

"BRUSSELS-METROPOLIS" CALL TO TENDER

EXPLANATORY NOTE

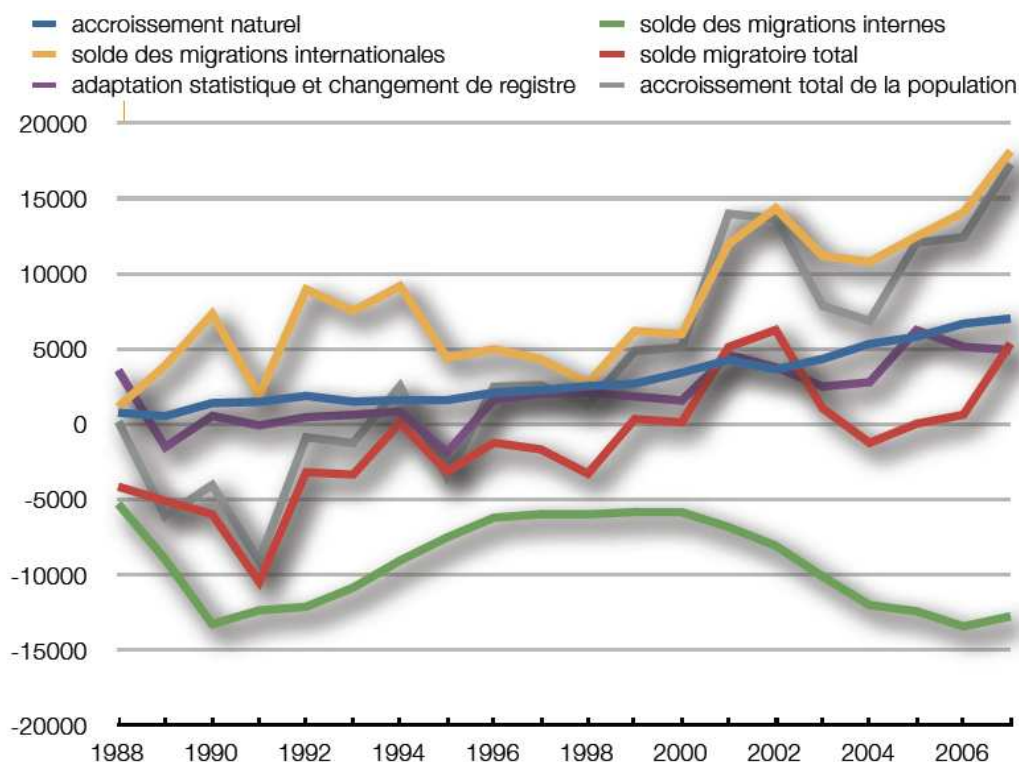
1. GENERAL BACKGROUND TO THE PRESENT CONTRACT

This contract forms a part of the work on a new Regional Development Plan (PRD – articles 16 to 22 of the COBAT): the sustainable regional development plan (PRDD) as set out in the Government agreement of 12 July 2009 and in the government statement to the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region on 1 October 2009.

This statement of intent puts the emphasis on the need to take account of the new challenges which are emerging, and to meet five major objectives of regional development:

- **The challenge of demographic growth**

Brussels has experienced a reversal of the trend between the first PRD, the policy aim of which was to reverse the urban exodus and the second PRD which heralded gradual population growth, and the situation today, when forecasts indicate that Brussels is on the brink of rapid population growth – the Planning Office anticipates a population increase of some 170,000 in the short-term (2020). This rise is mainly due to a high internal birth rate and to a significant migratory flow, partly as a result of the enlargement of the European Union.



Graphique 2. Facteurs de l'évolution récente de la population bruxelloise.
Source: Registre National, DGSIE, retraitement par Interface Demography

However, let us not forget that the urban exodus is still with us, since between 15,000 and 20,000 people leave the Region every year to settle on the periphery, while 10,000 people move away from the periphery to live in the Region. It should be added that the young population (0-14 years) will rise at a proportionally greater rate between now and

2020. Further, one child in three is born in a family with no working income; one young person in three between the ages of 18 and 25 is a fully unemployed job-seeker in receipt of benefit. International migrations, often economic in nature, increase this often vulnerable category of the population for which coordinated reception policies are necessary.

More particularly, we observe that the population is growing fastest in certain municipalities in the west, which are the most deprived in the Region. This situation forces these municipalities to provide the services and facilities inherent in the expansion and increasing insecurity of the population. It also increases the east-west imbalance in the development of Brussels (the challenge of social divisions).

