

METREX Spring Conference 2017

The next meeting of the METREX network will be hosted by Stockholm County Council and will be held in **Stockholm on 31 May - 2 June 2017**. The event, taking place over three days, will include a Networking, Host and METREX day.

The Stockholm Day will explore the theme of '*Planning for social cohesion*'. The morning plenary will open with an introduction on the implementation of the Urban Agenda for the EU. This will be followed by presentations looking at the increase in socio-economic segregation in major European cities and how urban space effects social sustainability. The session will end with the presentation of RUF5 2050, the regional development plan for the Stockholm region and a peer review via a panel discussion.

In the afternoon, participants will be taken on study tours of the Stockholm region, visiting areas of segregation.

The theme for the METREX day will be '*Implementing EU strategies and programmes*'. The morning session opens with a view from the EU Commission on Macro-regional strategies and the implications for regional planning. This will be followed by a series of presentations highlighting adopted EU Strategies including the Baltic Sea Region, Alpine Region and Adriatic and Ionian Region. The Scandinavian-Mediterranean Core Network Corridor and the Maritime Plan for the Baltic Sea will also be featured.

Finally, participants will break into working groups to discuss the implementation of EU strategies in relation to regional spatial planning, this will conclude in a feedback session and panel discussion.

The METREX network will meet in the afternoon to discuss the ongoing development of the METREX business strategy.

Further information will be available in the draft conference programme.