

## Statement of collaboration

This statement was first drawn up under the Collaboration Agreement for the Edge Cities Network, signed at Loures, Portugal, June 1997 and later agreed in Ballerup, May 2006.

"The Edge Towns and Cities represented below come from several different regions of the European Union. Whilst we have varying sizes and origins, with different cultures and patterns of development, what we all have in common is our proximity to the main capital of our country.

We have identified many common economic, social and environmental issues and are all confronting the impact of the global economy on our Edge Towns and Cities. Whilst we are seeking to respond to these challenges in different ways, we also recognise that there is a great deal of experi-

ence that can be shared and new ideas and methods that we can learn from one another.

We agree to co-operate as an Edge Cities Network in order to share knowledge, develop models of good practice and to test out new approaches and strategies to support sustainable growth and development of our respective towns and cities. We also agree to disseminate the results of this collaboration to benefit other edge city areas within the wider Europe.

We agree to meet as a network at regular intervals in order to share experience and outcomes and to ensure co-ordination of actions. We also agree to collaborate in submitting proposals for relevant areas of European funding to further the work and objectives of the Edge Cities Partnership."

## Members of the Edge City Network

Nacka, edge of Stockholm, Sweden • Grodzisk Mazowiecki, edge of Warsaw, Poland • Getafe, edge of Madrid, Spain Fingal, edge of Dublin, Ireland • North Down, edge of Belfast, Northern Ireland • Ballerup, edge of Copenhagen, Denmark

## Signed in Brussels on the 11th of November 2010

by the following Edge Cities Network partner

Pernik Municipality	ECN presidency
Bulgaria	Ballerup, Denmark