



# PROPOSAL FOR EUROPrice 2

## 1 The Role of EUROPrice

The original EUROPrice network was set up in December 1998 to run for 18 months, with financial support from the European Commission. There have been 5 meetings of the EUROPrice cities, and to present the final results there will be a conference in October 2000. The project is due to be completed at the end of December 2000.

There is now a proposal to continue and expand the project with a second phase of EUROPrice. Further work on road pricing has been identified, specifically regarding funding mechanisms, public and political acceptance, and linking to the commercial sector for support and partnership.

As a political network, major issues facing city authorities are being addressed, including balancing wider policy issues of social equity, economic vitality, environmental improvements, and the views of key stakeholders. There are other EC-funded projects looking at issues of technology and implementation, so the EUROPrice network provides an important link between research and city policy issues.

Current active members are Belfast, Bristol, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Genoa, Rome, Trondheim and CERTU.

## 2 Proposed Tasks and City Responsibilities

The focus of the next phase of EUROPrice will be to further the outreach and linkages with interested cities and regions, with the following proposed tasks.

It is planned for there to be 5 meetings, or themed network seminars, during the lifetime of the network, with a closing conference to more widely promote the work undertaken. In order to promote outreach activities from an early stage, local stakeholders could be invited to these seminars.

Unlike the more detailed Technical Papers of EUROPrice, EUROPrice 2 will look to produce Guidance Papers on some of the key issues being addressed by the cities involved. It is likely that a list of topics for papers, and estimated dates of production, will be drawn up early in the lifetime of EUROPrice 2.

Producing regular guidance papers and newsletters will maintain the profile of EUROPrice 2 and encourage political debate, especially as there are many other European projects and networks carrying out work in a related sphere.

Each member of the EURoPrice network will be expected to: provide political and officer representation at meetings; undertake the agreed tasks and input to the work of the project; and undertake promotional activities.

It is expected that some of the existing members of the project will be joined by new cities as full or associate members. Full membership will cost a city around 10,000 Euros, including staff resources. A grant of around 50% is sought from the Commission, and cities will be able to claim for travel costs to meetings. Associate members will be expected to provide inputs to the work of the project and attend meetings, however costs incurred will not be reimbursed. The number of associate members will have to be limited to ensure an even geographical spread through the member states.

If you are interested in joining EURoPrice 2 at either full or associate level, please contact Barbara Davies or Melanie Alexander at Bristol City Council:

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