

VI General Assembly, London, Saturday 18 October 2008

Location Conference Rooms 4 and 5,
City Hall,
The Queen's Walk,
More London,
LONDON SE1 2AA.

MINUTES

Saturday 18 October 9.30 – 12.00

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Assembly was attended by 49 delegates and guests representing of 25 of the 44 constitutionally recognised Member metropolitan regions and areas of the Network. This was more than the 50% required by the Statutes to form a quorum. The Sederunt is in Appendix 1.

Apologies were received from GCVSPJC and Catalunya (IET)

2 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The Assembly agreed to make this the first item on the Agenda in order to enable a full discussion by all those attending.

The Secretary General reported that interest in standing for President had been explored with colleagues from four Member areas during the METREX London Conference. There may also be other potential candidates. In these circumstances the Secretary General advised that the provisions in the Statutes for a Presidential election should be followed. This could either be electronic or at the forthcoming Paris Meeting in spring 2009.

The Assembly agreed to hold an election for the President of METREX at the Paris Meeting of the Managing Committee (meeting as a General Assembly) on Saturday 16 May 2009

In consequence, the procedures and timetable of events will be as follows.

- The Secretary General will formally advise Members of the election before the end of October 2008
- Nominations for President should be received in writing, by the Secretary General, three months before the election, that is by Friday 13 February 2009
- Nominations must be supported, in writing, by one other Member
- Candidates should include, with their Nominations, a short electoral Statement setting out their intentions as President. Candidates may wish to have regard to the METREX Intentions publication
- Nominations and Statements will be placed on the METREX web site and circulated to Members by e-mail before the end of February 2009
- The election will be by a simple majority vote through a secret ballot at the Paris Managing Committee Meeting (meeting as a General Assembly) on Saturday 16 May 2009
- Candidates may wish to address the Meeting/General Assembly prior to the election

At the moment there are 44 Member metropolitan regions and areas with the right to vote (see Appendix 2). Where areas have multiple Members (for example, a region, province and city/community) they will have to decide which candidate to support with one collective vote.

Member areas may vote by letter, fax or electronically. They may delegate another Member, in writing, to cast their vote for them if they cannot attend the Paris Meeting.

The Secretary General will issue Voting Papers to all Member metropolitan regions and areas one month in advance of the election, that is, by Friday 11 April 2009

All politician members of METREX are recognised by the AISBL Statutes as Vice Presidents. Members are asked to confirm the politician members of METREX whom they wish to have recognised and confirmed as Vice Presidents

3 MINUTES OF THE AMSTERDAM MEETING OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE (MC)

The General Assembly approved the Minutes of the Amsterdam meeting of the Managing Committee, which took place on Saturday 17 May 2008

4 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

4A European Neighbourhood Policy

DG RELEX has written to confirm that it is possible to organise a small consultative meeting where up to five invited colleagues from EU neighbouring countries could be reimbursed for their trip to Brussels. DG RELEX has indicated that St. Petersburg, Minsk, Lviv, Chisinau, Odessa and Alexandria could be eligible if adequate partners can be found on the EU side.

Possible METREX partners at such a meeting could include Helsinki, Vilnius, Wroclaw/Krakow, Bucharest, Sofia and Athens/Thessaloniki. The METREX Ambassadors might also participate.

The Secretary General will confirm the interest of METREX Members in participating in an exploratory meeting in Brussels, hosted by DG RELEX, to exchange knowledge on issues of common interest and to develop working relationships. Thereafter the arrangements will be progressed through DG RELEX

4B METREX/Shanghai International Study Visit - 10-18 November 2007

Colleagues from the Shanghai Municipal Government Urban Planning administrative Bureau (SUPB) attended the METREX London Conference.

Xiaocun Ruan will explore the basis for continued cooperation with colleagues from Shanghai and the Secretary General will make a report to the spring 2009 Paris Meeting

4C Moscow International Seminar

The International Co-operation Programme, signed at Szczecin, has been proceeding and will conclude in 2008/2009.

The Secretary General, in consultation with colleagues from the Institute for the General Plan of Moscow (GUP NIPI), will report on the outcome to the spring 2009 Paris Meeting

4D Latin America Study Visit - October 2009

Preliminary expressions of interest in the Study Visit have been received from Frankfurt, Stockholm, Mazovia, Sofia and Rotterdam. With Madrid and METREX representatives this would make a delegation of perhaps 8-10. This is about the minimum size of delegation. A formal programme for the Study Visit and an outline of the arrangements has been received by Alberto Leboriero of the Comunidad de Madrid from colleagues in the Chilean Ministry of Planning (see Appendix 3).

