METREX SPRING CONFERENCE WROCLAW 2023

A Metropolitan answer to current crises in Europe: Rethinking resources, demography, resilience

Sunday 23 April

Optional afternoon programme for all who will arrive early

13:45-14:00
Starting place for afternoon walking tour:
Main building of the University of Wrocław
Meet at the main entrance
Address: Pl. Uniwersytecki 1 / Map

16:00 Panorama Raclawicka
Exposition of panorama painting „Battle of Panorama of Racławice” – a monumental cycloramic painting
Address: Purkyniego 11 street / Map

18:00 Informal Drinks at Zbawcy Win (winery)
Optional, at own expense.
Address: Pawła Włodkowica 9, 50-072 Wrocław, Poland
(website: https://zbawcy.pl/winiarnia-wroclaw/)
Monday 24 April Wrocław day

Venue: Bar Barbara, ul. Świdnicka 8b, Wrocław
Day moderator: Henk Bouwman

08:30  Registration
09:00  Welcome by Jakub Mazur
09:15  On Wrocław by Łukasz Medeksza
       o  Story and strategic points of Wrocław
       o  Wrocław Metropolitan governance
       o  Wrocław at the European stage

10:00  Intervention from Volodymyr Bondarenko, President of the
       Kyiv City Council

10:30  Break

Metropolitans on tour

11:00  Study visits to see Wrocław urban challenges (connected to
       parallel student workshop)
       ▪  Przedmieście Oławskie
       ▪  Społeczny Square

13:00  Lunch

Polish Metropolitan Regions and Areas explained

14:30  Framing the session in a European Context and in our
       METREX Metropolitan introduction to European context,
       Henk Bouwman

Introduction and moderation Jacek Barski, City of Wrocław

  o  City of Wrocław, - Jacek Barski
  o  GZM – Jacek Woźniakowski – Director, Socio-Economic
     Development and Cooperation Department,
     Górnośląsko-Zagłębiowska Metropolia (GZM)
  o  City of Warsaw/Warsaw Metropolitan Association –
     Maciej Fijałkowski
  o  West Pomerania – Marcin Szmyt, Director of the
     Strategic Management Department of the UMWZ
  o  Gdańsk - Piotr Lorens, City Architect

Discussion with audience
16:30 Reflections from Syamak Agha Babaei, 1st Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg and Vice-President of the Eurometropole de Strasbourg

17:00 Closing words Jakub Mazur

17:30 Close of the conference day 1

Venue: Sala Wielka Ratusza, Old Town Hall, Rynek 50, Wrocław

18:30 Evening reception/dinner in the City Centre - with the presence of the Mayor/Deputy Mayor of Wrocław

21:30 Close
Tuesday 25 April METREX Approach Day
Venue: Bar Barbara, ul. Świdnicka 8b, Wrocław
Day moderator: Henk Bouwman

08:30 Registration
09.00 Opening, Henk Bouwman Secretary-General METREX

Metropolitans at work

09:15 Introduction to Workshops by Katarzyna Piskorek
09:30 Metropolitans meet with the Next Generation on draft results of the student workshops
10:30 Exchange and reflections – reviewing students' work, commentary
11:30 Conclusions of the workshops
12:30 Lunch

Metropolitan Vision for Europe 2050: a way forward

14:00 Presentation by Jakub Mazur and Łukasz Medeksza
14:20 Wojciech Deska, European Investment Bank
14:35 Reflections from Politicians
   o Jan Olbrycht, Member of European Parliament
   o Juraj Droba member in the EU Commission for territorial Policy and EU Budget (COTER) (tbc)
   o Ritva Viljanen, Mayor of Vantaa
   o Luisa Salguiero, Mayor of Matosinhos and member of the Global Parliament of Mayors
   o Syamak Agha Babaei, 1st Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg and Vice-President of the Eurometropole de Strasbourg

15:45 break

16:00 Roundtable: Reflections from invited international experts and METREX members, moderated by Ivan Tosics, Metropolitan Research Institute:
   o Olgierd Dziekoński
   o Xavier Tiana Metropolitan Area Barcelona / EMA
   o František Kubeš City of Brno - Brno Metropolitan Area
Giannina Panatau Bucharest Metropolitan Area
Maciej Zathey Institute for Territorial Development
Lower Silesia
Debate including the audience.

17:30 Close of the Conference by Henk Bouwman

Evening Event
Venue: Centrum Historii Zajezdnia with guided visit in Zajezdnia Centre, ul. Grabiszyńska 184

19:00 Arrival at the Venue
19:00 Start of guided Tour
20:00 Conference Dinner
22:00 End of dinner

Wednesday 26 April METREX Networking Day

Venue: Starting at Building no. 21 (Institute of International Studies), room 144 (first floor)

Wrocław University, ul.
Koszarowa 3

09:00-10:00 Members’ General Assembly
• Update on 2022 and upcoming activities
• METREX conferences
• Bernd Steinacher Fellowship
• Launch of the MC Elections for term 2023-2025
• METREX sounding board
• Next steps for the Metropolitan Vision
• Additional agenda items from the floor
• Close

10:00 Followed by
Presentation by Kamil Glinka, METREX Bernd Steinacher Fellow

10:30-12:30 Expert and Network Group Meetings – Round 1
• Nordic-Baltic Network
• SURE Eurodelta

12:30-13:00 Working Lunch
13:00-15:00  Expert and Network Group Meetings – Round 2
  ▪ Metropolitan Climate Challenge
  ▪ Metropolitan Governance & Strategies
together with Metropolitan Landscapes – urban-rural partnerships (focus on Farm to Fork and Gastronomy)

15:00  European Metropolises in Response to COVID-19
      (Post)Pandemic Crisis – Recovery, Renewal and Resilience
Discussion session at the conference organised by our
METREX Bernd Steinacher Fellow – 26 – 28 April 2023