METREX – Monthly: Metropolitan scenarios for Post-Pandemic Challenges
Debate on how to approach the post-covid challenges

In autumn 2020, with over half a year living with measures to fight the Covid-19 virus, first outputs of monitoring showed up. 18 November, Oslo hosted an online Eurocities event on exchanging on direct measures and consequences of the pandemic. Only two months later, we are experiencing the second wave of infections, but also the second round of very strict measures to fight the spread of infections.
And after almost a year living with the restrictive measures, a shimmer of the vast consequences on society is beginning to show.

At the METREX Monthly event of 21 January, we will follow up on the earlier event and monitoring work done by various research institutions, like the OECD and ESPON, and the metropolitan regions themselves.
In the lunch hour event, we will get an insight in the consequences on economy as a whole, and focus on mobility, work and human behaviour in that.

The programme gives three introductions from European Metropolitan regions and then the floor is open for questions and debate.

12:00   Opening
        Henk Bouwman – METREX secretary general

12:05   Jakob Richter - Head of Hamburg Metropolitan Region
        • Effects on the authorities' budgets
        • Main challenges

12:20   Thierry Petit - senior economist L'Institut Paris region
        •   Monitoring and measuring the effects (Paris region)
        • And questions arising from these first results

12:35   Sandeep Shingadia - Director for development and delivery
        Transport for West-Midlands, Greater Birmingham (WMCA)
        • Effects on mobility
        • Effects on human behaviour

12:50   Debate
        • Would a scenario approach be a way forward

- What are the areas that are expected to change profoundly and what main topics would be first to work on
- What could be a way forward and who like to get involved in such process

13:25   Conclusions

13:30   Close

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