On this basis all METREX colleagues will now be asked to confirm their interest in participating to the Secretary General and the Study Visit leader Alberto Leboriero

5 EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

5A Brussels Open Days

The Secretary General will continue to facilitate the formation of a METREX Conglomerate to participate in the Brussels Open Days in 2009, if future themes are of sufficient interest to Members

5B METREX/Washington Conference

DG RELEX has clarified that the next Call for Proposals under the EU Transatlantic civil society dialogues EU-USA Programme will be in 2010 but will not include the issue of environment.

The participation of colleagues from the US in the USEUCO2 project will now be pursued through other means of cooperation and financial support and a report back made to the spring 2009 Paris Meeting

5C ESPON

The background to the new ESPON 2007-2013 Programme was set out in detail in the Amsterdam MC Agenda Notes. Professor Cliff Hague, of the RTP1 (the UK ESPON Contact Point) attended the meeting and explained the possibilities for future METREX/ESPO cooperation and relationships under the Programme.

In early 2009 there will be a Call for Proposals from ESPON national Contact Points (ECP) for Trans-national Networking Activities. The call will open in February and close in April with decisions expected in June. Professor Hague has suggested to fellow ECP that one possibility might be a proposal for a project on the implications of ESPON studies for metropolitan areas.

For example, there might be an opportunity to link with METREX on the dissemination of ESPON metropolitan area findings, to hold a joint event, or to cooperate with individual METREX Members on activities of common interest. Given that ESPON will by then have projects running on Cities, on Territorial Indicators and also a Manchester-Barcelona-Lyons-Dublin study, there should be new material to share.

The Secretary General will continue to liaise with Professor Hague (UK ESPON contact point) on his proposed project on the implications of ESPON studies for metropolitan areas. The outcome could be reported back to the spring 2009 Paris Meeting

5D EU Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion

METREX was invited to participate in the Hearing on Territorial Cohesion on 15 April 2008 and made a written submission (see METREX web site). On 6 October DG Regio launched their consultation period on the Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion, which will end on 29 February 2009 (see DG Regio web site).

The questions listed In Appendix 4 cover the main issues described in the Green Paper and define the scope of the debate it is intended to initiate. The Commission will provide a synthesis of this debate in late Spring 2009.

The General Assembly agreed that METREX should to liaise with other EU bodies and networks with an interest in Territorial Cohesion and to exchange responses to the Green Paper. Such bodies will include the EESC, Eurocities and PURPLE. The Secretary General will develop the METREX response having regard to the previous written submission and Appendix 2

It is understood that the French Presidency (July to December 2008) will take a particular interest in Territorial Cohesion and it will therefore be an issue for further consideration at the spring 2009 Paris Meeting

6 METREX INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

6A EUCO2 80/50 project on Climate change/Urban change

The EUCO2 80/50 partnership met in City Hall, London, on the afternoon of Wednesday 15 October to explore options through which to progress the project. 18 of the 22 partners attended, including METREX. The following proposals were tabled by the Lead Partner and discussed.

- 1 Partners complete Step 1 (Assessments/Inventories) at their own expenses, starting with an Inception Meeting in Hamburg in January 2009.
- 2 Partners resubmit a revised project comprising Steps 2 and 3 (Scenario and Strategy Workshops) to the Interreg IVC secretariat.
- 3 In parallel alternative funding possibilities are explored, for example, through a private sponsor or an independent institution or organization.
- 4 If options 2 and 3 are not productive then those partners who are able will continue at their own expense.

The Lead Partner's proposal was unanimously welcomed. 13 partners decided to continue with Step 1 and 5 partners have to check on the available funding for Step 1. 2 partners did not participate in the London meeting and 1 has decided to withdraw.

All partners emphasised that a greenhouse gas (GHG) Inventory has to be made in order to develop a metropolitan mitigation strategy. The costs of contracting GRIP services would be significantly less than on the open consultancy market.

The Lead Partner and METREX put the proposals in more concrete terms as follows.

- 1 Inception Meeting in Hamburg to provide GRIP Inventory tool training and information
Arrival evening Monday 12 January
Departure evening Thursday 15 January or morning of Friday 16 January
- 2 Interregional Workshops (4 or 5) among newly formed groups that minimise travel costs and language problems. They will be formed after final partner decisions on participation. The Workshops are planned for a final control of the partner Inventories and will include preliminary training on the GRIP mitigation scenario tool.
- 3 Synthesis Meeting of the partners at the METREX Paris Meeting in May 2009, where a whole day will be reserved to this purpose and where Steps 2 and 3 will be prepared.

