

## Metropolises Facing the Crisis: Global Challenge, Local Answers?

International meeting in the heart of Île-de-France / 12 and 13 October 2009, in collaboration with *Les Echos* and *France 24*

Hemicycle Building, Regional Council of Île-de-France  
57, rue de Babylone  
75007 Paris

*Provisional Program*

### Monday 12 October

9.30-11 h **Round Table Discussion No. 1. Local Governments: Actors and Driving Forces behind the Struggle Against the Crisis**

How can local governments position themselves as complementary actors in the actions of States and with what efficacy? What recognition is given local governments at the international scale?

11-11.15 h Coffee break

11.15-13 h **Round Table Discussion No. 2. Is the ecological transition an acceptable response to the crisis?**

Under what conditions and with the participation of which local powers can sustainable development be a way out of the crisis? How can we build an intelligent and sustainable model of attraction?

- *Climate change and urban development: challenges in the crisis*
- *Green Growth in the US? A New Deal between the State and the cities?*
- *Copenhagen Summit: Toward A New World?*

13 -14.30 h Lunch offered by the Ile-de-France Region

14.30-17.45 h **Round Table Discussion No. 3. Metropolises Facing the Crisis: Should Development Models be Reconsidered?**

How is the financial crisis calling the different models of local development into question? To what extent does the crisis serve as an accelerator of changes and tools to select the viability of existing models?

14.30-16h

## First Part

- *“Measuring Economic Performance”. Beyond GDP.*
- *Competitiveness, innovation, financial crisis and climate change*
- *New collaborations for innovation*

16.00-16.15h

Coffee break

16.15-18h

## Second Part

- *How can we find a way out of the crisis? Do cities play a central role in this context?*
- *Does the metropolitan region constitute a tool of government as a way out of the crisis?*
- *Can we tackle the crisis through major projects?*

16.15-18 h

Closing Event

New Collaborations to Overcome the Financial Crisis

18-18.30 h

**Press conference**

20-22 h

Gala dinner offered by the President of METROPOLIS  
Paris dinner cruise on the Seine

## Tuesday 13 October (morning)

9.30-11 h

**Extraordinary Executive Committee and presentation of the World Fund for City Development to METROPOLIS members and collaborating members (closed session)**

13 h

Meeting ends

Interpretation in French, English and Spanish will be available