12.30

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Members attending are listed in Appendix 1. Apologies were received from City of Prague, Provincie Noord-Holland, Øresund Committee, South Coast Metropole, Krakow, Budapest (Central Hungarian Regional Development Agency) and Provincia di Genova.

2 MINUTES OF THE METREX MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING IN STUTT GART

The Minutes were been published in the Network languages on the METREX web site at www.eurometrex.org and can be downloaded using Acrobat Reader (which can also be downloaded from the web site).

The Minutes of the Stuttgart meeting of the Managing Committee on Saturday 5 April 2003 were approved

3 EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

A EU Structural policies after 2006

Following the METREX Stuttgart and the Brussels EU promotional meetings, a joint letter and associated *Memorandum of understanding of the European metropolitan areas on EU structural policies after 2006* were sent by METREX and the German Network to Commissioner Barnier for further discussion with him. These can be downloaded from the METREX web site.

Bernd Steinacher, of the Verband Region Stuttgart reported that an acknowledgement of the Memorandum had been received and that it was hoped that a meeting with Commissioner Barnier would follow

4 METREX INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

A InterMETREX project

The Lead Partner, the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Planning Committee (GCVSPJC), and the METREX Secretariat (providing Project Co-ordination and Financial Management services to the Lead Partner), reported on progress to the Managing Committee. The following points were noted.

- There are now 8 partner Practice Benchmark self assessments on the METREX web site resulting from the first two Workshops this year in Stuttgart and Stockholm. Provisional dates for the 2004 Workshops are Bologna in March, Porto in July and London in September (see also attached draft METREX Calendar for 2004).
- During the first two InterMETREX Workshops it has become apparent that more explicit descriptions are required of the indicators in the METREX Practice Benchmark. This clarification been produced and circulated to partners.
- A key issue emerging from the first two Workshops is the lack of coherence between the areas of influence of metropolitan areas (FUR's - functional urban regions) and their administrative boundaries. In many cases the strength of competencies at the local or municipal level means that the consideration of metropolitan issues has had to go beyond stakeholder engagement in the strategic planning process to active "spatial planning marketing" by the metropolitan body. This could involve the presentation of metropolitan issues and options and a strategic vision for future integrated action. Such a vision often has to strike a balance between competition for investment and development at the local level and co-operation to achieve wider strategic objectives.
- A further key issue is the frequent lack of compatible data, at the metropolitan level, on social, economic and environmental issues. Data often has to be derived from sources that do not match geographically or in their timescales or content.
- Two amendments have been made to the Protocol of Agreement between the Lead Partner and other partners. Firstly, it has been renamed a Partnership Agreement, to reflect the latest Interreg IIIC advice, and, secondly, the period within which partners will make claims for Interreg IIIC co-funding has been changed.
- Claims for co-funding can be made in December and June by the Lead Partner on behalf of the partners who have participated in Workshops during the previous 6 months. The Lead Partner has 2 months from these dates within which to make a claim and partners should therefore submit their claims to the Lead Partner within 1 month to allow this to be achieved. It means partners submitting their claims by the end of January of the end of July.
- Ton van Beveren, from the City of Rotterdam, attended the Stockholm InterMETREX Workshop and partners are now making their e-Atlas contributions available to him. The City of Rotterdam is kindly continuing to co-ordinate the production of the e-Atlas within the InterMETREX project.

The President asked for clarification on how the outcomes and outputs of the project are being disseminated. Alastair Wyllie explained that the web site was being actively used as a database for all partner inputs and Secretariat reports on Workshops. A Newsletter has been produced and will continue to be produced in spring, summer and autumn, to keep partners and Members informed about the Interreg IIIC projects and METREX affairs generally. There will be an Interim Report on the EU phase of the project to the Barcelona Conference.

The meeting noted the satisfactory progress that had been made with the InterMETREX project

B PolyMETREXplus

The Lead Partner, the Generalitat de Catalunya, and the METREX Secretariat reported on progress following the Stockholm project partners meeting on Friday 19 September. The following points were noted.

- A potential project partnership of 17 was confirmed at the partners meeting. Following clarification of the basis for funding during the project phase (2006-2007) Helsinki and Stockholm were able to confirm their welcome participation, making a partnership of 19. *(Note. In the week after the Managing Committee meeting the partnership changed and developed, but remained with 19 partners overall, before the PolyMETREXplus Application was submitted on 26 September. The attached Diagram, Map and Schedule summarise the position. The final budget is €1.83m with €890k for the planning stage (2004-2005) and €937k for the project stage (2006-2007). The full Application can be downloaded in EN and FR, in pdf format, from the METREX web site).*
- Since the Stuttgart Meeting the Lead Partner, supported by METREX, has responded to the second Interreg IIIC Call for Proposals, published on 16 June, held an exploratory meeting with the South Zone Secretariat in Valencia on 7 July, produced a revised multi language PolyMETREXplus Regional Framework Operation (RFO) Prospectus for circulation to prospective partners on 21 July, developed a revised budget for the project, completed a draft Application in EN, liaised with prospective partners over the summer months and held a partners meeting in Stockholm. The formulation and submission of an RFO in 3 months, including the summer holiday period, has been a major undertaking, which could only have been attempted by an established Network such as METREX.
- After an extended discussion to clarify the implications of partnership in the project the partners agreed to work closely together over the coming week to produce the necessary Co-financing Statements and Letters of (regional) Support (where necessary), finalise the partnership and budget, translate the Application into FR and make the Application in hard copy and electronic format in the coming week. *(Note. This was achieved as noted above).*

