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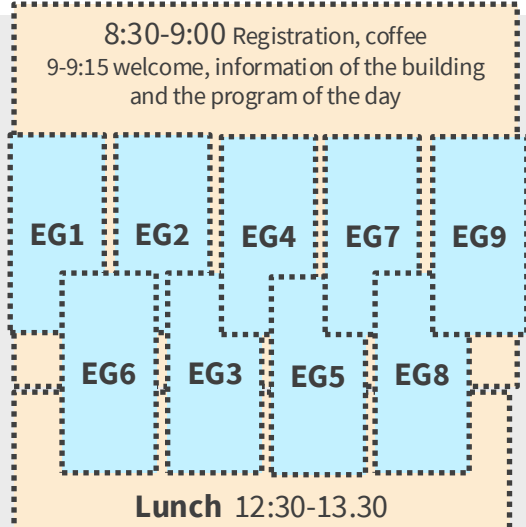
Metrex conference in Helsinki 10.-12.6.2026: Theme working session 1 Ideas / Green transition handbook

**Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council and the City of Helsinki/
Ilona and Alpo, proposal for Metrex Expert Groups 12.5.2026**

METREX Helsinki
Conference 10.-12.6.2026

**“From Polycrisis to
 Multibenefits – Promoting
 Holistic Sustainability in
 Spatial Planning”
 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

Expert Groups & Thematic Sessions
 Location URBAN ENVIRONMENT HOUSE KYMP
WED 10.6.
**GROUP MEETINGS,
 + RECEPTION, EVENING CRUISE**



13:30-13:50 Launch of the New Expert Group & introduction to Thematic sessions

THEMATIC SESSION 1 13:50-15:30 Auditorium 84 pers Regional Council + Hki city/ Green Transition Hand Book + Chairs: Petra Ståhl + Alpo Tani, + the VISI-group+expert groups	THEMATIC SESSION 2 13:50-15:30 Aava 54 pers Hki CITY: CASE Kruunuvuori Bridge
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17:00-18:00 **RECEPTION,**
 Helsinki City Hall

18:30-21 **BOAT CRUISE**
 new seafront
 development areas

Location OODI Central Library
THU 11.6.
**CONFERENCE DAY
 & SAUNA, CONFERENCE DINNER**

9-9:30 Registration, coffee

Conference 9:30-16
 Location OODI Central Library

9:30 -9:45 OFFICIAL OPENING
 9:45 – 10:05 Orientation to the Region and the City of Helsinki
 10:05-10:20 Regional Data Supporting sustainable planning
 10:20-10:50 KEYNOTE 1 Introduction to the theme (polycrisis, multibenefits)/ PhD Ville Lähde
 11:20-11:50: KEYNOTE 2 Sustainable Urban Development in The City of Helsinki
 11:50 – 12:40 VISIO Regional Plan PEER REVIEW
 12:45 – 13:15 WRAP UP PANEL DISCUSSION

Lunch 13:15-14:15

14:15-15:10 Case examples & discussion: R-Map -project , Wroclaw / blue & green strategy, City of Milan, Facing Polycrisis Enriching Metropolitan Governance (TBC)
 15:10 – 15:30 KEYNOTE 3 Martin Arts: The Transformation of Great European Cities
 15:30-16:00 Panel Discussion
 16:00-16:10 Wrap-up and Close of the day

17-20 **SAUNA (optional)
 & Free time**
 (In Uunisaari Island)

20-23 **CONFERENCE DINNER**
 (In Uunisaari Island)

Location URBAN ENVIRONMENT HOUSE KYMP
FRI 12.6.
EXCURSIONS, GA

coffee

METREX GENERAL ASSEMBLY
9:00-11:00

+ Info about the excursions

11:00-13:00 **Working Lunch**
 At Kellohalli Restaurant
 Future of Metrex, Wrapping Up

”City Excursion”
 13:00-15:30
 Organizer City of Helsinki

”Regional Excursion”
 by bus
 13:00-16:30
 City of Helsinki,
 City of Vantaa
 Organizer: Regional Council
 → Airport
 → Helsinki

Note! 12th June Helsinki Day – lots of nice happenings around the city!

TUE 9.6.
POSSIBLE PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

FOR EXAMPLE
 TÖÖLÖNLAHTI PARK,
 GUIDED WALKING TOUR IN THE
 Some preliminary ideas

METREX Spring Conference in Helsinki will be a great opportunity for METREX Expert Groups to **bring more members into the conversation** and to **contribute to the conference theme** across a wide range of policy domains. **Day 1 (10 June) is fully dedicated to Expert Group work:** In the morning, expert groups meet and, among other things, prepare for the afternoon sessions, and in the afternoon, group representatives share their views in two thematic sessions.

