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Registration

If you are interested in one of our workshops or the panel discussion, please register on the Open Days website. The workshop codes to help you find our events in the online program version more quickly are shown in the workshop descriptions in this flyer. Attendance at the events is free of charge. The conference languages are German and English.

Online registration is possible at www.opendays.europa.eu from July 6, 2009. This official website also contains further information about Open Days 2009 in Brussels.

There are also informative exhibitions for each of the workshops to provide in-depth information.

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The consequences of the worldwide climate change emphatically show us what is already happening in the everyday life of many of the cities and regions in Europe: certain challenges can no longer be solved in the given areas. One possible answer to these challenges is large-scale cooperation in urban-rural partnerships, naturally cross-border as well. Nuremberg Metropolitan Region together with METREX partners is

therefore participating actively as "Urban-rural alliances – METREX plus" at the Open Days 2009 in Brussels. Three events are offered on transport, energy and regional governance. I am delighted that the Bavarian State Minister for Federal and European Affairs, Emilia Müller, has made the Bavarian Representation in Brussels available for the partners of "Urban-rural alliances – METREX plus" and would like to sincerely thank her.

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Dr. Ulrich Maly | Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg, Chairman of the Council of Nuremberg Metropolitan Region



More than 50 European Metropolitan Regions have joined forces in METREX. Cities and regions are working together on projects, exchanging views and contributing their specialist knowledge to European policies. With projects such as "EU_{CO2} 80/50" (reduction of CO₂ emission), "InterMETREXplus" and "PolyMETREXplus", METREX is supporting the targets of the Lisbon-Gothenburg Strategy and territorial cohesion. Polycentrality and urban-rural alliances are core themes. Nuremberg Metropolitan Region as lead partner in the Open Days conglomerate "Urban-rural alliances – METREX plus" together with other European partners has prepared an active program for 2009. Use the event and discuss with us the answers and solutions contributed by the regional players in Europe.

Roger Read | Secretary General METREX

October 6, 2009

10:00-12:15 | WORKSHOP – 06B02

Transformation of energy system through renewable energies and energy efficiency in buildings – chances of urban-rural partnerships

Chair | **Dr. Peter Pluschke**, Director of Department of Environment and Health, Nuremberg, Germany

Speakers | **Erich Maurer** – ENERGIEregion Nuremberg, Germany; **Dr. Burkhard Schulze-Darup** – Architekturbüro Schulze-Darup und Partner, Nuremberg, Germany; **Staffan Bolminger** – Gothenburg, Schweden; **Alfons Finkers** – The Hague, Netherlands

Statements | **Eva Rundholz** – Bayreuth Bioenergy Region, Germany; **Dr. Robert Schmidt** – West-Central Franconian Renewable Energy Network, Germany

The workshop will focus on "Renewable Energy/Bioenergy" and "Energy Efficiency in Buildings" (mainly passive houses).

Solutions will be presented for regions, local authorities and the private sector.

Experts from various institutions and European countries are going to present methods and projects for reducing CO₂ emissions. One main focus will be on the prospects for urban-rural alliances in bioenergy projects and the improvement of energy efficiency in buildings. The West-Central Franconian Renewable Energy Network and the Bayreuth Bioenergy Region will contribute their experiences in Germany, likewise the cities of Gothenburg and The Hague.

14:30-16:15 | WORKSHOP – 06C10

Climate change and cohesion as challenges for cooperation in Trans-European transport projects TEN-T 1, TEN-T 18 and TEN-T 22

Chair | **Roger Read**, METREX, Glasgow, Great Britain

Speakers | **Dr. Gerhard Jakisch** – Coordinator DONAUHANSE, Vienna City Administration, Austria; **Harald Leupold** – CEO Hafen Nürnberg-Roth GmbH, Germany; **Alessandro Marino** – Secretary General Italian Chamber of Trade, Munich, Germany; **Herald Ruyters** – Head of Department DG Energy and Transport, European Commission

New challenges such as climate change and further economic growth, international competitiveness and cohesion must also be seen in connection with future Trans-European transport policy.

The workshop will show the development of an intermodal rail freight system for the TEN-T 1 transport axis (Berlin-Nuremberg-Bologna-Palermo) for trans-alpine transport to Italy and its impacts on CO₂ emissions and traffic loads. Projects and plans in and involving the Danube region will be presented based on the transport axes TEN-T 18 (Rhine/Meuse-Main-Danube inland waterway) and TEN-T 22 (rail transport: Athens-Sofia-Vienna-Prague-Nuremberg/Dresden). Another challenge presented is the China Landbridge project. The aim of this project is to network the freight terminals in Changping/Beijing and Nuremberg with regular container trains. The context for the workshop projects is provided by the results of the Green Book Consultations on TEN Transport, which are contributed by the Directorate General for Energy and Transport, EU Commission.

16:45-18:30 | PANEL DISCUSSION – 06D08

Territorial cohesion – Metropolitan Regions as new forms of urban-rural partnership and territorial governance model

Chair | **Dr. Ulrich Maly** – Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg, Chairman of the Council of Nuremberg Metropolitan Region, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Germany

Speakers | **Emilia Müller** – Bavarian State Minister for Federal and European Affairs, Germany; **Dr. Dirk Ahner** – Director General DG Regio, European Commission, Belgium; **Dott. Claudio Tolomelli** – InterMETREXplus Emilia-Romagna (METREX-Partner), Italy; **Dr. Birgit Seelbinder** – President Euregio Egrensis, Germany

Cohesion is an especially important aspect of European politics. Six territorial priorities are defined in the Territorial Agenda and the Action Program for its implementation. Two of these, namely "polycentral development" and "new forms of partnership and territorial governance" are examined more closely in this discussion and reflected on from a European, national and regional viewpoint. Experiences from METREX regions show how cohesion can succeed as a responsibility community for urban and rural regions. For example, Nuremberg Metropolitan Region is conducting a Federal Regional Planning Model Project (MORO), in which this is specifically implemented by regional clusters, the strengthening of regional economic cycles and the cross-border cooperation of Euregio Egrensis.