It is anticipated that the result of the PolyMETREXplus RFO Application will be known in March 2004 and, if it is approved, then the programme for 2004 could involve the 4 Analysis Workshops in April, June, July and September and an initial report on their outputs and outcomes to the METREX Barcelona Conference at the end of October (see attached draft METREX Calendar of events)

C SocioMETREX project

Because of the work required on the PolyMETREXplus project it has not been possible to produce the final Report on the SocioMETREX project for circulation before the Stockholm Meeting, as anticipated in the Minutes of the Stuttgart Meeting. The Secretary General will now produce and circulate this before the San Sebastian Meeting in May 2004.

The benchmarks arising from the project have been incorporated into the METREX Practice Benchmark and are being assessed and applied through the InterMETREX project

D Expert Group initiatives

A meeting of prospective partners in METREX Expert Groups was held on the afternoon of Wednesday 17 September in the Skandia Hotel. The outcome was the confirmation of 6 Expert Groups as is summarised in Appendix 3. The Groups will work through the production of briefs by the Lead Partners, the consideration of responses to these by partners, the exchange of views between partners by e-mail and through the website, meetings where necessary to exchange experience or information and the production of summary Reports to METREX Meetings.

The METREX web site will be used as a data base to store Expert Group inputs and outputs and to enable Members to access these and related information. The METREX Expert Group on Planning for Major Events will meet in Torino on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 October (see METREX web site for Programme and details). Members are invited to contact the Lead Partners, or the METREX Secretariat, to express an interest in participating in the work of the Expert Groups

5 BARCELONA CONFERENCE 2004

Theme. Future trends in Spatial Planning and Development. New methodologies and Planning Tools

The preliminary arrangements for the Barcelona Conference were presented by Francesc Carbonell and are set out in Appendix 4.

The Conference will take place from 27-30 October 2004 and the final Programme and Brochure will be considered at the meeting of the Managing Committee in San Sebastian on Saturday 8 May. The Brochure will then be published, as a multi language Invitation with the details on a attached CD, as for Thessaloniki in 2002.

6 REVIEW OF METREX SERVICES TO MEMBERS

The Managing Committee reviewed the broad programme of METREX activities and events, having regard to the resources available to the Network, and considered whether there are any other initiatives that it would like to take. The Secretariat circulated a consolidated timetable for 2004 and it was concluded that the Network was now probably operating at the limit of Members available resources, in terms of staff and finance, and making the maximum use of the available Network resources.

Members are invited to contact the Secretariat with any additional ideas for activities or initiatives. The draft METREX Calendar events for 2004 is attached

7 BUDGET, ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT FOR 2002

A Financial Report

The METREX Accountant, John Brown, reported on the Income and Expenditure and Profit and Loss Accounts attached to the Stockholm Agenda Notes.

It was noted that pre Application costs for the InterMETREX and PolyMETREXplus projects are eligible for co-funding from Interreg IIIC. METREX has also purchased equipment for InterMETREX and will add to this through PolyMETREXplus if it is also approved. Expenditure has had to be incurred in 2003 on these items but reimbursement is expected from Interreg IIIC co-funding in March and September 2004. The Secretary General will report on this again at the San Sebastian Meeting when the first tranche of co-funding has been received and the outcome of the PolyMETREXplus Application is known.

The Secretary General reported that METREX was now included as a partner in PolyMETREXplus and that the required Letter of Support had been received from the Scottish Executive as the regional (NUTS II level) authority area in which the Secretariat is currently based. This will enable METREX to support the project directly through networking and dissemination services (website, Meetings and Conferences), to facilitate the participation of 12 invited contributor metropolitan regions and areas in the project and to directly support the participation of non-EU/accession country partners. The level of commitment will be kept within the limits of project support allocated in the METREX Budget.

It was reported that €95000 in subscription income was outstanding as of 30 June 2003. As of 20 September the figure was €73500 comprising subscriptions from 13 of the 38 individual authority Members of the Network. This is some 30% of the METREX income and the Secretary General was asked to contact the Members concerned to request urgent payment of the outstanding amounts.

The Treasurer audited the accounts for January to June 2003 by considering the computerised records of income and expenditure made available by the Accountant and selecting specific ledger items (invoices, receipts, statements and accounts) for detailed consideration. These were then faxed to Helsinki for scrutiny and the Treasurer then e mailed the Secretariat to confirm that they were in order.

The Managing Committee noted and approved the Financial Report

B METREX budget for 2004 and 2005

The Managing Committee agreed that the budget for 2002/2003 should be continued for 2004/2005 as there are no circumstances that require any significant changes either in terms of income or expenditure. This decision will be reported to the General Assembly, at the 2004 Barcelona Conference, for ratification

It should be noted that the budget is, in reality, authorisation for expenditure up to the figures shown, subject to this funding being available from subscriptions or other forms of income. The Secretary General manages the budget within the cash flow available, or in prospect, during the financial year.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Dates for Meetings in 2004

An invitation to attend the forthcoming METREX Meeting in Spring 2004 was extended to all Members and associated bodies by the Fernando Tapia, President of the Diputación Foral Gipuzkoa, supported by Agustin Arostegi, President of Eurocity Basque, and Daniel Arbulu, who has taken over the responsibilities of Ander Arzelus (who previously attended METREX Meetings on behalf of the Eurocity Basque).

