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## Bernd Steinacher Fellowship

### Invitation to apply for 2024-2025 programme

***The Bernd Steinacher Fellowship is a two-year programme aimed at supporting research on metropolitan issues by a student or early-career professional.***

*Deadline for applications: midnight 3 November 2023*

*Fellowship to begin 1 January 2024*

#### About Bernd Steinacher

Bernd Steinacher was the Regional Director of the Verband Region Stuttgart with its directly elected the Regional Assembly.

Mr. Steinacher was also President of METREX from 2004 until 2008. During this time, Mr. Steinacher was instrumental in introducing most of the other new German metropolitan areas to METREX. The network was strengthened greatly during his Presidency.

Through Mr. Steinacher's leadership, Stuttgart established strong ties with the United States, principally through a partnership with 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 US greater and more formal learning channels to counterparts in Europe.

#### The Fellowship

The METREX Managing Committee established the fellowship in 2010 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.

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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.

### Selection Procedure

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

- In the summer of a METREX Management Committee 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 region or areas, such as postgraduates, students or early-career 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.
- The Fellowship supports young professionals/students, strongly related to the field of the Metropolitan dimension. It can be combined with a PhD process.
- Candidates should be based in Europe.
- The selection process involves a shortlist and interview.
- 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 is €2.500 per year provided by METREX and the Verband Region Stuttgart. Additional sums may be contributed by agreement with METREX and Verband Region Stuttgart, according to project costs. For example, the Fellowship may include a US dimension, depending on funding.
- The Fellow is invited to the bi-annual METREX conferences. Expenses for travel and accommodation will be covered by METREX.

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- A Fellow will be asked to make a presentation to the METREX General Assembly when the Fellowship ends and to make the results of his work available to all METREX Members.

### How to apply

Candidates are requested 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.

Please send this to the METREX Secretary General, Henk Bouwman ([henk.bouwman@eurometrex.org](mailto:henk.bouwman@eurometrex.org)) copied to Stephen Gallagher ([stephen.gallagher@eurometrex.org](mailto:stephen.gallagher@eurometrex.org)).

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