

METREX SPRING CONFERENCE WROCŁAW 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 Raławicka
Exposition of panorama painting „Battle of Panorama of Raławice” – 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**

- Story and strategic points of Wrocław
- Wrocław Metropolitan governance
- 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

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

Discussion with audience

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- 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

- **Jan Olbrycht**, Member of European Parliament
- **Juraj Droba** member in the EU Commission for territorial Policy and EU Budget (COTER) (tbc)
- **Ritva Viljanen**, Mayor of Vantaa
- **Luisa Salguiero**, Mayor of Matosinhos and member of the Global Parliament of Mayors
- **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:

- **Olgierd Dziekoński**
- **Xavier Tiana** Metropolitan Area Barcelona / EMA
- **František Kubeš** City of Brno - Brno Metropolitan Area

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- **Giannina Panatau** Bucharest Metropolitan Area
 - **Maciej Zathay** 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

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- 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