

METREX

The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas

24-26 April 2013

METREX Glasgow Spring Conference

Theme

The Metropolitan Dimension - The state of the Union

Hosts

Glasgow City Council and the GCVSDPA



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	<p>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 Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development and Planning Authority (GCVSDPA). METREX holds biannual Conferences and works through Expert Groups and Projects on issues of common member interest. Details are at www.eurometrex.org</p>
	Metropolitan Dimension
	<p>There is a range of key urban issues that can only be addressed effectively at the metropolitan level</p> <p>Urban structure - the balance to be struck between urban renewal (of land and buildings) and urban expansion</p> <p>Urban connectivity - the relationships between modes of transport for people and goods</p> <p>Economic change - the need for urban restructuring and development to cope with the consequences of growth or decline</p> <p>Social change - the need for urban development, facilities and services to respond to factors such as migration, demographic change and consumer expenditure change</p> <p>Environmental sustainability- the need to safeguard natural resources and balance their use and development with their capacity for regeneration</p> <p>Climate change - the need to mitigate urban greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the consequences of global warming</p> <p>Energy futures - the need to plan and develop for a decarbonised urban future</p>
	These are aspects of the Conference Theme that will be explored during the Glasgow Conference
	Contribution of spatial planning and development
	<p>There are key functions that spatial planning can contribute to effective metropolitan governance</p> <p>Preventing unsustainable development</p> <p>Safeguarding sensitive areas or resources</p> <p>Exercising foresight by taking a longer term view of development prospects</p> <p>Presenting possible futures for public consideration and debate</p> <p>Enabling the realisation of chosen spatial planning and development strategies</p> <p>Sustaining a chosen spatial planning and development strategy</p>
	These can also be explored during the Glasgow Conference
<p><i>"To plan is a basic human need"</i> Patrick Geddes</p>	
<p><i>Rodin's The Thinker, the original of which, appropriately, is in the Burrell Collection Conference venue</i></p>	

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	Exemplar of the German Metropolregions
	<p>Germany is foremost amongst European countries in adopting a comprehensive governance structure of Metropolregions giving powers to address the key issues that they face and the resources to realise the opportunities that can be foreseen. Eleven Metropolregions are now in place and most are Members of METREX. Germany has recognised the reality of a metropolitan dimension to European and national affairs and that, if the objectives of the Lisbon Strategy are to be realised, metropolitan areas must be recognised and established with powers of effective governance. Germany understands the need for metropolitan well being and competitiveness in the national and European interest.</p> <p>Scottish colleagues attending the METREX Glasgow Conference will be able to share their experience with colleagues from Germany in facing many of the same metropolitan problems and opportunities</p>
	Scottish experience
	<p>The Scottish Government has adopted an <i>Agenda for Cities</i> comprising a collaboration framework (the Scottish Cities Alliance) and a finance and investment framework, which seeks to ease public sector financial constraints and attract private sector investment. The Scottish Government recognises the important role of city region (metropolitan) planning, through the production of Strategic Development Plans (SDP), in supporting the National Planning Framework, Infrastructure Investment Plan and National Renewables Investment Plan. SDP can deal with such issues as connectivity within and between city-regions, planning for a low carbon future and the viability and vitality of city and town centres. The City Regions of Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Dundee have been invited to share their Strategic Development Plan experience with METREX colleagues from Europe.</p> <p>METREX colleagues attending the Glasgow Conference will be able to share their experience with colleagues in Scotland of dealing with these self same issues</p>
	<p>Glasgow and the Clyde Valley</p> <p>Glasgow and the Clyde Valley has a long and distinguished history of regional and metropolitan planning, dating back to the Clyde Valley Regional Plan prepared by Sir Patrick Abercrombie after the war. In 1976 Regional Councils were established in Scotland as comprehensive authorities with the powers to prepare and implement Structure Plans. The Strathclyde Strcuture Plan received the first European Award for its contribution to the renewal and regeneration of the Clydeside Conurbation. It's successor authority, the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development and Planning Authority (GCVSDPA), received a RTPI award for the pioneering use of the GRIP (Greenhouse Gas Inventory Process) mitigation scenario planning tool. Scotland has a unique process of metropolitan spatial planning and development governance and implementation. For example, in the Glasgow and Clyde Valley area the eight Local Authorities are both the local and strategic planning authorities. However, their strategic powers can only be exercised collectively through the preparation of a Strategic Development Plan.</p> <p>The GCVSDPA has recently completed a new Stratgic Development Plan and this, together with the City Plan for Glasgow, will be presented at the Conference</p> <p><i>The Burrell Collection Conference venue houses the astonishing art collection given to Glasgow</i></p>
	The Metropolitan Dimension - The state of the Union
	<p>At the METREX founding Conference in Glasgow in 1996 some 30 European metropolitan areas, from 20 countries, made presentations on their metropolitan spatial planning situation. The outcome provided a founding body of knowledge on which METREX was built and from which its understanding of a Metropolitan Dimension to European affairs has been developed.</p> <p>The METREX Glasgow 2013 spring Conference provides an opportunity to take a snapshot, across Europe, of progress in recognising a Metropolitan Dimension to European affairs and the role of spatial planning at this level.</p> <p>The Glasgow Conference has been structured to include an over view of national and metropolitan planning in Scotland, an insight into the exemplar of the German "metropolregions" and updates from key European metropolitan areas, on their strengths and weaknesses and the responses needed in their particular individual circumstances. Speakers have been asked to be forthright and radical.</p> <p>The intention is to take this wide ranging and authorititative assessment forward to the METREX 2013 autumnOdlo Conference and to then focus on action that METREX should take in the future to promote greater awareness and recognition of the benefits of spatial planning at themetropolitan level.</p>