The Inception Meeting and the Workshops will be provided by the Lead Partner and the hosting partners in partner premises without expenses for the other participating partners. METREX will pay the travel costs for Tyndall during this period.

Partners could share the Step 1 costs of €100,000 for GRIP services to May 2009 on the following basis.

14 partners participating @	€7,150 each
15 partners participating @	€6,660
16 partners participating @	€6,250
17 partners participating @	€5,880
18 partners participating @	€5,550
19 partners participating @	€5,260
20 partners participating @	€5,000

The Lead Partner is seeking a clear statement of participation from every partner by Friday 31 October 2008 and confirmation of their participation in the Inception Meeting

The Secretary General will prepare a revised budget for the EUCO2 80/50 project resubmission under Interreg IVC and circulate this to partners

A meeting will also be sought with the Interreg Secretariat to clarify its understanding of GRIP and the acceptability of the project management arrangements (Workshops etc.), project budget and Application text

6B Expert Group on Major Infrastructure in Metropolitan Regions

The first meeting of the Expert Group on Major Infrastructure was held in Stuttgart from 22-24 November 2006. A full Report on the meeting can be downloaded from the METREX web site together with the presentations that were made.

A further meeting of the Expert Group, in Berlin, will be arranged for spring 2009

6C Proposed Expert Group on Employment relocation within metropolitan areas

Colleagues from Frankfurt, Amsterdam, London, Sofia and Regione Piemonte (possible) have expressed an interest in participating in this Expert Group to be led by IAU Region Ile-de-France. The General Assembly Agenda Notes (Appendix 4) set out the intentions of the Expert Group in more detail.

The Group will work towards a Workshop contribution to the METREX spring 2009 Paris Meeting

6D Proposed Expert Group on Polycentricity in Metropolitan Areas

Colleagues from Sofia, Saxon Triangle, Frankfurt/Rhein-Main, Emilia-Romagna, Napoli, Veneto, Mazovia, Gdansk-Sopot-Gdynia, Helsinki, City of Stockholm have expressed an interest in participating in this Expert Group to be led by Stockholm County Council. Nordregio has expressed an interest in providing consultancy/facilitation services.

Stockholm County Council will now proceed with arrangements for Expert Group working as set out in Appendix 5

6E Contacts between METREX and PURPLE

Heiko Kasseckert, of Planungsverband Ballungsraum Frankfurt/Rhein-Main, has been elected Vice President of PURPLE (Peri-Urban Platform Europe) responsible for expansion. His colleague Reinhard Henke is facilitating contacts between METREX and PURPLE. From the PURPLE web site (www.purple-eu.org) it would seem that cooperation might be possible on the EU Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion and on climate change and the issues of mitigation and adaptation.

The Secretary General will liaise with PURPLE on these and other matters of common interest

6F Renewal of older metropolitan drainage infrastructure

Kevin Reid explained that this is an issue within the Greater London area and that an outline will be circulated for Expressions of Interest

6G Proposed Hamburg Conference on Social Inclusion - spring 2009

The Metropolregion Hamburg has in mind to hold a Conference on social inclusion in metropolitan areas in spring 2009. It could consider inter-related issues such as the social and economic integration of immigrants and their relationship with the housing market, particularly affordable housing. Aspects of multi-culturalism might also be considered. Affordable housing was also regarded as an issue worthy of Expert Group consideration in its own right.

The Metropolregion Hamburg will draft a Call for Expressions of Interest for circulation to METREX Members

7 FINANCIAL REPORT, ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT FOR 2008 AND BUDGET FOR 2009 TO 2010

7A/B Financial Report and Accounts and METREX audit for 2008 (from January to June 2008)

The Financial Report and Accounts, circulated separately from the Agenda Notes, were presented and explained by the METREX Accountant, John Brown. Particular mention was made of the provision for the EUCO2 80/50 project and the planned end of year credit balance to accommodate any cash flow problems with Interreg IVC co-funding.

The half-year position was reported to be satisfactory but John Brown warned of potential cash flow problems arising from the London Conference if all delegate fees and outstanding Member subscriptions are not now received before the end of October 2008

7C METREX Budgets for 2009 and 2010

The METREX Budgets for 2009 and 2010 were approved by the General Assembly. Revised Budgets will be tabled if the revised EUCO2 80/50 project is not approved or approved with Conditions (see item 6A).

