



METREX

The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas

18-20 Sept 2013 **METREX Oslo-Akershus autumn Conference**

Themes

Day 1 - Regional planning goals, policy and reality and Day 2 - Sustainability

Hosts

City of Oslo and Akershus County Council



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"The blue and the green and the city in between"

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METREX is The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas. It was founded in 1996 at the Glasgow Metropolitan Regions Conference, supported by Local Authorities and Government bodies in the West of Scotland and DG Regio of the European Commission. Its purpose is the exchange of information, knowledge, understanding and experience in metropolitan affairs but with a core interest in spatial planning and development. It now has Members from some 50 of the major metropolitan areas in Europe, including Oslo and Akershus. Details can be found at www.eurometrex.org METREX holds biannual Conferences and works through Expert Groups and Projects on issues of common member interest. Details are at www.eurometrex.org

Oslo and Akershus

Oslo

625 000 inhabitants
The fastest growing capital in Europe
The blue and the green and the city in between
Changing the waterfront
Investing in culture



Akershus

565 000 inhabitants
A green, fast growing and diverse region with everything from pleasant coastal areas and agriculture to small cities, the biggest airport in Scandinavia and the headquarters for several multinational companies.

Changing the waterfront



Investing in culture

Wednesday 18 September 2013	Networking Day
<i>Networking Venue</i>	<i>Oslo City Hall</i>
Programme	METREX Oslo-Akershus autumn 2013 Conference
11.00 - 13.00	Nordic Network (venue tbc)
14.00 - 16.00	Parallel Meetings of METREX Expert Groups (Details tbc)
16.00 - 18.00	METREX Managing Committee Meeting
19.30 - 22.00	Reception in Oslo City Hall



Oslo City Hall

<i>Conference Venue</i>	<i>Gamle Logen (The Old Lodge)</i>
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Gamle Logen (The Old Lodge) - Grev Wedels plass 2, 0151 Oslo

Thursday 19 September 2013	Oslo and Akershus Day
Conference Venue	<i>Gamle Logen (The Old Lodge)</i>
Programme	METREX Oslo-Akershus autumn 2013 Conference
9.00 - 9.20	Welcome and Introduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberto LEBOREIRO AMARO, President of METREX Oslo-Akershus politicians
Moderator	<i>Jan EDØY, Counsellor for regional and local affairs, Norwegian Mission to the EU</i>
9.20 - 10.00	How can city-regions help to achieve EU 2020 goals?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expectations of metropolitan regions Ms Charlina VITCHEVA, Director, Directorate General for regional an Urban Policy <p><i>Questions</i></p>
10.00 - 10.40	A national perspective on Oslo & Akershus
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hallgeir AALBU, Director General, Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development <p><i>Questions</i></p>
<i>10.40 - 11.00</i>	<i>Pause</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Regional Planning cooperation (land use and transportation) in Oslo-Akershus
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Planning Secretariat Marit Øhrn LANGSLET, Planning advisor, Akershus County Council
11.30 - 12.00	Comments from three European metropolises - local Municipality & the City of Oslo
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European metropolises: Stockholm, Wien and Paris (tbc) Local Municipality: Bærum City of Oslo
<i>12.30 - 13.30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 - 17.30	Site visits
<i>14.00 - 16.00</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterfront (walking): The Fjord City is Oslo's great sustainable development project, and gives public access to Oslo's waterfront. The city and water will be linked to each other via parks, plazas, commons and a waterfront promenade. Includes a tour of the Oslo Opera House. West Corridor - Fornebu (bus tour): A new residential and business area in the process of development where the main airport for Oslo used to be. The overall plan calls for 6.000 homes and 15.000 jobs in the Fornebu area.
Venue	<i>Leangkollen</i>
19.30	Conference Dinner
	<i>Bus departs for the conference dinner in front of the hotel at 18:30</i>