Wednesday 24 April 2013	METREX Networking Day
METREX Networking Venue	Novotel Glasgow Centre
Programme	METREX Glasgow Spring 2013 Conference
14.00 - 18.00	Coffee, Tea and Registration at the Novotel
14.00 - 18.00	METREX Networking Meetings (Expert Groups and Projects)
14.00 - 16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • URMA - Urban and rural cooperation in metropolitoitan areas • ReMAC - Regenerative energy in Metropolitan Areas and Cities • COTER - Cohesion Territorial • DEVLAND - Standards for the provision of public open space and public facilities
16.00 - 18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHIMA - Planning for housing in metropolitan areas • PRIMA - Planning for retailing in metropoliatia areas • EconoMETREX - Economic development and spatial planning • InfraMETREX - Major Infrastructure
16.00 - 18.00	METREX Managing Committee Meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • METREX Managing Committee (MC)
14.00 and 16.00	Bus service 100 - the Riversider -to the Riverside Museum
Open 10.00 - 17.00 daily Buses will leave the Novotel for the Riverside Museum at 14.00 and 16.00 and return at 15.00 and 17.00	Glasgow's well-loved Museum of Transport has relocated to this spectacular waterfront landmark, designed by internationally-renowned architect, Zaha Hadid. The Riverside Museum is her first major public building in the UK. The dynamic new Riverside Museum displays Glasgow's rich industrial heritage, which stems from the River Clyde. The Tall Ship Glenlee is berthed alongside the Museum, creating a memorable experience in a stunning setting.
Reception Venue	Glasgow City Chambers, George Square
19.30 - 21.30	Reception hosted by Glasgow City Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music by the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Conference venue	The Burrell Collection Museum
Thursday and Friday 25-26 April 2013	The METREX Glasgow spring 2013 Conference will be held in the Burrel Collection

This award-winning building in the heart of Pollok Country Park houses a unique collection in a beautiful woodland setting. The collection is named after its donor, the shipping magnate Sir William Burrell. It is one of the greatest collections ever created by one person, comprising over 8000 objects. The Burrell houses an astonishing range of beautiful objects from around the world. The displays range from work by major artists, including Rodin, Degas and Cézanne, to important examples of late medieval art, Chinese and Islamic art, Ancient Civilizations and more.