The Secretary General thanked colleagues from Eurocity Basque for this kind invitation and mentioned that the possibility of a joint meeting with the French Association of Communautés Urbaines was being investigated. This may involve an extra day being added to the Meeting so that it can take place in France and Spain.

The attached draft METREX Calendar show the provisional programme of InterMETREX and PolyMETREXplus Workshops, the San Sebastian Meeting and the METREX Barcelona Conference

B Report back on Trade Fairs as public infrastructure

Bernd Steinacher and Jürgen Ludwig reported back on the survey that had been conducted, through the METREX Network, of practice in the acquisition of sites for Trade Fairs as public infrastructure. Stuttgart has faced difficulties in establishing that Trade Fairs meet a public need that may necessitate the acquisition of sites in the public interest.

The information that had been gathered on the experience of METREX Members helped to sustain the case made by the Verband Region Stuttgart (VRS) in the German Federal Administrative Court. As a result the VRS will be able to implement the new Trade Fair location identified in the Regional Plan. The VRS expressed its thanks to METREX colleagues for their support and collaboration (see METREX website for detailed report).

The Secretary General thanked colleagues from the VRS for this feedback and commended the use of the Network in this way, for mutual support on specific issues, to other Members. The Secretariat will always be available to offer support for activities of this kind

C METREX Brochure

The Secretary General displayed a draft of the proposed METREX Brochure. A number of Members have asked for this, in EN|ES|IT|FR|DE|PT, in order to be able to promote and explain the purpose and activities of the Network to colleagues and interested bodies and authorities. The intention is to produce the Brochure before the end of the year, if funds allow this, and to make a supply of copies available to Members.

The Managing Committee noted and approved this action

The President thanked the joint hosts for the Meeting, Stockholm City Council and Stockholm County Council, for the excellence of the arrangements for the Meeting and the kind hospitality offered to Members

APPENDIX 1 Attendance

Note* those attending the Managing Committee meeting

Name	Metropolitan region/area	
Aalbu, Hallgeir	Nordregio	SWEDEN
*Alastair, Wyllie	METREX Secretariat	UNITED KINGDOM
Albano, Mariarosaria	Province of Naples	ITALY
Alberto, Miotto	Regione Veneto	ITALY
*Arbulu, Daniel	Diputación Foral Gipuzkoa	SPAIN
*Arostegi, Agustin	Diputación Foral Gipuzkoa	SPAIN
Arregi San Miguel, Martín	Basque Government	SPAIN
*Becker, Stefanie	METREX Secretariat	UNITED KINGDOM
Brattström, Hans	Stockholm County Council	SWEDEN
*Bravo, Giangelo	Regione Lombardia	ITALY
*Bresso, Mercedes	Provincia di Torino/Metrex	ITALY
*Brown, John	METREX Secretariat	UNITED KINGDOM
*Buchan, Grahame	Glasgow Clyde Valley Structure Plan	UNITED KINGDOM
*Calvo y Ruata, Pablo	Diputacion Provincial de Zaragoza	SPAIN
Canavate Toribio, Jose Luis	Ayuntamiento de Granada	SPAIN
*Carbonell, Francesc	Generalitat de Catalunya	SPAIN
Carle, Magnus	City of Stockholm	SWEDEN
*Costa, José	Area Metropolitana de Lisboa	PORTUGAL
*Cowan, Max	METREX Secretariat	UNITED KINGDOM
de Ruiten, Alfred	Development Comp CityPorts Rotterdam	NETHERLANDS
*Dell'Olmo, Tiziana	Regione Piemonte	ITALY
Effah Adofo Kissi, Daniel	Accra Polytechnic	GHANA
*Engel, Gabriele	Die Region Nürnberg e.V.	GERMANY
Erquicia Olaciregui, Jesús M ^a	Basque Government	SPAIN
*Fermin, Marc	METREX Secretariat	UNITED KINGDOM
*Fiora, Gianfranco	Provincia di Torino	ITALY
*Grassi, Silvia	Regione Emilia-Romagna	ITALY
*Groeneweg, R. T	Rotterdam City Council	NETHERLANDS
Göransson, Berit	City of Stockholm	SWEDEN
*Harland, Alicia	METREX Secretariat	UNITED KINGDOM
*Hede, Hans	Stockholm County Council	SWEDEN
Ibanez Munoz, Isidoro	Ayuntamiento de Ogisares	SPAIN
Johnson, Göran	Stockholm County Council	SWEDEN
*Kalajoki, Hannu	City of Helsinki	FINLAND
*Kedziora, Romualda	City Hall Szcecin	POLAND
Kinnunen, Mikael	Stockholm County Council	SWEDEN
*Kirkov, Yordan	"Sofproect-Master Plan" Municipal Enterp	BULGARIA
Klito, Gerardi	National Technical University	GREECE
Kolontay, Alexander	Urban Planning and Study Centre	BELARUS
Kragt, Rob	Ministerie VROM	NETHERLANDS
*Kurjata, Ewa	City Hall Szcecin	POLAND
*Lahti, Markku	City of Helsinki	FINLAND
Larsson, Dag	Stockholm County Council	SWEDEN
*Linzie, Jan	Stockholm County Council	SWEDEN
*Ludwig, Jürgen	Verband Region Stuttgart	GERMANY
*Lundberg, Per	City of Stockholm	SWEDEN
Malmberg, Torsten	City of Stockholm	SWEDEN
Malmros, Bette	Stockholm County Council	SWEDEN
Malossi, Elettra	Provincia di Bologna	ITALY
*Marana, Inara	Riga City Development Department	LATVIA
*Margiocco, Cinzia	Regione Lombardia	ITALY
Mateos Ruiz, M.Pilar	Junta de Andalucia	SPAIN
Mkaylovich, Lyudmil	"Sofproect-Master Plan" Municipal Enterp	BULGARIA
*Moruado Sousa, Paulo	Arra Metropolitana de Lisboa	PORTUGAL
*Muratori, Adriano	METREX Secretariat	UNITED KINGDOM
*Napolitano, Paola	Province of Naples	ITALY
*Napolitano, Paola	Stockholm County Council	SWEDEN