Approved METREX Budgets for 2009 and 2010

Budgets	2009	2010
Income	378,000	378,000
Subscriptions	300,000	300,000
Interest received	0	0
EUCO2 80/50 Project funding*	78,000	78,000
Expenditure	297,000	297,000
Secretary General	50,000	50,000
Communications and management	30,000	30,000
Project support - co-funded*	105,000	105,000
Project support - networking	20,000	20,000
Interpretation and translation	35,000	35,000
Travel, accommodation and subsistence	30,000	30,000
Printing and copying	1000	1000
Postage, stationary and telephone	5000	5000
Accountancy	7000	7000
Miscellaneous expenses	14,000	14,000
Surplus/deficit	81,000	81,000
Hamburg 2010 Conference		25,000
Income/Expenditure	81,000	56,000
Currency fluctuation	-1000	-1000
Profit/(Loss)	80,000	55,000

* Dependent on the Interreg IVC decision on the EUCO2 80/50 project

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8A Dates for proposed Meetings/Conferences in 2009/2010/2011

2009

Paris spring Meeting
Confirmed as 13-16 May 2009

Consideration of the EU Green Book on
Territorial Cohesion

Wroclaw autumn Meeting
Confirmed as 16-19 September 2009

Santiago (Chile) Study Visit
Confirmed as October 2009 subject
to delegate confirmations

2010

Baltic spring Meeting (Riga and Vilnius)
Hamburg autumn Conference
St. Petersburg Study Visit (through
Helsinki). Excursion to Tallinn

Conclusion of the EUCO2 80/50 project
Note* that an Istanbul event is being considered

2011

Athens spring Meeting
Istanbul Study Visit*
Berlin autumn Meeting (provisional)

Theme - EU neighbours (to be considered
further)

8B New METREX web site

Members can now use the updated and renewed METREX web site at www.eurometrex.org

8C METREX video conferencing facility

METREX intends to set up a Network video conferencing facility early in 2009 for the use of
Expert Groups and all Members wishing to network with colleagues

8D GA proceedings

A CD of the Conference and GA speaker contributions will be circulated to Members as usual. It
is also intended to publish the Keynote addresses of Professor Norman Davies and Professor Sir
David King

8E London/Paris book

The possibility of publishing a comparative book on London and Paris metropolitan planning
issues and policy responses is being considered by colleagues in the GLA and IAU

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Appendix 1

VI General Assembly Sederunt

1	Mariarosaria	ALBANO	Architect	Provincia di Napoli
2	Ulrike	ASSIG		Capitalregion Berlin and Brandenburg
3	Guido	BASCHEINIS	Architect	Regione Piemonte
	John	BROWN	Accountant	METREX
	Sebastian	CARNEY		Tyndall Centre
4	Luis Alfonso	CASTELLANO LAFUENTE	Technical officer	Diputacion Provincial de Zaragoza
	Janis	CLARKE	Principal	Stone Circle Design
	Max	COWAN	Projects	METREX
5	Genevieve	DANCHIN	Projects Manager	IAU-Idf
	Fred	de RUITER	Ambassador	METREX
6	Gianfranco	FIORA	Architect	Provincia di Torino
	Vincent	FOUCHIER	Deputy Director General	IAU-Idf
	Vincent	GOODSTADT	Head of European Relations	METREX
7	Douglas	GORDON	Architect	City of Helsinki
8	Hans	HEDE	Senior Regional Planner	Stockholm County Council
9	Reinhard	HENKE	Planungsverband	Frankfurt
10	Sofia	IONA CID	Metropolitan Area of	Lisbon
	Irma	KARKALAINEN	Director Regional and Environmental Information	YTV
				Helsinki Metropolitan Area Council
	Heiko	KASSECKERT	Erster Beigeordneter	Planungsverband Frankfurt
11	Thomas	KIWITT	Technical Director & Head of Planning Department	Verband Region Stuttgart
12	Alexander	KOLONTAY	Deputy Director	IGP Moscow
	Małgorzata	KOWALEWSKA	Manager	Department Municipality of Sopot
13	Ewa	KURJATA	Head of International Relations	Szczecin Municipality
14	Juliane	KURSCHNER	Urban Planner	City of Amsterdam
	Markku	LAHTI	Director	Helsinki City Planning Department
	Olli	LAHTINEN	Advisor	City of Helsinki
	Ari	LAINEVUO	Research Chief	Uusimaa Regional Council
15	Alberto	LEBOREIRO	Subdirectro de Planificacion	Regional Comunidad de Madrid
	Martin	LLANAS GASPAS	Vice president	Diputacion Provincial de Zaragoza
	Gerald	McGRATH	Honorary President	METREX
	Gordon	McLAREN	Chief Executive	ESEP Ltd.
	Francesco	MOCCIA	Assessore Urbanistica	Provincia di Napoli
	Tim	PAGE	Head of Communications	METREX
16	Lilian	PALLA	Head of Department	Organisation of Athens
17	Marta	PANKOW	Planning Officer	Municipality of Wroclaw
	Jim	PARKE	Head of Projects	METREX
18	Sophie	PASLEAU	Junta de Andalucia	
	Thierry	PETIT	Economist	IAU-Idf
19	Georgette	RAFAILOVA	Chief Expert	OP Sofproect OGP Master Plan
	Roger	READ	Secretary General	METREX
20	Kevin	REID	Senior Strategic Planner	GLA
21	Jakob	RICHTER	Head of the office of the Metropolitan	Region of Hamburg
22	Phil	ROBINSON	Planning Policy Manager	Bournemouth Borough Council
23	Xiaocun	RUAN	City of Rotterdam	(*ds+v)
	Catherine	SYKIANAKI-KYLIKAS	President	Organisation of Athens
24	Claudio	TOLOMELLI	European Project Manager	Regione Emilia-Romagna
	Valeria	VANELLA	Architect	Provincia di Napoli
	Jussi	VUORINEN	Ambassador	METREX
25	Reinhard	WOELPERT	Deputy Head	Metropolregion Sachsendreieck

