



METREX

The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas

6/8 October 2014 METREX Brussels Autumn Conference and GA

Theme METROPOLITAN DIMENSION to European affairs
Governance, Macro regions, Low carbon strategies and Metropolitan mobility

Host METREX

Support Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union
Brussels-Capital Region
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METREX is The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas. It was founded in 1996 at the Glasgow Metropolitan Regions Conference, supported by Local Authorities and Government bodies in the West of Scotland and DG Regio of the European Commission. Its purpose is the exchange of information, knowledge, understanding and experience in metropolitan affairs but with a core interest in spatial planning and development. It now has Members from some 50 of the major metropolitan areas in Europe, including the City of Brussels. METREX holds biannual Conferences and works through Expert Groups and Projects on issues of common interest. Details are at www.eurometrex.org

Monday 6 October 2014 Arrival

Programme METREX Brussels Autumn 2014 Conference

METREX Conference comprise two components, the Brussels Day and the METREX Day. The Brussels Day will be held in the Scotland House Conference Centre, on Tuesday 7 October, and the METREX Day at the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union, on Wednesday 8 October. There will be a Conference Dinner on Wednesday 8 October.

Venue details are shown in this Programme.



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Brussels City Hall

Monday 6 October 2014	METREX Brussels 2014 General Assembly and Conference
Reception	Hosted by Brussels-Capital Region
	Brussels Info Point - Salle des quichets 2-4 rue Royale B-1000 Bruxelles
18.45 - 19.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome by Mrs. VERKRUYSEN, Director General Urban Development Brussels and M. MAUFROY and M. Van De PUTTE, Director and Deputy Director, Urban Development Agency (ADT-ATO)
19.00 - 20.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drinks

Tuesday 7 October 2014	METREX Conference - Brussels Day
Conference Venue	Scotland House Conference Centre, Rondpoint Schumann
Programme	Brussels Day
Brussels Urban Development	The Administration of Urban Planning and Housing and the Urban Development Agency

The remit of the Administration of Urban Planning and Housing (AATL) is to the balanced, consistent and sustainable development of the territory of the manage Brussels-Capital Region, while meeting the basic social, economic and environmental needs of the population.

The Administration of Urban Planning and Housing (AATL) is responsible for various activities.

Planning - drawing up and monitoring development and zoning plans

Urban development - providing information and issuing regional building permits, issuing recommendations on communal permits

Housing in Brussels - improving the living conditions of Brussels inhabitants by granting renovation and improvement subsidies

Urban renewal - fighting against blots on the landscape, managing revitalisation programmes

Heritage property - conserving and integrating heritage property in daily life

Under the future Regional Sustainable Development Plan (PRDD), the Brussels-Capital Region envisages the construction of large works for the benefit of all inhabitants, in line with the various development goals. For more information, see our dedicated Large urban projects page.

Taken from www.brussels.irisnet.be

The Urban Development Agency (ADT-ATO) is responsible for improving knowledge of the territory and promoting urban development in the Brussels-Capital Region. It orientates urban development, ensuring the elaboration of sustainable and coherent urban policy.

The ADT observes and analyses urban phenomena (demographic, social and economic development in the Brussels-Capital region. It conducts studies and collects statistics on the Region. This information is used to formulate strategic proposals for improving the urban environment. The ADT plays a key role in drawing up the Regional Sustainable Development Plan (PRDD). It looks for the best solutions to urban development challenges and the latest trends in the Brussels-Capital Region.