Glasgow Museums - www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums



Riverside Museum and the tall Ship Glenlee - Friday Dinner venue

Thursday 25 April 2013	Scotland and Glasgow Day
Conference Venue	The Burrell Collection Museum
Programme	METREX Glasgow Spring 2013 Conference
8. 30	Buses leave the Novotel for the Burrell Collection
9. 00 - 9.05	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Harry CURRAN, Convener, GCVSDPA Albert LEBORIERO AMARO, President of METREX
9.05 - 9.30	Opening Address - Scottish Cities Alliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Government, Cities Strategy
9.30 - 10.00	Keynote address - Planning in Scotland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Planner/Director Directorate for the Built Environment, Scottish Executive
10.10 - 11.00	Scotland's Strategic Development Plans (SDP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stuart TAIT - Glasgow and the Clyde Valley SDP Ian ANGUS - Edinburgh and South East Scotland SDP David JENNINGS - Aberdeen City and Shire SDP Pam EWEN - Tayplan SDP
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee and tea
11.30 - 12.00	The City Plan for Glasgow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Planning Services
12.00 - 12.30	Planning in Scotland - Open Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair and Moderator - Vincent GOODSTADT Former President of the RTPI and GCVSDPA Structure Plan Manager Panel of speakers and all Conference delegates
12. 30 - 14. 00	Lunch
14. 00 - 17. 30	Orientation tour to Glasgow
14.00 - 15.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterfront and East End bus tour
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee and tea break at the Novotel
16. 00	Buses leave for the City Centre and Merchant City
16.15 - 17.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking tour of the City Centre and Merchant City
17. 30	Close of the Scotland and Glasgow Day
Evening free	City Centre and Merchant City restaurants

Restaurant suggestions

Princes Square, Buchanan Street
Jamie Oliver, George Square
Carluccios, West Nile Street
Rogano, Exchange Place
Sarti, Bath Street



The Burrell Collection Museum - Conference venue

Friday 26 April 2013	METREX Day
Conference Venue	The Burrell Collection Museum
Programme	METREX Glasgow Spring 2013 Conference
8. 30	Buses leave the Novotel for the Burrell Collection
9.00 - 9.15	Welcome and Introduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberto LEBORIERO AMARO, President of METREX
9.15 - 10.15	Keynote Address - The Metropolitan Dimension in Europe
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Klaus R. KUNZMANN, Professor, University of Dortmund. Professor Kunzmann has published extensively on the future of the European city
<i>10.15 - 10.45</i>	<i>Coffee and tea</i>
10.45 - 11.45	Keynote Address - The exemplar of the Metropolitan Dimension in Germany
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jakob RICHTER, Initiative Committee of European Metropolregions in Germany
11.45 - 12.30	Launch of the "Metropolitan Dimension" - Open Forum
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair and Moderator - Alberto LEBORIERO AMARO, President of METREX Roger READ, Secretary General, METREX Panel of speakers and all Conference delegates
<i>12.30 - 13.30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 - 15.00	Metropolitan Dimension - Best Practice
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ile-de-France - A Metropolitan Authority Institut d'Urbanisme Ile-de-France (IAU-Idf) Berlin-Brandenburg - A Joint Metropolitan Authority Joint Spatial Planning Department of Berlin-Brandenburg City of Amsterdam - A cooperative Metropolitan area Physical Planning Department, City of Amsterdam
<i>15.00 - 15.30</i>	<i>Coffee and tea</i>
15.30 - 16.30	Metropolitan Dimension - City of Moscow Plan Competition
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Moscow Plan Competition submissions and winner Institut for the General Plan of Moscow Professor Brian EVANS, Capital Cities Planning Group (CCPG) for the "City in the Forest" winning entry
<i>16.30-16.45</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclusions and issues to be taken forward to the Oslo Autumn Conference
<i>16.45 - 17.00</i>	<i>Invitation to the METREX Oslo Autumn 2013 Conference</i>
<i>17.00 - 18.00</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private view of the Burrell Collection Music by the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
19. 15	Buses leave the Novotel for the Tall Ship Glenlee
Venue	Tall Ship Glenlee
19.30	Conference Dinner hosted by the GCVSDPA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musical evening with Stephen Duffy Jazz
	<i>Tall Ship Glenlee Dinner venue</i>

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Registration

- METREX Members and other participants can register and download hotel information through the METREX website at www.eurometrex.org
The deadline for Conference registration is **Friday 5 April 2013.**

Conference fee £100 (€125) METREX Members and £175 (€220) non Members
Daily rate £90 (€115) non Members

Conference hotel (see also METREX website)

- Novotel Glasgow Centre
181 Pitt Street
Glasgow G2 4DT

Tel and Fax 00 44 (0)141 2222775 and 00 44 (0)141 2045438
E mail H3136@accor.com
Website www.novotel.com

Rate of £89 per night for single occupancy with breakfast included.

