**Metropolitan governance and functional areas.**

**Exploring functionality**

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1. **Outline**

Ten years after the adoption of the Leipzig Charter under the German EU Council Presidency, **integrated urban policy** is part of the political mainstream in Europe, yet the implementation process still poses questions. The principles of the Charter are as relevant today as they were back in 2007, however the context has changed both from a socio-political than from a policy framework viewpoint. Considering the ongoing further developments of the Leipzig Charter with respect to the German Council Presidency in 2020, **ESPON and EUKN join forces for the organization of a workshop** on “*Metropolitan governance and functional areas – Exploring functionality*”.

The objective is to reconcile the different understandings of the **notion of functionality**: indeed, cities and metropolitan areas are encountering crucial policy issues when it comes to their spatial development, due to the *de facto* (and sometimes *de jure*) existence of **functional** **urban areas** (FUAs), defining cities and their commuting zones. These FUAs extend beyond formal administrative boundaries: therefore, metropolitan areas often suffer from fragmented policy making. With the new draft regulation by the European Commission introducing the concept of “functional area”, the next generation of programmes post-2020 should be shaped around this concept. Which criteria make an area “functional”? And at which territorial level? The event will offer an arena to discuss to discuss the concrete methodological challenges encountered in defining functional areas both in cross-border as well as in urban contexts, exploring the numerous facets of this notion in its operational dimension.

1. **Programme**

**Moderation by** Henk Bouwman, METREX Secretary General

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| **09.30** | *Registration and Welcome Coffee*  |
| **10.00** | **Welcome** by Mr. Jiří Horáček, Director of ETC Department or Ms. Marie Zezůlková, Director of Regional Policy Department **Mission statement of the workshop**by Elja Diepenbrock, EUKN EGTC |
| **What is functionality? The research perspective** |
| **10.20** | **Perimeters of functional urban areas by** Vanya Simeonova, ESPON researcher on spatial dynamics and strategic planning in metropolitan areas**Cross-border functional areas by Bernd Schuh (tbc),** ESPON researcher on indicators and impact assessment of ETC programmes |
| **What is functionality? The practitioners’ perspective** |
| **11.10** | **Jaromir Hainc**, Director of our Department of Urban Design (IPR/CAMP) – Prague Municipality**Petr Sasinka**, Head of Department of ITI Management & Metropolitan Cooperation – City of Brno |
| **12.00** | *Lunch Break* |
| **Expert discussion (Chatham house rule)** |
| **13.00** | Session A**Functional Urban Areas and Regions in Europe: A tool to estimate indicators** by Katerina Jupova, Project Manager, GISAT | Session B |
| **14.30** | **The delimitation of Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI): the examples of Brno and Olomouc metro** by Charles University  |
| **15.30** | **Wrap up and next steps** |
| **16.00** | **End of meeting**  |