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Programme	Brussels Day
Theme	METROPOLITAN DIMENSION to European affairs Governance, Macro regions, Low carbon strategies and Metropolitan mobility
9.00 - 10.00	Parallel Meetings of METREX Expert Groups (Details tbc)
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9.00 - 10.00	Meeting of the new METREX Managing Committee
10.00 - 10.30	Coffee break
Brussels presentations	
10.30 - 10.50	Context - 10 Keys to understand Brussels
10.50 - 11.20	Metropolitan issues in Brussels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different scales of the Brussels metropolitan area • Governance structures • Main issues to tackle - Permanent Info Forum between the three Regions • Examples of concrete cooperation
11.20 - 12.00	Metropolitan studies and plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project of Regional Plan for Sustainable development • Metropolitaan kerebied (Flanders region) and Noordrand (common study Flanders/Brussels) • Wallonia (tbc) • Metropolitan landscapes (common study Flanders/Brussels) • Metrolab (tbc)
12.00 - 12.55	Reactions and discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamburg, Zurich, Basel, Stockholm, Mazovia, Paris and London (tbc)
12.55 - 13.00	Presentation of the afternoon Programme
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.30	Orientation visit - Transfer by bus
14.30-17.30	Oreientation vist - Canal area and ERDF Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canal visit by boat followed by a walking tour • Brewery Belle-Vue (tbc)
17.30 close	Return by Metro line M1 (Journey time 18 minutes - Trains every 5 minutes)
Wednesday 8 October 2014	METREX Brussels 2014 General Assembly and Conference
<i>Conference Venue</i>	<i>Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union</i>
Programme	METREX General Assembly
9.00 - 10.00	METREX General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New METREX President and Managing Committee • Election of the new Managing Committee to office • Report back by the Bernd Steinacher Fellow 2012/2014 • Consideration and approval of the METREX Position Statement • Consideration and approval of a Programme of Activities for 2015/2016 • Consideration and approval of a Budget for 2015/2016
10.00 - 10.30	Coffee/tea

Wednesday 8 October 2014 **METREX Brussels 2014 Conference**

Conference Venue **Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union**

Theme **METROPOLITAN DIMENSION to European affairs
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10.30 - 10.45 **Welcome and introduction**

- Welcome address by Johannes JUNG, Head of the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU
- Introduction to the METROPOLITAN DIMENSION Position Statement
President of METREX, Nicola SCHELLING

10.45 - 12.30 **Governance in Metropolitan Regions and Opportunities for Macro Regions**

- Walter DEFFAA, Director General, DG Regional and Urban Policy
 - Rüdiger AHREND, Senior Economist, OECD
 - METREX exemplars - URMA Project, Adriatic-Ionian Region & Danube Strategy
- Discussion: Moderator - Katrina SICHEL

12.30 - 13.30 *Lunch*

13.30 - 15.15 **Metropolitan Regions: Key actors towards a Low Carbon, Smart & Sustainable Europe**

- Gunter SCHAFER, Head of Regional statistics and geographical information, Eurostat
 - Akshay PATKI, European Commission, DG Climate Action
 - METREX exemplars - Amsterdam, Stockholm Region and Region of Grand Lyon
- Discussion: Moderator - Katrina SICHEL

15.15 - 15.45 *Coffee/tea*

15.45 - 17.30 **New concepts for Metropolitan Mobility**

- Mark MAJOR, DG Mobility and Transport
 - METREX exemplars - Paris Ile-de-France Metropolitan Region, Stuttgart Region and Warsaw Metropolitan Area
 - Business/enterprise viewpoint - David BARNETT, Wrightbus Belfast
- Discussion: Moderator - Katrina SICHEL

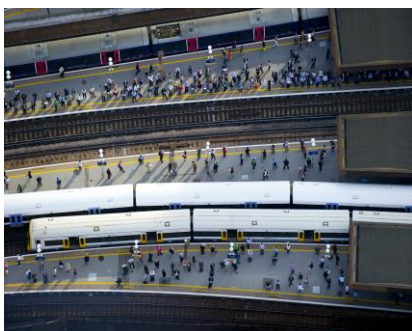
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18.00 - 19.30 **Launch of the METROPOLITAN DIMENSION Position Statement**

- Introduction by President of METREX, Nicola SCHELLING
- Günther OETTINGER, Vice President of the European Commission
- Rainer WIELAND, Vice President of the European Parliament
- Jan OLBRYCHT, Member of the European Parliament and President of the URBAN Intergroup 2009-2014

19.30 - 21.30 **Reception**

- Bernd Steinacher Fellowship 2014-2016



Conference themes



Registration, Hotels and Venues

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Registration

- METREX Members and other delegates can register through the METREX website at www.eurometrex.org

Registration deadline Friday 26 September

Conference hotels

- No Conference hotel has been selected because delegates may wish to choose from the range of locations and prices available in central Brussels and the EU quarter.

However, a selection of six convenient hotels can be viewed on the Scotland Europa web site at www.scotlandeuropa.com under the Conference Centre/Hotels button

Conference Venues

Venues

- Scotland House Conference Centre
Scotland House
Rond-Point Schuman 6
1040 Brussels
See www.scotlandeuropa.com for maps and contact details
- Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union
Rue Belliard 60-62
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The Conference is free to all METREX Members and invited guests