	2000	2006	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
Population au 1 ^{er} janvier	959.318	1.018.804	1.072.063	1.200.108	1.255.791	1.264.310	1.289.164	1.327.652
Solde naturel	3.413	6.669	9.274	11.232	10.509	9.474	9.612	9.881
Naissances	13.626	16.214	18.553	20.117	19.244	18.724	19.384	19.855
Décès	10.213	9.545	9.279	8.885	8.735	9.250	9.772	9.954
Solde migrations internes	-5.861	-13.457	-15.724	-16.381	-16.822	-16.560	-16.890	-17.425
Immigrations internes	69.403	76.946	85.255	91.931	91.724	91.644	93.339	95.314
Émigrations internes	75.264	90.403	100.979	108.312	108.546	108.204	110.229	112.739
Solde migrations externes	6.741	17.588	20.745	15.347	7.712	8.533	10.864	11.698
Immigrations externes	222.729	35.482	40.645	38.660	29.883	29.076	31.533	32.986
Émigrations externes	15.988	17.894	19.900	23.313	22.171	20.543	20.669	21.288
Accroissement population	4.293	10.800	14.295	10.198	1.399	1.447	3.586	4.157
Ajustement statistique	794	1.611	0	0	0	0	0	0
Population au 31 décembre	964.405	1.031.215	1.086.358	1.210.306	1.257.190	1.265.757	1.292.750	1.331.806

- The **challenge of employment, training and education**, more important than ever in the light of the impact of the economic crisis provoked by the recent financial crisis, in combination with demographic growth which results in more and more unqualified young people entering the labour market (the demographic challenge).
- The **environmental challenge** which means that Brussels should become a model of sustainable development and mobility. This challenge is a potential economic source of job creation, and can play a part in promoting the international image of the Region.
- The **challenge of the fight against poverty and social divisions within the city** which requires the intensification of horizontal and localised social, economic and cultural policies targeting measures in the most deprived areas and neighbourhoods, and actively fighting against all forms of discrimination.
- The **challenge of internationalisation**, which now more than ever constitutes the role Brussels but which must succeed better in including the people of Brussels and be of greater benefit to the residents of the city. This dynamic ought to benefit all sections of the populations, in particular the least qualified, and should actively contribute to fighting the risks of social exclusion.

The importance of reviewing the entire **Brussels metropolitan area** (and thus not just the territory of the Region in strictly institutional terms) is also highlighted in this statement of intent.

2. DRAFTING THE PRDD

The drafting and development of this new PRDD will involve several stages, and the subject of the present contract will form a key element .

The entire drafting process will play out at two territorial and two temporal levels.

The long term vision will be established across the entire Brussels metropolitan area (the RER zone) over a timescale extending to 2040; meanwhile, the 2020 target relates to the strategic measures established under the PRDD and only concerns the 19 municipalities which make up the Brussels-Capital Region.

Establishing a diagnosis

A first stage in evaluating sectoral and horizontal policies is now under way. This evaluation is being conducted in the form of questionnaires the summary of which is provided to bidders for the present contract.

The results of a study aiming to refine knowledge of the metropolitan area by mapping the source data and current strategic projects in the RER zone are also provided to bidders for the present contract.

Spatial, strategic and horizontal reflections at different levels

At a subsequent stage two activities will be carried out in parallel:

A major planning study will be conducted by a specialist consultant. This study will focus on a joint diagnosis, on the identification of long-term challenges and on developing a long-term vision shared by the various players; it will emphasise the participative processes and support the Brussels-Capital Region throughout the drafting of the PRDD.

- A study aiming to develop an overall vision of the metropolitan area over a timescale extending to 2040. **It is this study which is the subject of the present call to tender.**

These two studies will be conducted essentially simultaneously to allow for the essential interactions between them.

Finalisation and definition of the draft PRDD

Finally, the finalisation and definition of the draft PRDD will bring the whole process to a close, drawing on the work and conclusions of the earlier studies.

3. SUBJECT OF THE CALL TO TENDER

The present call to tender relates to:

- the development of an **overall vision of the metropolitan area in the long term (2040)**.. The analysis will cover the RER zone as a minimum (135 municipalities listed in Annex 4); this exercise will culminate in the production of one or more scenarios for the future of the "City". The options will be set out at territorial and metropolitan levels;
- the definition of **strategic proposals for measures to be implemented** in the very short term (end of the current parliamentary term, i.e. 2014) and in the short and medium term (PRDD timescale, 2020) which will make it possible to achieve the long-term overall metropolitan vision (2040). These proposed measures may only apply to the area of the Brussels-Capital Region (BCR).

4. NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND CONTRACT AMOUNT

Apart from its strategic significance to the development of the PRDD, **the distinctive nature of this call to tender lies in its methods of execution. Three multidisciplinary teams will work independently but in parallel on this same subject**, with regular meetings organised jointly with the planning study.

