



INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

Have we reached a limit in making the city? Metropolisation of river basins - between threats and opportunities

A forward-looking and interactive discussion between global practitioners and local stakeholders to explore metropolitan development scenarios in the river basins.
Open to all professionals active in all fields of urban development.

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The river, a product of nature, parent of the city, powerful yet fragile, is an axis of communication and exploitation. Its renewed consideration in planning and development provides an opportunity to take a transverse approach to the issues of territories, in the diversity of their scales, their components and their players.

The river is a major component in the metropolitan system.

The river is seen as a genuine opportunity to construct an integrated project to ensure the balanced development of what is a major component of metropolitan ecosystem.

To achieve this all decision-makers and partners must come together around this supra-municipal "land-space" which, in order to exist, needs to be understood on territorial scale which transcend current administrative and political management practices. The system, a network which needs to be considered in all development projects and on all territorial scales with the implementation of an approach making it possible to federate policies and projects for the integrated development of its resources is required.

Monday 14 May

Afternoon visit of the Danube between Vienna and Schwechat for the speakers

Tuesday 15 May

INTA - REAL CORP Round Table

Moderator: Paul Gerretsen (Deltametropool, NL)

Sessions:

1. Governance of the disparity of development along a "river" region
2. Environment: have we reached a limit in the urbanisation and metropolisation of our territories?
3. Infrastructure-led urban and metropolitan developments along water corridors
4. Social development: is there a logic, or a natural process, at work when urbanisation switches into metropolisation?

You can follow and participate to the preparatory debate on the topics of the roundtable [here](#)

1st morning session: 9.00-10.30

Governance of the disparity of development along a "river" region

Can sharing a natural asset such as a river basin, be a leverage for a coherent and cohesive development policy between stakeholders at various stage of economic and social development

Presentations

Markus Damm and Volkmar Pamer, Tina Vienna and City of Vienna (Austria)

The Donauhanse Network, cross-regional cooperation and the evolution of the CUPA implementation labs.

Paul Gerretsen (animator): Deltametropool (The Netherlands)

Designing space and water management in the Rhine-Meuse Delta

Marek Dinka, City of Bratislava (Slovakia)

BAUM project: Spatial development of the city of Bratislava with the neighbouring Austrian municipalities

Pietro Elisei, URBASOFIA/PLANUM.NET (Romania)

The Danube Strategy and the Romanian Cities, the Danube as catalyzer of regional and urban development in Romania: Ongoing strategies, policies and promising projects.

Coffee break with the participants of the REAL CORP Conference and CORP EXPO

2nd morning session: 11.00-12.30

Environment: have we reached a limit in the urbanisation and metropolisation of our territories?

Climate change is modifying the regime of watercourses, deltas and maritime fronts. The continuous process of urbanisation creates a risk for the future development of these fragile areas. Yet rivers as environmental corridors have the potential to contribute towards environmental EU targets with energy production, water management and treatment, sustainable means of transport...

Presentations

Han Meyer, TU Delft (Netherlands)

Climate change and the future of the South Holland urban system

Ahmed Khan: project SECOA-Solutions for environmental contrasts in coastal areas (Belgium)

The ever changing coastal natural environments affected by climate change within a metropolitan area.

Lunch break with the participants of the REAL CORP Conference and CORP EXPO

1st afternoon session: 14.00-15.30

Infrastructure-led urban and metropolitan developments along water corridors

In an economic environment where major investments have to be rationalised, how to share large infrastructures? Infrastructure has a strong impact on the development of the city itself, yet at the same time it enables transport and connections with other cities along the river, creating a system.

At the same time the linear system along the river is usually supported by a secondary transversal system of distribution in the region. How to manage these multi-scalar systems?

Presentations

Christopher De Vries: The European Infrastructure Laboratory

Network and knowledge exchange between the Rhine and the Danube

Thomas Kiwitt: Managing Director Verband Region Stuttgart (Germany)

Coffee break with the participants of the REAL CORP Conference and CORP EXPO

2nd afternoon session: 16.00-17.30

Social development: is there a logic, or a natural process, at work when urbanisation switches into metropolisation?

How to maintain a balanced urban system and resist the trend of continuous urbanisation along waterways and river basin? What is the habitat we are creating along the river? What is the potential quality of life that is being created?

Presentations

Markus Vogl: querkraft architekten zt gmbh (Austria)

The Donau Feld Project: new ways of living along the river, how to ensure public participation in the management of open spaces

Darko Polic: City of Novi Sad (Serbia)

Dinner and evening event from 19.00 with the participants of the REAL CORP Conference and CORP EXPO

Registrations are open!

One day fee is 200 euro

Three day fee for the full CORP conference is 315 euro

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Join and contribute to the ongoing discussion on
Which metropolitan development in the river basins?

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