49 delegates and guests representing 25 Member metropolitan regions and areas

Appendix 2

METREX Members 2008 eligible to vote

	Metropolitan area		Member
1	Amsterdam	1	Stad Amsterdam
2	Athens	2	Organisation of Athens
3	Barcelona	3	Prefecture of Catalunya
4	Berlin	4	Capitalregion Berlin-Brandenburg
5	Bilbao	5	Gobierno del Pais-Vasco
6	Bologna	6	Regione Emilia-Romagna
		7	Provincia di Bologna
7	Bruxelles	8	Ville de Bruxelles
8	Bucharest	9	Municipality of Bucarest (UMPCB)
9	<i>Budapest**</i>	10	<i>Central Hungarian Development Agency**</i>
10	Copenhagen/Malmö	11	Øresundkomiteen
11	Eurociudad Vasca	12	Eurociudad Vasca/Bayonne/St Sebastian
12	Frankfurt	13	Planungsverband Ballungsraum Frankfurt
13	Genova	14	Provincia di Genova
14	Glasgow	15	Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee/ Scottish Enterprise
15	Granada	16	Ayuntamiento de Granada
16	Hamburg	17	Metropolregion Hamburg
17	Hannover	18	Metropolregion Hannover Braunschweig Göttingen
18	Helsinki	19	Helsinki City Council
		20	YTV Helsinki Metropolitan Area
		21	Uusimaa Regional Council
19	<i>Istanbul*</i>	22	<i>Municipality of Istanbul*</i>
20	<i>Krakow**</i>	23	<i>Municipality of Krakow**</i>
21	Lisboa	24	Area Metropolitana de Lisboa
22	London	25	Greater London Authority
23	Madrid	26	Comunidad de Madrid
24	<i>Marseille*</i>	27	<i>Chamber of Commerce Marseille/Provence*</i>
25	Milano	28	Regione Lombardia
26	Moscow	29	Institute for the General Plan of Moscow
		30	Global Cities United
27	<i>München*</i>	31	<i>Regionaler Planungsverband München*</i>
28	Napoli	32	Provincia di Napoli
29	Nürnberg	33	Metropolregion Nürnberg
30	Oradea	34	Oradea Metropolitan Area Association
31	Paris	35	IAU (RIF)
32	Porto	36	Area Metropolitana do Porto
33	Prague	37	City of Prague
34	Rhein-Neckar	38	Verband Region Rhein-Neckar
35	Riga	39	City of Riga Council
36	<i>Roma**</i>	40	<i>Provincia di Roma**</i>
37	Rotterdam	41	Rotterdam City Council
38	Saxon Triangle	42	Stad Leipzig
39	Sevilla	43	Junta de Andalucia
		44	Ayuntamiento de Sevilla
40	Sofia	45	Municipality of Sofia
41	South Coast Metropole	46	Borough of Bournemouth

42	Stockholm	47	Stockholm County Council
		48	Stockholm City Council
43	Stuttgart	49	Verband Region Stuttgart
44	Szczecin	50	Municipality of Szczecin
45	Thessaloniki	51	Organisation of Thessaloniki
46	Torino	52	Regione Piemonte
		53	Provincia di Torino
47	Veneto	54	Regione del Veneto
48	Wroclaw	55	Municipality of Wroclaw
49	Zaragoza	56	Diputación Provincial de Zaragoza
		57	Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza
50	Zurich	58	RZU