Note* those attending the Managing Committee meeting

Name	Metropolitan region/area	
*Parke, James	METREX Secretariat	UNITED KINGDOM
*Parvnov, Ivan	"Sofproect-Master Plan" Municipal Enterp	BULGARIA
*Pemer, Mats	City of Stockholm	SWEDEN
*Polischuk, Victor		RUSSIAN FEDERATION
Prodi, Vittorio	Province of Bologna	ITALY
*Quaglia, Tiziana	Regione Veneto	ITALY
*Rafailova, Georgette	"Sofproect-Master Plan" Municipal Enterp	BULGARIA
*Read, Roger	METREX Secretariat	UNITED KINGDOM
*Reid, Kevin	Greater London Authority	UNITED KINGDOM
Sanz Mateos, Soledad	Junta de Andalucia	SPAIN
*Segkouni, Magdalini	Organization of Thessaloniki	GREECE
*Segouni, Magde	Organization of Thessaloniki	GREECE
Selin, Nils-Erik	Huddinge	SWEDEN
*Serratosa, Albert	Generalitat de Catalunya	SPAIN
*Smit, Hans	City of Amsterdam	NETHERLANDS
*Spyropoulou-Lilimpaki, Maria	Organization of Thessaloniki	GREECE
*Steinacher, Bernd	Verband Region Stuttgart	GERMANY
*Sykianaki-Kylika, Catherine	Organisation of Athens	GREECE
*Tapia, Fernando	Diputación Foral Gipuzkoa	SPAIN
*Terziev, Petar	"Sofproect-Master Plan" Municipal Enterp	BULGARIA
*Toffano, Romeo	Regione Veneto	ITALY
*Tolomelli, Claudio	Regione Emilia-Romagna	ITALY
Tropea, Michele	Provincia di Bologna	ITALY
van Beveren, J.A	Rotterdam City Council	NETHERLANDS
*Vircavs, Inguss	Riga City Development Department	LATVIA
Wréden, Börje	Stockholm County Council	SWEDEN
*Vuorinen, Jussi	City of Helsinki	FINLAND

APPENDIX 2 PolyMETREXplus Interreg IIIC project Diagram, Map and Schedule

Structure de gestion du projet PolyMETREXplus

Comite de Pilotage supervise, controle, passe en revue et evalue la Composante Amenagement

Equipe de gestion administre, coordonne, met en oeuvre, fait fonctionner, controle et repond de ses activites aupres du SC