The contract will be awarded to three tenderers at the flat-rate price of **€ 200 000 ex VAT each**

5. CONTRACT CONTENTS

The mission will be carried out in four stages over a maximum total period of 6 months ending no later than within the two first months of 2011.

A drafting procedure will be established which provides for the greatest possible cross-disciplinary links between **the three chosen teams** and between these three teams and the planning study. There will be on-going and continuous discussions between the various parties involved.

Stage 1: spatial translation of the diagnosis of the condition of the Brussels metropolitan area

This stage will aim to produce a spatial translation of the diagnosis of the condition of the Brussels metropolitan area which exposes its functional aspects (multiple interrelations, cohesion and competition existing within the metropolitan and in its external relations), the assets and weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the territory.

The duration of this the first stage may be no longer than 1.5 months.

Stage 2: the development of an overall vision of the metropolitan area in the long term (2040), covering the whole Brussels metropolitan area

This is a matter of defining an overall vision for the Brussels metropolitan area in the long term (2040). It will incorporate the aspect of sustainable development as repeatedly emphasised in the different statements of the Brussels-Capital Region government.

The duration of this the second stage may be no longer than 3 months.

The documents in annex set out the limits of the RER zone and the list of municipalities concerned.

Stage 3: drawing up proposals for measures for the very short-term (2014), and for the short and medium term (2020)

In conjunction with their respective overall visions of the metropolitan area in the year 2040 developed in the preceding stage, each of the successful tenderers will issue of proposals for strategic measures for implementation in the very short, short and medium term which will make it possible to achieve the long-term vision for the metropolitan area. These measures will be spatially limited to the territory of the Brussels-Capital Region.

The duration of this the third stage may be no longer than 1 month.

Stage 4: review and drafting of the final report

This final stage will be used by the contract principal and the tenderers to review the aspects raised during stages 2 and 3 of the work.

6. PROPOSED TIMETABLE

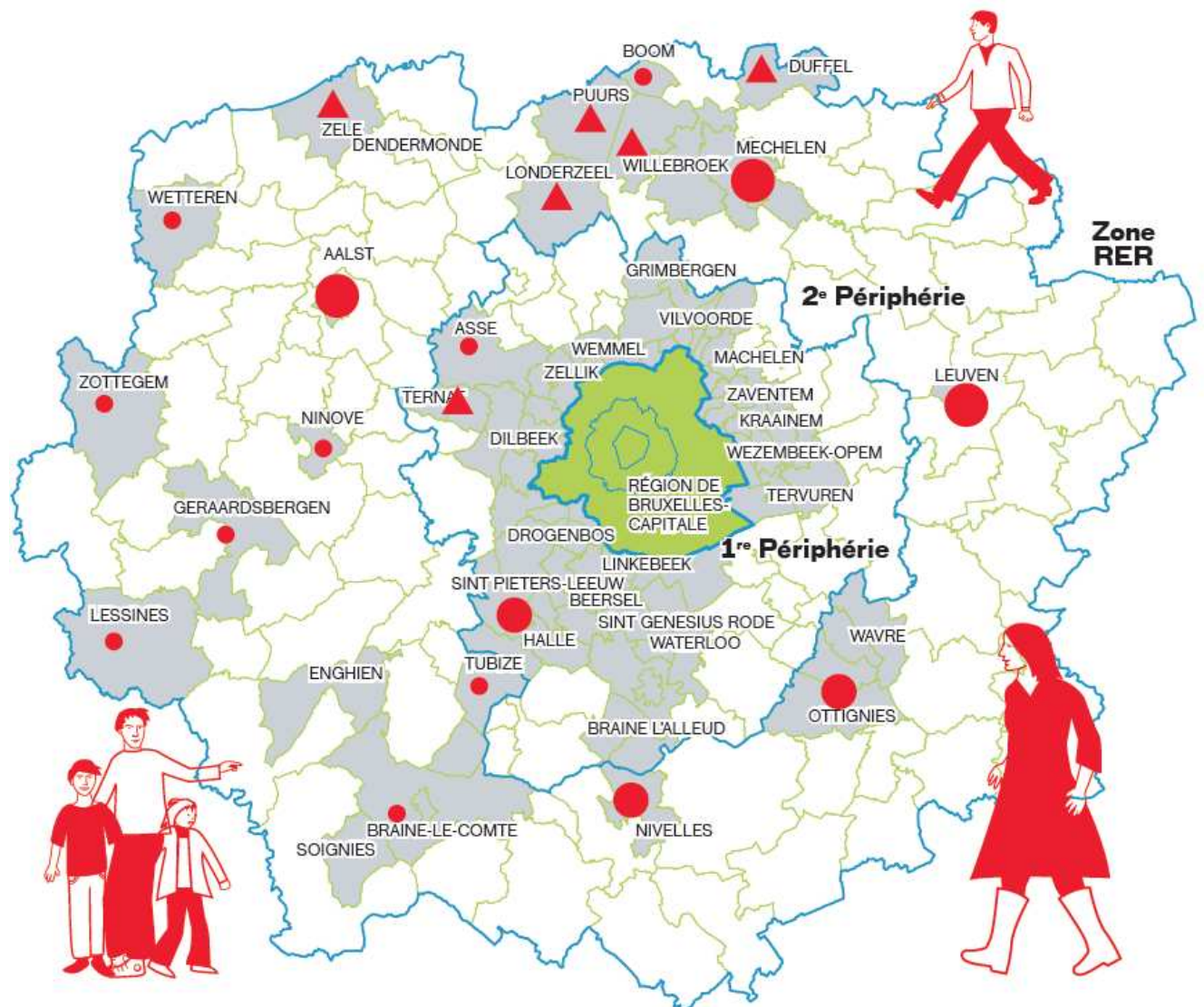
The probable timetable for these works will be as follows:

