

Bernd Steinacher Fellowship

Apply for the Fellowship 2021-23

METREX seeks Fellowship nominations by **Friday 13 August 2021**, with a view to announcing the chosen Fellow at the METREX Autumn Conference, taking place 30 September to 1 October 2021.

Background

Bernd Steinacher was the Chief Executive Director of the Verband Region Stuttgart which has with its Regional Assembly the first metropolitan Parliament of its kind to be set up in Germany.

He was also President of METREX from 2004 until 2008, having served for two terms. During this time he was instrumental in introducing most of the other new German metropolitan areas to METREX. The Network was strengthened greatly during his Presidency.

Through Bernd's leadership, Stuttgart established strong ties with the United States, principally through the partnership between the Verband Region Stuttgart and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission – the first region-to-region

partnership between councils in Europe and North America.

This enabled METREX to add a truly global dimension to its affairs. It also gave regional councils in the U.S. greater and more formal learning channels to counterparts in Europe.

It is for these reasons that the Bernd Steinacher Fellowship has two general, but not exclusive, sources of support: METREX and Verband Region Stuttgart.

Terms of Reference

The purpose of the Fellowship will be to sustain the values and interests brought to METREX by Bernd Steinacher.

These include:

1. The value of Europe as an exemplar of international cooperation for a common good.
2. The value of a **metropolitan dimension** to European affairs, meaning the good governance of major urban areas and their areas of influence.
3. The inter-related nature of many of the key issues needing consideration at the metropolitan level and the need for joined-up thinking.
4. The value of **networking** as a means of exchanging information, knowledge and experience for mutual benefit.
5. The value of strong and mutually supportive personal relationships in international, European and metropolitan affairs.

Holders of the Bernd Steinacher Fellowship will be expected to present proposals to further any of these values and interests.

Contact

Please send nominations and applications to the METREX Secretary General, Henk Bouwman, on henk.bouwman@eurometrex.org.

Selection Procedure

Bernd Steinacher would have wanted the simplest possible procedure for the selection of a Fellow. The selection procedure will therefore be as follows:

- In the summer of a METREX Presidential electoral year METREX Members will be invited to nominate up to two Candidates. The Fellow will then be selected for confirmation at the METREX autumn Conference to hold the Fellowship until the next biennial Conference.
- The Fellowship will support the participation of the Fellow in the activities of METREX and contact with METREX members. Candidates might, therefore, be nominated persons from METREX member regions or areas, such as postgraduates, students or young professionals. They might be interested in making contact with colleagues in metropolitan areas, for example, in relation to their academic studies or to practitioner projects.
- Candidates will be asked to submit a one-page CV supported by a two-page outline of their motivation, proposed activities and anticipated experiences over their two-year Fellowship.
- Depending on the number of Candidates, the selection process may or may not involve a short list and (online) interviews.
- The selection of the Fellow will be made by the President of METREX and nominated colleagues from the Verband Region Stuttgart.
- The value of the Fellowship will be €2500 per year provided by METREX and the Verband Region Stuttgart and any additional sums that might be contributed.
- For example, the Fellowship may include a U.S. dimension, depending on funding.
- A Fellow will be asked to make a presentation to the METREX General Assembly when the Fellowship ends and to make the results of their work available to all METREX Members.



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