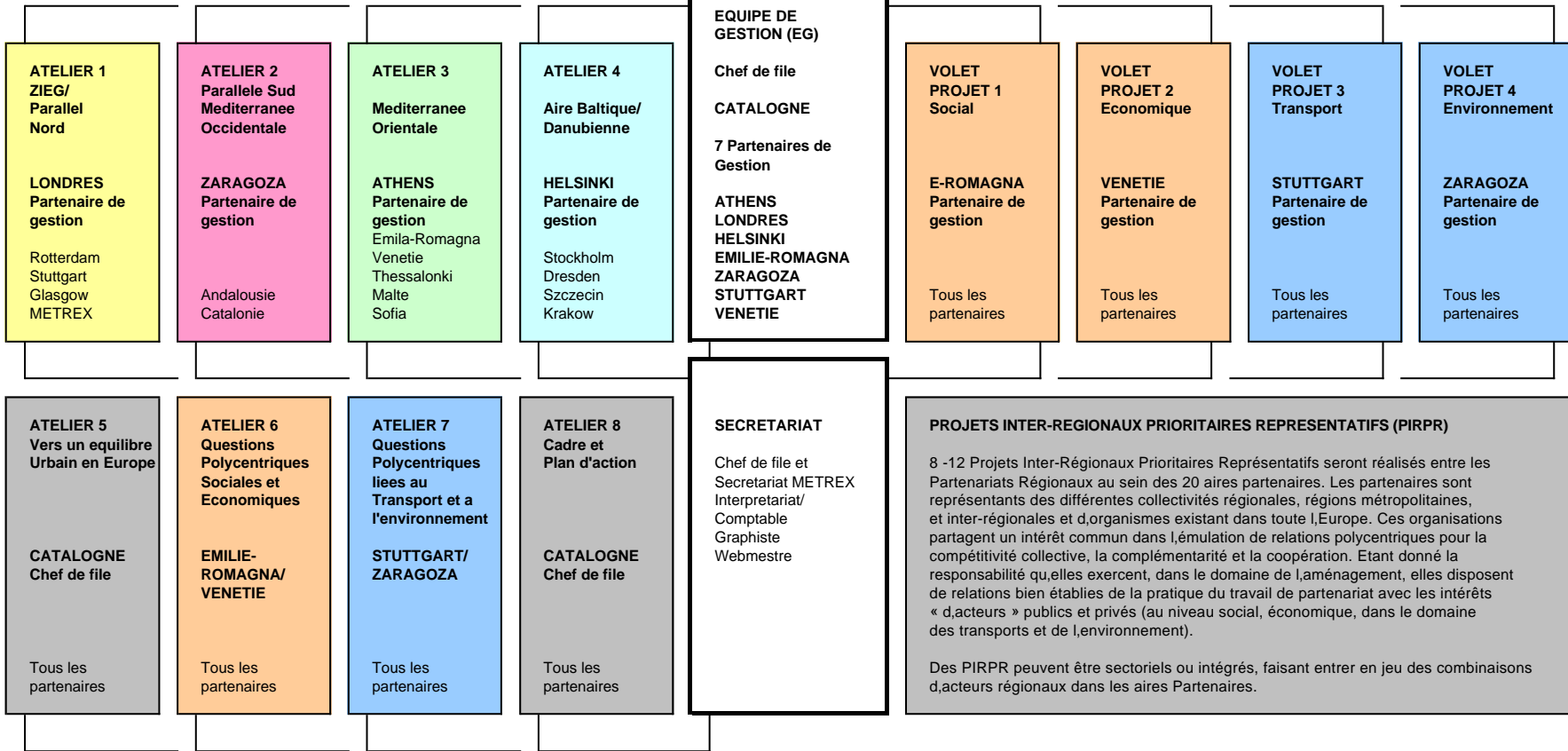
COMITE DE PILOTAGE (CP)

Tous les partenaires

Contact du Chef de file avec le ST et MA de la Zone Sud

Comite de Pilotage supervise, controle, passe en revue et evalue la Composante Projet

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Secretariat pour la logistique, la liaison, les publications, dissemination et le soutien du SC / MT

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Composante Amenagement 2004-2005