44 voting members total as of October 2008

* *In the process of joining but not yet voting.* Other potential Members with voting powers in 2009 include Oslo, Vilnius and den Haag

** *Denotes non voting*

Appendix 3

South America Study Visit - October 2009

CONGRESS

INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF EUROPEAN METROPOLITAN REGIONS AND LATIN AMERICA WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE VISION FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO 2020

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Public Works is undergoing a process of reflection to gain a view of the country within a perspective of development to 2020. The aim of this is to strategically align the provision of infrastructure services in order to increase the levels of competitiveness of all sectors of the economy and improve the housing conditions and quality of life of its citizens.

Within the context of this period of reflection, the main trends both international and national have been analysed, and the provision of infrastructure services for the city-region is one of those that most stood out due to the strength of the impacts it creates from the point of view of settlement and land occupation and the demands it entails from the planning perspective.

At the meeting of the United Nations Population Fund last year, it was revealingly observed that "In 1800, London was the only city with around 1 million inhabitants. In 1950 there were 8 cities in the world with a population of more than 5 million. According to demographic projections for the year 2015 there will be 47 cities with a population of more than 5 million, 23 of which will have more than 10 million inhabitants, and for the year 2020 the world will have 20 cities with a population of more than 20 million.

Next year, in 2008, more than half the world population of 3,300 million will live in urban areas. The projections reflect the fact that by 2030 this figure will have reached almost 5,000 million. Although over the last 200 years the world has experienced a strong process of urbanisation, over the next decades there will be unprecedented urban growth which will mainly take place in the developing countries."

Projected data and tendencies for Chile are also revealing. According to INE projections for 2050, Chile will have a population of 20,204,779 representing a growth of 24.2% from 2005. For the year 2020 the projected population will be 18,549,095, of which 87.2% will be urban population and the remaining 12.8% rural population.

Likewise, some interesting trends can be observed today, the main one being a greater relative growth of middle-sized cities in percentage terms, in comparison with the large metropolitan regions of the country.

This situation poses a series of challenges that need to be met and worked out in a systemic manner by all the actors, both public and private, that implement actions with a direct impact on metropolitan regions and cities.

It is in this context of challenges and concerns that the study visit and International Congress in Santiago (Chile) in October 2009 will be held, following contacts made by METREX, the Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas, with the Ministry of Public Works for the organisation of this event.

In turn, the Ministry of Public Works, understanding the complexity of the issues in question and the competencies required to deal with all the aspects that need to be addressed, invites the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, the Ministry of Transport and the Regional Government of the Santiago Metropolitan Region in order to address this challenge in a concerted manner.

AIMS OF THE CONGRESS

General aim

Exchange of experience in spatial planning and development between European and Latin American metropolitan regions, through case studies and specific experiences in those territories, in order to create an agenda of collaboration with a view to addressing future challenges.

Specific aims

- 1 Analyse those urban development trends and models that have been observed in the main Latin American and European metropolises, identifying patterns that can be applied to the reality of Latin American cities.
- 2 Discuss prospective scenarios that estimate the likely evolution of cities in 2020, identifying planning requirements and challenges.
- 3 Promote the exchange of national and international experiences that may enrich the development proposals of the key metropolitan regions.
- 4 Find out the strategies and tools that are used for spatial planning and the provision of infrastructure services, identifying areas of implementation for Latin American cities.
- 5 Disseminate the proposals and experiences that have been systematised in the various metropolitan regions in order to progress the development of proposals for specific plans to be carried out.

SCOPE AND ORGANISATION OF THE CONGRESS

The Congress will take place in October 2009 and it will have four components.

- 1 Field visit (one day)
- 2 Conference with a series of presentations related to the metropolitan dimension and case studies of metropolitan cities of Europe and Latin America (two days)
- 3 Internal meeting with the European and Latin American delegation to agree conclusions and a future work agenda (one day)
- 4 Production of the Congress publication.

The organization of the Congress will be through a Joint Committee with two focal points.

Chile

Organising Committee. Made up by GORE Metropolitano, the Ministry of Housing and Planning (MINVU), the Ministry of Transport, SECTRA, and the Ministry of Public Works (MOP) which will have the coordination role through the Planning Director, Ms Vivien Villagran.

Europe

METREX Contact. This network's participation will be through an Organising Committee coordinated by the Comunidad Autónoma de Madrid in the person of Mr. Alberto Leboeiro Amaro, Subdirector General de Planificación Regional, Department of Urban Planning and Territorial Strategy, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning and Development.

