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# Development plan could include MMR too

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**MUMBAI:** The city's development plan — currently under revision — may be expanded to include the larger metropolitan region.

Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, who met a delegation of European Union urban planners led by ambassador J Carvino on Tuesday, was advised to take into consideration the overall development of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

Planning for a global city like Mumbai will not be complete if the future development of its hinterland, including proposed transport corridors, housing requirement and social infrastructure, is not considered, EU planners suggested, according to sources in the state secretariat.

The proposed development plan for the next 20 years, till 2034, was put on hold after several factual errors were pointed out by citizen groups activists and urban planners.

So far, the city's DP was limited to Mumbai, restricted to plans outlined by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC).

For instance, major infrastructure corridors proposed for the city, such as the Mumbai metro and the transharbour link, do not figure in the city's DP.

"EU urban planners pointed out that transit-oriented development and the proposed housing stock over the next 20 years also be mapped. They said the DP should include the metropolitan region, as Mumbai in the future will be seen more as an urban agglomeration, and not be defined by

its municipal limits," said a senior official who was at the meeting.

It is learnt that Fadnavis is seriously considering this suggestion.

Another meeting of the delegation has been scheduled with planning authorities — the City and Industrial Development Corporation (Cidco), Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) and the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) — to take this suggestion forward.

## THE BIGGER PICTURE

**Suggestions made to CM** Devendra Fadnavis by delegation of European Union urban planners

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## European Nations Keen To Invest In India, But With Less Bureaucracy



João Cravinho, Ambassador of the European Union to India along with (L-R) Vijay Kalantri, President, AIAI and Kamal Morarka, Chairman, MVRDC WTC Mumbai at an interactive meeting organized by AIAI and WTC Mumbai

*By A Business Reporter*

“European countries are interested in investing in India but there still are walls which need to be broken. Although EU is the highest investor and trading partner in India the bureaucracy and taxation deter our investors from coming here. We request the Government of India to help people do their business and more will come to India,” said João Cravinho, Ambassador of the European Union (EU).

He was speaking at a function organised by the The World Trade Centre Mumbai and the All India Association for Industries organised for João Cravinho, who was on his last visit to Mumbai. He spoke positively of the relations between European countries and India.

The Ambassador praised the flagship programmes of the Narendra Modi Government, ‘Make in India’ and ‘Digital India’. “There is an opportunity for India to embark upon change with the Make in India and Digital India projects. However, there needs to be more openness so that European companies can bring latest technology and fine innovations to India. We assure that EU and India can make these flagships programme successful,” assured Cravinho.

He also appreciated Modi government's efforts to open up investments in railways, insurance and defence. “We are happy the Indian government has pushed for reforms that we wanted to see happening in India and the EU has the required expertise in them,” said Cravinho.

Chairman of WTC Mumbai Kamal Morarka felicitated Cravinho and bid him a warm farewell saying, “We have had a long association with the Ambassador of EU and I am confident we will continue to do so in future.” President of AIAI, Vijay Kalantri emphasized the need for reforms in EU, to make the relations stronger. “We are looking forward to the Free Trade Agreement talks between India and EU. We are confident these will boost trade and exchange of technology between EU and India. We however feel this has to be a mutual relationship, where the EU also needs to open up for India,” said Kalantri. Kalantri said the Union Commerce Minister is soon expected to visit Brussels to sort out the issues regarding FTA. An optimistic Kalantri said, “I am positive these talks will enhance business opportunities between EU and India and pave way for better future.”



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The day-long conference served to further strengthen the ties between EU and Mumbai institutions, examined the impact of the Mumbai Partnership, and helped develop the way forward for EU-India cooperation on sustainable urbanisation.

In the morning session 30-40 representatives from EU and Indian cities focused on the way forward regarding Mumbai’s Development Plan, waste management, wastewater management, and the development of business districts. The afternoon session was open to a larger audience of more than 100 persons. This session included a keynote speech by Mr. Pedro Ortiz, Senior Urban Planner on Concepts of Metropolitan Management & Planning Considerations about Mumbai, as well as panel discussions on Mumbai Metropolitan Region & Future Urban Planning and Business Opportunities for Smart Cities & Environmental Projects.

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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