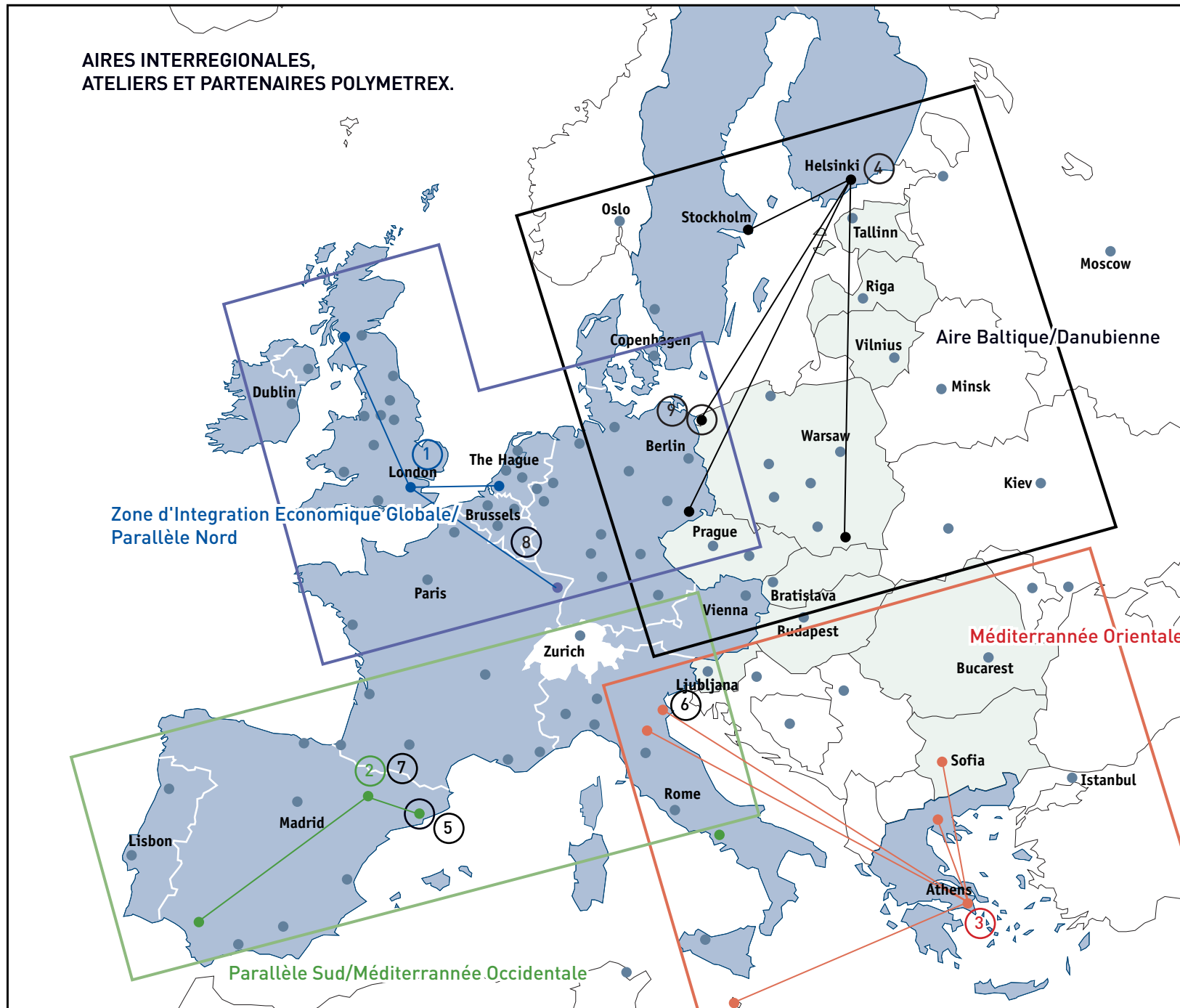
Composante Projet 2006-2007

PolyMETREXplus partnership and budget (€) for the Interreg IIIC Application

No	Partner	Planning	Projects	Total Interreg III	Nat Cofi		
1	Lead Partner	Generalitat de Catalunya	128210	100000	228210	114105	114105
2	Workshop Partner	Diputación Provincial de Zaragoza	37567	20000	57567	28783.5	28783.5
3	Partner	Junta de Andalucía	36976	19500	56476	42357	14119
4	Workshop Partner	Regione di Veneto	37315	60000	97315	48657.5	48657.5
5	Partner	Regione Emilia-Romagna	38231	60000	98231	49115.5	49115.5
6	Partner	City of Rotterdam	35813	40000	75813	37906.5	37906.5
7	Workshop Partner	Organisation of Athens	34980	100000	134980	101235	33745
8	Partner	Organisation of Thessaloniki	29969	100000	129969	97476.75	32492.25
9	Partner	METREX	185555	20000	205555	102777.5	102777.5
10	Partner	Greater London Authority	35962	57600	93562	46781	46781
11	Partner	Glasgow and the Clyde Valley	46517	40000	86517	43258.5	43258.5
12	Partner	Verband Region Stuttgart	38953	90000	128953	64476.5	64476.5
13	Partner	Dresden	37908	100000	137908	103431	34477
14	Partner	County/City of Stockholm	38766	40000	78766	39383	39383
15	Workshop Partner	Helsinki City Council	51779	60000	111779	55889.5	55889.5
16	Partner	Malta PA	30757	0	30757	23067.75	7689.25
17	Workshop Partner	Municipality of Szczecin	32986	20000	52986	39739.5	13246.5
18	Partner	Krakow Institute	11400	10000	21400	16050	5350
19	Partner	Municipality of Sofia	11400	10000	21400	0	21400
Totals			889644	937100	1826744	1054491	772253

Note that Sofia's input is not included in the Interreg III figures

**AIRES INTERREGIONALES,
ATELIERS ET PARTENAIRES POLYMETREX.**



APPENDIX 3 METREX Expert Groups

Background

A meeting of Members interested in participating in METREX Expert Groups was held in the Skandia Hotel, Stockholm, on the afternoon of Wednesday 17 September 2003. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the issues to be considered, the partners who might be involved in each group and the working arrangements that needed to be made. The intention was then to report this position to the meeting of the METREX Managing Committee on Saturday 20 September.

METREX Expert Groups have worked in the past of Land Use and Transportation, led by Stockholm, and Sustainability and the metropolitan planning process, led by Athens. More recently a group has considered the issue of Planning for Major Events. An Agenda Note was circulated by the Secretary General to summarise the position since the issue of Expert Groups was raised at the METREX Stuttgart Meeting (see Minutes).

Position summary and action

Note that the METREX Secretariat is available to assist Lead Partners with the action required and the METREX web site (www.eurometrex.org) can be used for Expert Group communications (contact tim.page@eurometrex.org). Note also that all the documents referred to in this summary, and circulated before the Stockholm Meeting, can be downloaded from the METREX web site under the Expert Groups button

1 Planning for Major Events - 10 partners

Lead Partner - Provincia di Torino
Zaragoza, Catalunya, Thessaloniki, Athens, Lisboa, Stuttgart, Wroclaw,
Andalucia/Sevilla/Granada, London

A Issues paper and procedure note - prepared and circulated for meeting on 10 October in Torino. METREX Report on Planning for Major Events (2000) and Note of Copenhagen meeting (2001)

B *Partner responses - position updates and additions yet to be received*

C Key issues - from the METREX Report 2000 include, Metropolitan strategies, bid procedures, marketing benefits, site development and after uses

D Communication and Meeting (s) - Meeting in Torino on 10 October to consider the above issues and planning for the Winter Olympics 2006

E *Findings and Conclusions - Update of METREX Report for San Sebastian Meeting in May 2004*