PARTICIPATION

We will invite relevant public and private decision makers in the fields of urban and spatial planning, decentralisation and regional strategies, associated with experience in development in metropolitan cities and regions, in order to consider current issues and future challenges that can be addressed through a comparative analysis, with the objective of achieving a more harmonious and sustainable occupancy of the territory, together with an improvement of the housing conditions and quality of life of their citizens.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CONGRESS

- 1 Field visit of the Metrex team and Latin American invited participants, in order to get to know the reality and challenges faced by the Santiago Metropolitan Region. The field visit will be in the Santiago Metropolitan Region, in order to present the current situation and the main challenges posed by the planning and development of this region up to 2020.
- 2 International Conference of Metropolitan Regions of Europe and Latin America 2009. Exchange of Chilean and International experiences on issues associated with city/territory relations in metropolitan regions, as contributions to the new challenges of spatial planning and development (from a practitioner/politician perspective) in this type of region and the identification of future common lines of work.
- 3 Internal Workshop with the organising bodies and external guests. Compared assessment of Chilean and International experiences as a basis for the development of a shared agenda in order to improve the spatial development processes and commit on lines of action for a future collaboration agenda.
- 4 Dissemination and Production of a technical paper with the case studies, presentations and findings and conclusions of the Congress.

CONTENT

- Approaches and alignments of Planning and Sustainable Development of Metropolitan Capital Regions.
- Socio-economic context (in Latin America and Europe)
- Current and prospective competitiveness of Metropolitan Regions.
- Metropolitan structures –building for change.
- Sustainability and Landscape. Environment, water, waste and ecology.
- Climate change, renewable energies. Context of the country and metropolitan cities/regions.
- Infrastructure and metropolitan regions: accessibility; transport; culture, civic centres and heritage; housing, urban development and social integration; architecture and urban design; other.
- Governance for development and social cohesion. Citizen participation.
- Spatial planning tools. Benefits and challenges for the harmonious development of territorial economic systems associated with the competitiveness and sustainability of metropolitan cities and regions.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Workshop/Seminar over two days, with the following provisional programme

Day 1
<p><u>MORNING:</u></p> <p>Module 1: Current situation and perspectives for Metropolitan Cities and Regions. Competitiveness, sustainability, quality of life and social integration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Experiences in Europe and Latin America.▪ The Chilean experience <p><u>AFTERNOON:</u></p> <p>Module 2: Models of Governance in Metropolitan Cities and Regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Experiences in Europe and Latin America.▪ The Chilean experience

Day 2

MORNING:

Module 3: Approaches and Alignments in Spatial Planning. Planning models and tools. Benefits and challenges for the harmonious development of Metropolitan Cities and Regions.

- Experiences in Europe and Latin America.
- The Chilean experience.

AFTERNOON:

Module 4: Infrastructure and Development of Metropolitan Cities/Regions; accessibility; transport; culture, civic centres and heritage; housing, urban development and social integration; architecture and urban design; other.

- Experiences in Europe and Latin America.
- The Chilean experience

Day 3:

Internal Workshop: MOP; MINVU; M. of Transport; SECTRA, GORE Metropolitano

MORNING:

Comparison of experiences in Europe and Latin America

AFTERNOON:

Conclusions for an agenda of potential issues for future work and exchange.

Closing Dinner

POTENTIAL INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

- List to be defined by Metrex

POTENTIAL SPEAKERS FROM CHILE

- Ministry of Public Works
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning
- Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications
- SECTRA
- Santiago Metropolitan Government
- Universities with their Urban Studies departments
- Expert urban planners from the Private Sector
- Practitioners of Urban and Spatial Planning from the invited Municipalities and Regional Governments

DELEGATES

- Managers MOP, MINVU, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SANTIAGO METROPOLITAN REGION REGIONAL GOVERNMENT National/Regional
- Practitioners from participating institutions - central services - and Regions.
- University Professors of spatial planning and development and urban issues.
- Representatives from the Private Sector (Associations, Trade Unions, Employers, among others.)

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE CONFERENCE

METREX delegates will cover their own air travel and hotel costs.

The following costs will have to be covered.

ITEM	APPROX COST	FUNDING
Transport for the field visit to the Metropolitan Region		To be defined
Lunch for field visit (50 persons)		To be defined
Refreshments for field visit		To be defined
8 coffee breaks for 200 persons		To be defined
4 lunches (50 persons)		To be defined
1 Conference dinner (50 persons)		To be defined
Invited speakers accommodation LA (10 invited speakers for 3 nights accommodation)		To be defined
Posters and leaflets		
Publication		
Venue (will try to arrange a CEPAL venue)	0	
TOTAL		

Santiago, 9 October 2009

Appendix 4

Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion - Questions for debate

The questions listed below cover the main issues described in this Green Paper and define the scope of the debate it is intended to initiate. The Commission will provide a synthesis of this debate in late Spring 2009.