Leangkollen

Friday 20 September 2013	METREX Day
Conference Venue	Gamle Logen (The Old Lodge)
Programme	METREX Oslo-Akershus autumn 2013 Conference
Moderator	<i>Jan EDØY, Councillor for regional and local affairs, Norwegian Mission to the EU</i>
Theme	Sustainability
9.00 - 9.15	Sustainable cities in times of crisis
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberto LEBOREIRO AMARO, President of METREX
9.15 - 9.45	RURBAN - Sustainable urban-rural partnerships
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Betty-Anne BRYCE, Regional Development Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD
9.45 - 10.15	Sustainable cities - implementation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stef LE FEVRE, Urban Planner and Coordinator, City of Amsterdam
10.15 - 10.45	Oslo transport investment packages
	<p>Urban and regional partnership for transport development and toll-ring funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terje ROGNLIEN, Leader, Secretariat for Oslo Package 3
<i>10.45 - 11.15</i>	<i>Coffee and tea</i>
11.15 - 11.45	Can cities and their regions play a role towards a low carbon economy by facilitating the use of electric and hydrogen cars?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marieke REIJALT, Hyer
11.45 - 12.15	Integration between business and urban development
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per RIISOM, Director, Nordic City Network.
<i>12.15 - 13.15</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
	Future Directions
13.15 - 14.00	European metropolis - challenges and opportunities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ivan TOSICS, MRI Budapest
14.00 - 14.40	How can we develop and form towns at a secondary level in the metropolitan hierarchy?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ewa WESTERMARK, Gehl Architects
14.40 - 15.20	European City Regions - the state of play in our understanding of challenges & solutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter MEHLBYE, ESPON
15.20 - 15.30	Invitation to the METREX spring 2014 Conference in Mitteldeutschland (Leipzig)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinhard WÖLPERT, Metropolregion Mitteldeutschland
<i>15.30</i>	<i>Close of Conference and delegates depart</i>

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Registration

- METREX Members and other participants can register and download hotel information through the METREX website at www.eurometrex.org

Deadline for Conference Registration Friday 6 September 2013

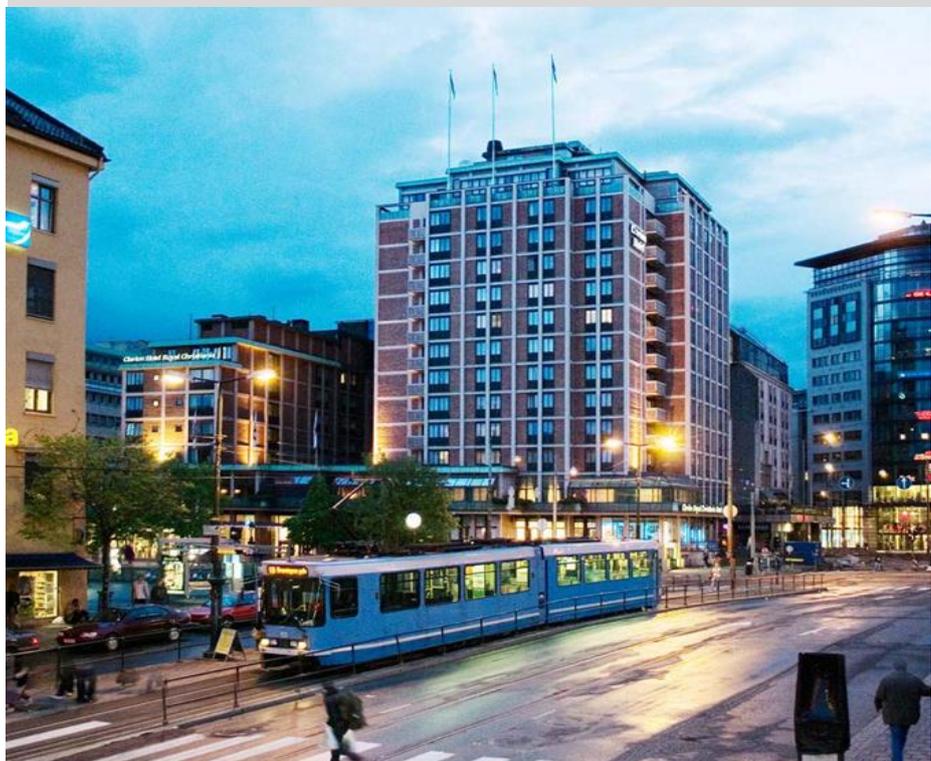
Conference hotel (see also METREX website)

- Clarion Hotel Royal Christiania
Biskop Gunnerus Gate 3
0155 Oslo

Phone (47) 23 10 80 00
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booking.chrc@choice.no
www.clarionhotel.com

Rate of approx. £125 / €150 for single occupancy with breakfast included.
Booking code 444505

Deadline for hotel reservations Friday 23 August 2013



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Oslo-Akershus regional context

