

## Talents, Tolerance, Technology – The metropolitan future of Europe

### Targets

- > To demonstrate the role of metropolitan regions in the Lisbon Agenda
- > To communicate the need to focus on metropolitan regions as drivers of growth and innovation in Europe.
- > To explore strands of action for exploiting the potentials of the metropolitan future of Europe

### Organizers

- > METREX, the network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas
- > Verband Region Stuttgart
- > Hamburg Metropolitan Region

### Date

7 March 2006, afternoon (14.00-16.30)

### Venue

Committee of the Regions, Brussels, Belgium

## Agenda

### Welcome and introduction

Dr Bernd **Steinacher**, Verband Region Stuttgart, President of METREX

### Welcome address

Gerhard **Stahl**, Secretary General, Committee of the Regions, Brussels, Belgium

### Keynote address

Prof. Alan **Barrell**, Entrepreneur in Residence, University of Cambridge, Great Britain

*Interpretation to and from  
DE, EN, FR, IT and ES  
will be provided*

### Moderated open forum

Prof.ssa Mercedes **Bresso**, President of Piedmont Region, Italy

Joost **van Iersel**, European Economic and Social Committee, The Hague, The Netherlands

Dr Georg **Jarzembowski**, Member of the European Parliament, Hamburg, Germany

Fabienne **Keller**, Lord Mayor, Strasbourg, France (tbc)

Oriol **Nel-Lo i Colom**, Secretari per a la Planificació Territorial, Generalitat de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain (tbc)

Dr Bernd **Steinacher**, Verband Region Stuttgart, President of METREX

David **White**, Director of Innovation Policy, DG Enterprise and Industry, Brussels, Belgium

NN, Representative of the Presidency of the European Union, Austria

moderated by:  
Dr Rolf **Linkohr**, former MEP

## Walking Dinner reception