Our proposition for concept for Wednesday 10.6. afternoon theme sessions :

2 different theme sessions will be hosted by the organizers

- 1. Green Transition Handbook /Regional Council + Helsinki City**
- 2. Transport and city planning / Helsinki City**

An introduction to the theme /presentation by the host
+ comments and open discussion from Expert Group members.

Related to the theme, we introduce specific questions to Expert Group participants in advance and invite peer support or benchmark examples around it. This could also help participants better choose which sessions are most relevant to them and allow them to prepare a bit in advance, for example in the morning Expert Groups. We hope that in each theme session there will be a mix of participants from different expert groups – to ensure the holistic approach to the theme in question.



METREX HELSINKI CONFERENCE /THEME SESSION 10.6. afternoon:
"GREEN TRANSITION HANDBOOK" Concept idea

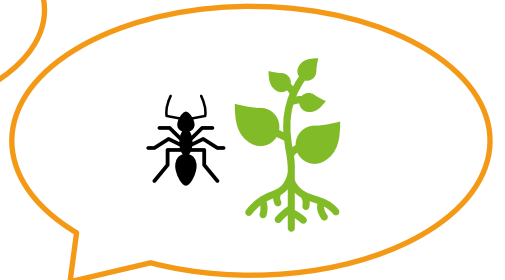
Presentation from a hosting organization, comments, feedback, peer support from Metrex members from different Expert Groups



ECONOMICAL

SOCIAL

ENVIRONMENTAL



Green Transition Handbook session on Wed 10 June at 13.45-15.30

Form: Sitting panel of 3 representatives of expert groups + 2 chairs (Petra Ståhl, Mayor of Lohja City and Alpo Tani from Helsinki City/Climate Challenge Expert Group)

Objectives:

To present the Green Transition Handbook, compiled as a result of 2 years of work by the Green Transition Cooperation Group, which is aimed especially at the public sector and contains good and bad practices related to the promotion of the green transition

Ask Metrex's European urban regions, represented by Metrex's various expert groups, **for an international mirroring of the examples presented in the handbook**, as well as experiences and good practices of their design inspired by our examples

To compile good practices for promoting the green transition through regional planning in Metrex's urban areas, both in Uusimaa and in other European city regions

To inspire and encourage both parties (Uusimaa and Metrex) to **try new and more effective ways to promote the green transition** through regional planning, to exchange experiences and to strengthen the collegial network



Green Transition Handbook session on Wed 10 June

Themes of the presentation and commentary questions from the handbook:

- **1. Acceptability, interaction and communication of the green transition –** Prepared comment/question / **Metropolitan Climate Challenge Expert Group:**
What should be done in the interaction and communication of planning to increase acceptability, and what should be avoided? How to build trust and co-operation? How to balance local adverse effects with global benefits? (cf. our examples)
- **2. The energy transition –** Prepared comment/question / **EconoMETREX 2.0 EG:**
How does energy transition affect land use, how can planning support the energy transition, how could the energy entity (e.g. energy sufficiency and prioritization of projects) be coordinated and by whom?
- **3. Circular economy innovations –** Prepared comment/question / **Spatial Planning for the Circular Economy EG:** *How can spatial planning support the circular economy on different scales (cf. our examples)?*



Green Transition Handbook session on Wed 10 June

Themes of the presentation and commentary questions from the handbook continues...

Bonus questions if we have time:

- **4. Nature, environment and natural resources** – Prepared comment/question / **Metropolitan Climate Challenge Expert Group**: *How should the impacts of transition projects to the nature and environment be assessed and communicated? How to compensate for the disadvantages with benefits locally?*
- **5. The green transition of industry** – Prepared comment/question / **EconoMETREX 2.0 EG**: *How can (regional) planning support the development of green transition innovation ecosystems that, among other things, make use of each other's expertise as well as waste streams and by-products?*
- **6. Regional planning and strategy work** – Prepared comment/question / **Metropolitan Climate Challenge EG**: *How to implement the region's common green transition goals in individual municipalities and regions - challenges and potentials, good (and bad) examples of regional planning and strategies?*
- **7. Green Transition Co-operation Group's Concept – to all panel&audience**: *How do you view the group's concept? Do you have a similar regional or municipal network in your area to support the green transition? What key questions should be addressed, and what should the focus be?*