1. Reception of applications: 9 March
2. Despatch of invitations to tender: 10 April
3. Reception of tenders: 30 May
4. Award of contract to the three best bidders: 30 June 2010
5. Development of the territorial vision: 15 July 2010 - 15 January 2011

7. ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS

At the end of the project, the contract principal will notify the result to the public through the organisation of an exhibition and the possible publication of a work setting out the long-term metropolitan visions (2040) proposed by the tenderers. To this end, tenderers should produce various graphic media intended for this communication. The details regarding the documents to be supplied will be given during the negotiation stage.

ANNEX: RER ZONE



Zone urbaine de la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale



Autres zones urbaines



Noeud économique



Ville



RBC = 19 communes

1^{re} Périphérie = 52 communes

(19 + 33 communes

de l'anneau de 1^{re} Périphérie)

2^e Périphérie = 135 communes

(52 + 83 communes de l'anneau

de 2^e Périphérie) = Zone RER

RER Zone (135 municipalities)

2.9 million inhabitants occupying 1.21 million of the 1.33 million jobs proposed over the zone (4 359 km²).

Commune	Province	Région	Zone RER		wallonie	flandre
			RBC	1ère périphérie		
Anderlecht		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Auderghem		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Berchem-Ste-Agathe		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Bruxelles-Ville		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Etterbeek		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Evere		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Forest		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Ganshoren		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Ixelles		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Jette		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Koekelberg		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Molenbeek-St-Jean		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
St-Gilles		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
St-Josse-ten-Noode		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Schaerbeek		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Uccle		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Watermael-Boitsfort		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Woluwe-St-Lambert		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Woluwe-St-Pierre		Bruxelles-Capitale	1			
Aalst	Oost-Vlaanderen	Flandre			1	1
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Berlare	Antwerpen	Flandre			1	1
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Bever	Vlaams-Brabant	Flandre			1	1
Bierbeek	Vlaams-Brabant	Flandre			1	1
Bonheiden	Antwerpen	Flandre			1	1
Boom	Antwerpen	Flandre			1	1
Boortmeerbeek	Vlaams-Brabant	Flandre			1	1
Boutersem	Vlaams-Brabant	Flandre			1	1
Braine-l'Alleud	Brabant Wallon	Wallonie		1		1
Braine-le-Château	Brabant Wallon	Wallonie		1		1
Braine-le-Comte	Hainaut	Wallonie			1	1
Brakel	Oost-Vlaanderen	Flandre			1	1
Buggenhout	Oost-Vlaanderen	Flandre			1	1
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Chaumont-Gistoux	Brabant Wallon	Wallonie			1	1
Court-St-Etienne	Brabant Wallon	Wallonie			1	1
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Dendermonde	Oost-Vlaanderen	Flandre			1	1
Dilbeek	Vlaams-Brabant	Flandre		1		1
Drogenbos	Vlaams-Brabant	Flandre		1		1
Duffel	Antwerpen	Flandre			1	1
Ecaussines	Hainaut	Wallonie			1	1
Enghien	Hainaut	Wallonie			1	1
Erpe-Mere	Oost-Vlaanderen	Flandre			1	1
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Keerbergen	Vlaams-Brabant	Flandre			1		1
Kortenberg	Vlaams-Brabant	Flandre		1			1
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Lede	Oost-Vlaanderen	Flandre			1		1
Lennik	Vlaams-Brabant	Flandre		1			1
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