60 rooms have been reserved for nights of 24, 25 and 26 April.
Please use the booking code **METREX** when booking a hotel room.
The closing date for this booking rate is **Friday 5 April 2013.**

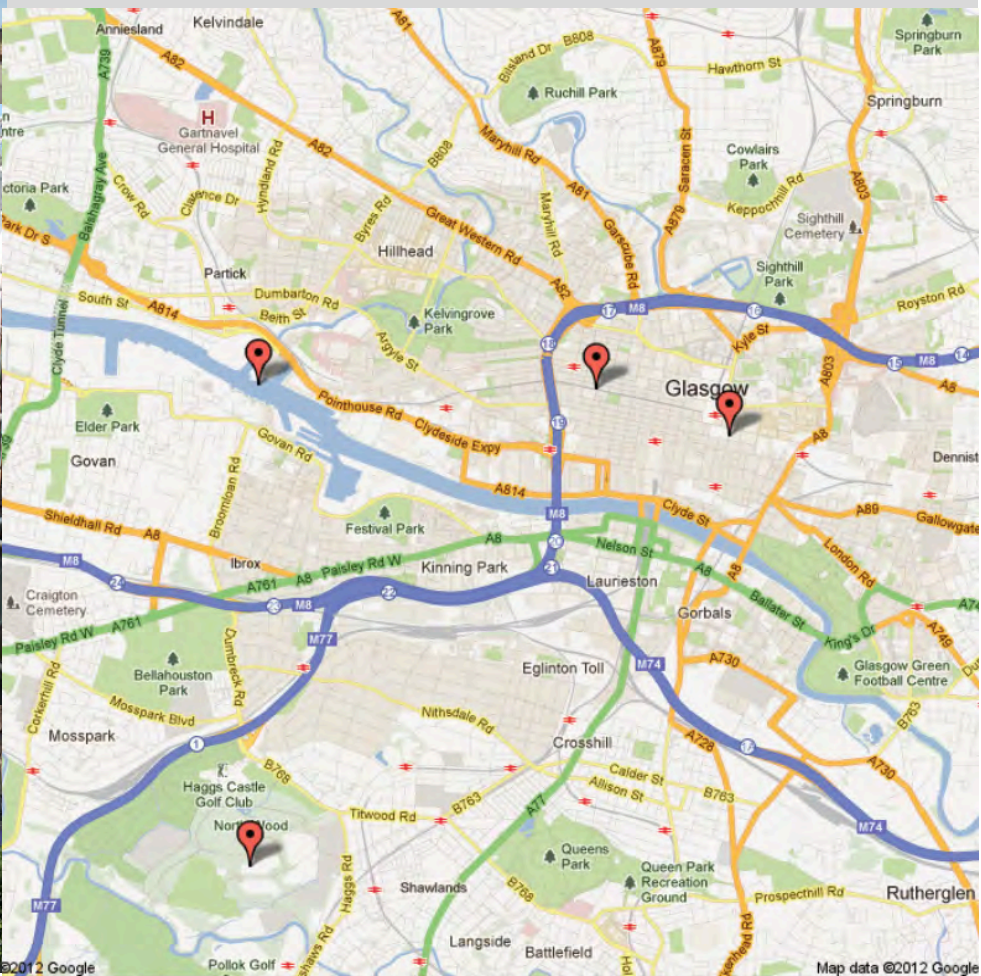
Delegates may wish to extend their stay for weekend and this can be arranged directly with the Novotel.



*Glasgow City Chambers,
the Wednesday Reception venue,
and the George Square wheel*





Novotel Glasgow Centre - Conference hotel and Wednesday Networking Meetings venue

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From the Waterfront to the City Centre

*Clyde waterfront developments -
Glasgow Science Centre
River Clyde Walkway from the
Waterfront to the City Centre
Princes Square shopping and
restaurant courtyard on
Buchanan Street*

-  Riverside Museum and the Tall Ship Glenlee
-  Burrell Collection - Conference Venue
-  Novotel Hotel
-  City Chambers

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The Italian Centre and other examples of renewal and regeneration in the Merchant City

President

- Alberto LEBORIERO AMARO, Comunidad de Madrid.