2 Major Urban Restructuring (6 partners + 5 invitees)

Lead Partner - City of Rotterdam
Helsinki, Athens, Stuttgart, Torino, Catalunya

Participation will also be sought from Hamburg, Copenhagen, Dublin, Genova and London

A *Issues paper and procedure note - to be prepared by the Development Corporation City Port Rotterdam PLC*

B Partner responses - Hellinikon Airport Study (530 ha), Helsinki port relocation/redevelopment, Rotterdam port redevelopment (1400ha)

Further responses will be sought from partners and invited participants

C Key issues - Metropolitan strategies, large scale environmental recovery, site development and alternative uses (flexibility over long timescales), administrative mechanisms

D *Communication and Meeting (s) - Exchange of information over 2003/2004, special Conference in 2004 and related report to the METREX 2004 Barcelona Conference*

E *Findings and Conclusions - Special Conference on the issue in 2004*

3 Urban requalification (4 partners)

Lead Partner - Emilia-Romagna
Athens, Thessaloniki, Lombardia, Sofia

Participation will also be sought from Spain, Germany and the UK

A Issues paper and procedure note prepared and circulated by Emilia-Romagna

B Partner responses - Athens/OECD

Further responses will be sought from partners and invited participants

C Key issues - Urban redevelopment capacity (reuse of urban (brownfield) land and buildings), planning options (broad renewal programmes as well as specific projects), administrative mechanisms (including the private sector)

D *Communication and Meeting (s) - Exchange of information over 2003/2004 and report to the METREX 2004 Barcelona Conference*

E *Findings and Conclusions - METREX Practice Note in 2004*

4 Strategic Planning for Retailing (3 partners)

Lead Partner - Glasgow (GCVSPJC)
Stockholm, München

Participation will also be sought from Denmark and the Netherlands

A Issues paper and procedure note - prepared and circulated by Glasgow

B Partner responses - Glasgow, Stockholm and München

Further responses will be sought from invited contributors

C Key issues - Sustainability and polycentricity, national and regional policy contexts, control of major out of centre retailing, polarisation of retail centres, capacity studies and impact assessments

D *Communication and Meeting (s) - Exchange of information over 2003/2004 and report to the METREX San Sebastian Meeting in 2004*

E *Findings and Conclusions - METREX Practice Note in 2004*

5 Agriculture in metropolitan areas (5 partners)

Lead Partner - Verband Region Stuttgart (VRS)
Athens, Torino, Catalunya, Krakow, Granada.

Participation will also be sought from Lyon, Prague, Brno, Budapest and Minsk

A Issues paper and procedure note - prepared and circulated by VRS

B Partner responses - Athens and Krakow

Further responses will be sought from partners and invited contributors

C Key issues - Safeguarding natural resources in metropolitan areas (hinterlands), support mechanisms for indigenous and rural economies

D *Communication and Meeting (s) - Exchange of information over 2003/2004 and report to the METREX San Sebastian Meeting in 2004*

E *Findings and Conclusions - Memorandum for the EU. METREX Practice Note in 2004*

6 Metropolitan Governance (8 partners)

Lead Partner - Provincia di Torino/METREX
Lisboa, Stuttgart, Glasgow, London, Athens, Catalunya, Minsk, Granada

- A Issues paper and procedure note - German Network/METREX Memorandum to DG Regio, METREX metropolitan governance models, ESPON definition of FUR's, future work with ESPON on governance models and options
- B Partner responses - Minsk, Athens. Contact with ESPON to assess scope for co-operation*
- C Key issues - Definition of FUR's, key metropolitan strategic issues in FUR's, integrated metropolitan strategies to address these issues, stakeholder involvement, appropriate governance models and options
- D Communication and Meeting (s) - Working meeting with ESPON in 2004*
- E Findings and Conclusions - Memorandum to EU?*

APPENDIX 4 METREX Barcelona Conference preliminary arrangements

METREX 2004 Barcelona Conference

Information Note

Conference dates

Wednesday 27 to Sunday 31 October 2004

These dates come after the celebration of the 2004 International Forum of Cultures, which will end in September, in order to avoid the logistics and organisation problems derived from the coincidence of the two events: city crowded with visitors, problems for hotel and conference rooms bookings, low availability of catering services, traffic jams, etc.

On the other hand, these dates will allow for a more comfortable visit to the Forum urban renewal area and surroundings: new congress hall and *Forum* building, underground waste water plant, new land infills, new marina and marine zoo, refurbishment of an old power plant reconvertng it into a *combined cycle* plant (natural gas), removal of high tension lines, Besós river park, waterfront developments, 22 @ district (*knowledge society* related activities), etc.

Central theme

The Barcelona METREX Conference will be developed around the theme

Future Trends in Spatial Planning and Development. New methodologies and planning tools

Special attention will be given to innovative planning and monitoring processes regarding the generalised urban sprawling trends and the density and urban quality control both for metropolitan areas and urban regions, as well as for “galaxies” of European metropolitan areas and regions.

Sub themes (1/2)

As in Torino and Thessaloniki, the Barcelona METREX Conference will have **several sub themes** and speakers will contribute their experience on these.

Discussions will be structured around small interactive Workshops.