1 Definition

Territorial cohesion brings new issues to the fore and puts a new emphasis on existing ones.

- What is the most appropriate definition of territorial cohesion?
- What additional elements would it bring to the current approach to economic and social cohesion as practiced by the European Union?

2 The scale and scope of territorial action

Territorial cohesion highlights the need for an integrated approach to addressing problems on an appropriate geographical scale, which may require local, regional and even national authorities to cooperate.

- Is there a role for the EU in promoting territorial cohesion? How could such a role be defined against the background of the principle of subsidiarity?
- How far should the territorial scale of policy intervention vary according to the nature of the problems addressed?
- Do areas with specific geographical features require special policy measures? If so, which measures?

3 Better cooperation

Increased cooperation across regional and national borders raises questions of governance.

- What role should the Commission play in encouraging and supporting territorial cooperation?
- Is there a need for new forms of territorial cooperation?
- Is there a need to develop new legislative and management tools to facilitate cooperation, including along the external borders?

4 Better coordination

Improving territorial cohesion implies better coordination between sectoral and territorial policies and improved coherence between territorial interventions.

- How can coordination between territorial and sectoral policies be improved?
- Which sectoral policies should give more consideration to their territorial impact when being designed? What tools could be developed in this regard?
- How can the coherence of territorial policies be strengthened?
- How can Community and national policies be better combined to contribute to territorial cohesion?

5 New territorial partnerships

The pursuit of territorial cohesion may also imply wider participation in the design and implementation of policies.

- Does the pursuit of territorial cohesion require the participation of new actors in policymaking, such as representatives of the social economy, local stakeholders, voluntary organisations and NGOs?
- How can the desired level of participation be achieved?

6 Improving understanding of territorial cohesion

- What quantitative/qualitative indicators should be developed at EU level to monitor characteristics and trends in territorial cohesion?

The Commission invites all interested parties to comment on the questions set out in this Green Paper. Replies and additional comments should be sent by 28 February 2009 to,

European Commission
DG Regional Policy
Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion
CSM1 4/161
B-1049 Brussels

or by email to,

REGIO-GreenPaper-Territorial@ec.europa.eu

Providing the sender agrees, contributions received electronically, together with the sender's contact details, will be put on the Green Paper website.

Appendix 5

Expert Group on Intra-Metropolitan Polycentricity

The following outline was presented to the Assembly by Hans Hede, Stockholm County Council, and agreed as the basis for the work of the Expert Group.

Focus

Best practice and exchange of knowledge between Metrex Metropolitan Regions on Intra-Metropolitan polycentricity. (The connection to Inter-Metropolitan polycentricity will most likely come up in discussions but is not the focus for this Expert Group.)

Timetable

An estimated 4 meetings 2009-2010. Start early 2009

Coordinating partner

Stockholm County Council
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Basic format for meetings

Meetings will circulate between participating partners. Start meeting in Stockholm or Stockholm Region Office in Brussels. In principle lunch to lunch meetings with one overnight stay allowing for about 8 (4+4) hours net workshop time including study visit in host region. Some meetings can be coordinated with METREX Meetings or Conferences to minimize travel etc. Reporting to regular METREX Managing Committee meetings.

Fields of exploration

In principle three aspects.

- Concept of polycentricity - theoretical background. Input from the academic/research world and perception of polycentricity among participating partners.
- Polycentricity in practice - presentation of cases from participating partners.
- Governance and implementation - presentation of experiences from participating partners. Stakeholder involvement.

Documentation

Overall conclusions and recommendations to METREX Network at end of project.

Input and output

Plans and reports from participating partners. Powerpoints preferred to thick reports. Concluding Report with Powerpoint.

Language

English - no organised interpretation. Whispering interpretation whenever necessary.

Budget

Participating partners pay own costs for travel, accommodation etc. Hosting partner (assuming circulating meetings among partners) pays for lunches, coffees, dinner if possible. If this is a problem then participating partners will pay.

Consultancy input

Nordregio – budget to be clarified

Interested metropolitan regions (not all confirmed)

Sofia

Saxon Triangle

Frankfurt/Rhein-Main

Emilia-Romagna

Napoli

Veneto

Mazovia

Gdansk-Sopot-Gdynia

Helsinki

City of Stockholm

Stockholm County Council (chair)