Secretary General

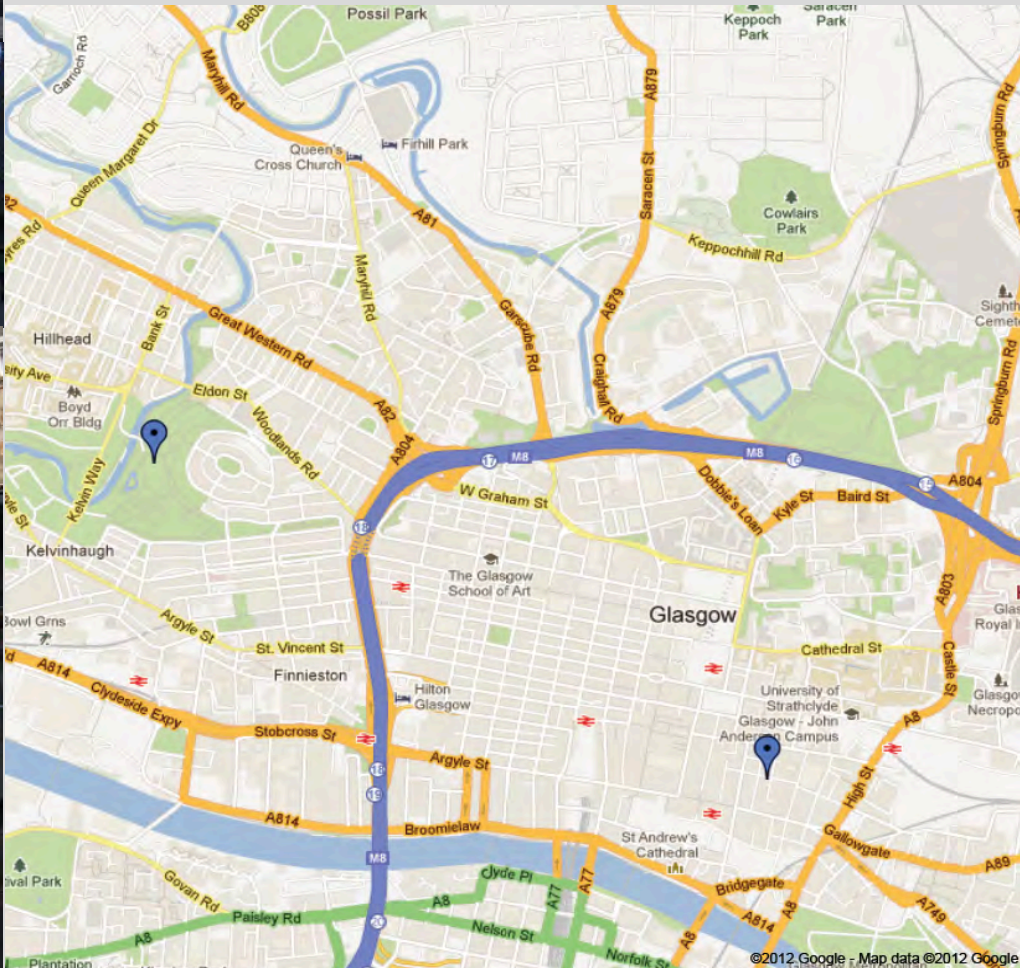
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- Merchant City
- West End

Conference Tours

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Staying on	Some weekend options

Glasgow

- Visit the outstanding Kelvingrove Museum

West Coast of Scotland

- Make round trip across the Clyde from Gourock to Dunoon, up Loch Eck to Loch Fynne, and back to Glasgow via Loch Lomond
- Lunch at the Loch Fynne Oyster Bar

Edinburgh

- Trains run every 15 minutes from Queen Street Station (off George Square). The journey takes about 50 minutes.

Tourist Information

- Visit the Glasgow web site at www.glasgowlife.org.uk
- Visit the Scotland web site at www.visitscotland.com
- Visit the Information Centre at 11 George Square

Novotel

- The Novotel can arrange additional weekend overnights for delegates



Kelvingrove Museum and Glasgow's West End- Jason Hawkes Aerial Photographer