Workshops will have a **three speaker** format which worked quite well at Thessaloniki.

Chairs will be encouraged to lead and promote discussions with questions or to raise common issues between speakers.

Case study presentations which are relevant to the issues will be included, as well.

Sub themes (2/2)

Case study / comparative approach

Methodological approach

A complement to the METREX Practice Benchmark

- Competence to plan strategically
- Capability for informed decision making
- Participation and process

Draft sub themes list

- **Typology of urban settlements/areas**
- **Future trends in spatial dynamics**
- **Spatial planning goals**
- **Planning tools**

Venue

There will be a **unique Conference hotel**. This arrangement usually allows for lower rates, makes booking very easy and delegates do not have to lose time with transfers from hotels to the venue.

Conference Fees

Final decision on delegate fees will not be taken until more precise information concerning the final Conference budget and external co funding (sponsors) is available.

Programme

The Programme will not be too intensive in order to allow free time to explore the city, its region and its culture.

The basic outline of the programme will be as follows:

Wednesday	<i>Evening Reception</i>
Thursday	Opening Plenary/Euro context (am) Keynote 1 and two Workshops (pm) <i>Evening free</i>
Friday	Host presentation/two Workshops (am) Keynote 2 and two Workshops (pm) METREX General Assembly <i>Conference Dinner</i>
Saturday	Rapporteur/Keynote 3 and close <i>Excursion (pm)</i> <i>Evening free</i>
Sunday	<i>Excursion (am)</i>

Workshops

Three Keynote speakers (30-45 minutes)

Six 90 minute Workshops with three speakers (15 minutes) in each, plus possibly Euro context speakers (Commission/ Parliament/COR ...) and a Rapporteur General.

APPENDIX 5 METREX Calendar of events for 2004

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2004	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monday			1								1 Minutes of	
Tuesday			2			1					2 AGM and	
Wednesday			3			2			1		3 action	1
Thursday	1		4	1 Documents		3 Poly WK2	1 Poly WK3		2 Poly WK4		4	2
Friday	2		5	2 for Meeting		4 Zaragoza	2 Athens		3 Helsinki	1 for Conf	5	3
Saturday	3		6	3	1	5	3		4	2	6	4
Sunday	4	1	7	4	2	6	4	1	5	3	7	5
Monday	5	2	8 Lead in to	Lead in to	3	7	5 Lead in to	2	6 Lead in to	4 Lead in to	8	6
Tuesday	6	3	9 WK3	6 WK1	4	8	6 WK4	3	7 WK5	5 Conference	9	7
Wednesday	7	4	10 E-Romagna	7 London	5 METREX	9	7 Porto	4	8 London		10	8
Thursday	8	5	11 Eurocity	8 Rotterdam	6 Meeting	10	8 Athens	5	9 Catalunya		11	9
Friday	9	6	12 Øresund	9 Stuttgart	7 Eurocity	11	9 Andalusia	6	11 Piemonte		12	10
Saturday	10	7	13 South Coast	10 Glasgow	8 Basque	12	10 Sevilla	7	12 Zurich		13	11
Sunday	11	8	14 Metropoloe	11	9	13	11 Liverpool	8	12	10	14	12
Monday	12	9	15	12	10 Minutes	14 Lead in to	12	9	13	11 Feedback	15	13
Tuesday	13	10	16	13	11 and action	15 WK 3	13	10	14	12 from Inter	16	14
Wednesday	14	11	17	14	12	16 Athens	14	11	15	13 and Poly	17	15
Thursday	15	12	18	15	13	17 E-Romagna	15	12	16	14 Projects	18	16
Friday	16	13	19	16	14	18 Veneto	16	13 Athens	17	15	19	17
Saturday	17	14	20	17	15	19 Thessaloniki	17	14 Olympics	18	16	20	18
Sunday	18	15	21	18	16	20 Malta	18	15	19	17	21	19
Monday	19	16	22 Poly	19	17 Lead in to	21 Sofia	19	16 Lead in to	20	18 Draft of	22	20
Tuesday	20	17	23 Decision	20	18 WK2	22	20	17 WK4	21	19 Towards	23	21
Wednesday	21	18	24 expected	21	19 Zaragoza	23	21	18 Helsinki	22	20 Urban	24	22
Thursday	22	19	25	22 Poly WK1	20 Andalusia	24	22	19 Stockholm	23	21 Balance	25	23
Friday	23	20	26	23 London	21 Catalunya	25	23	20 Dresden	24	22	26	24
Saturday	24	21	27	24	22	26	24	21 Szczecin	25	23	27	25
Sunday	25	22	28	25	23	27	25	22 Krakow	26	24	28	26
Monday	26	23	29 Inter WK3	26	24	28	26 Inter WK4	23	27 Inter WK5	25	29	27
Tuesday	27	24	30 Bologna	27	25	29	27 Porto	24	28 London	26	30	28
Wednesday	28	25	31	28	26	30	28	25	29	27 METREX	31	29
Thursday	29	26		29	27		29	26	30 Documents	28 Barcelona		30
Friday	30	27		30	28		30	27 Close of		29 Conference		31
Saturday	31	28			29		31	28 Olympics		30		
Sunday		29			30			29		31		
Monday					31			30				
Tuesday								31				