

The role and future perspectives of European metropolitan areas in the EU cohesion policy

High level policy conference

20 June 2022, Castello del Valentino, Turin, and online

At the conclusion of the project ESPON METRO - The role and future perspectives of Cohesion Policy in the planning of Metropolitan Areas and Cities (www.espon.eu/metro), the Metropolitan City of Turin and the Politecnico di Torino organize a policy-oriented conference to present the outcomes of the project and the pan-European reflections on the role of metropolitan cities in the Cohesion Policy 2021-27. The event aims at attracting the participation of national and international policy-makers and experts interested in the topic of metropolitan governance, and will be of particular relevance for actors involved in the preparation of strategies and policies for the development of metropolitan areas in Europe. In addition to an overview of the results and main messages of the ESPON METRO project, and on the outcomes of the peer-learning workshops carried out within the project's outreach activities, the conference will host some reflections on the role that metropolitan cities can play within the new cohesion policy from a European perspective, also in relation to the resources made available by the Next-Generation Europe programme. The works will see the participation of a representative of the European Commission, which will present the objectives and governance of the new programming period, with particular attention to the role that the European metropolitan areas may have in the Cohesion Policy 2021-2027.

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Moderator: Pietro Reviglio (Eurocities)

14.00 – 14.15: Opening

14.15 – 14.20: Welcome / introduction by the Metropolitan City of Turin (*Stefano Lo Russo*)

14.20 – 14.30: Introduction to the seminar (*Piera Petruzzi, ESPON GECT; Matteo Barbero, Metropolitan City of Turin*)

14.30 – 14.45: The ESPON METRO project (*Giancarlo Cotella, Politecnico di Torino*)

14.45 – 16.15: The role of metropolitan areas in the EU cohesion policy. The perspective of metropolitan actors

Panel discussion research consortium / stakeholder METRO: Marc Marti Costa and Vittorio Galletto, Barcelona Institute of Regional and Metropolitan Studies | Xavier Tiana Casablanco, Barcelona Metropolitan Area; Alena Coblenz and Luděk Sýkora, Charles University | Sona Raszková, Brno Metropolitan Area; Julien Descamps, Université Libre de Bruxelles | Alfredo Corbalán, Perspective.brussels; Jacek Zaucha, Institute for Development | Joanna Jaworska-Soral, Area Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolitan Area; Raffaella Fucile and Valeria Lingua, University of Florence | Alessandra Barbieri, City of Florence; Mário Vale, University of Lisbon | Filipe Ferreira, Area Lisbon Metropolitan Area; Christophe Demazière (DEMAZIERE) | Clémentine Dubois/Odile Huiban, Métropole de Lyon; Elisabetta Vitale Brovarone, Politecnico di Torino | Claudia Fassero, Metropolitan City of Turin; Zaiga Krišjāne, University of Latvia; Jānis Ušča, Riga City Council.

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16.15 – 16.30: Coffee break

16.30 – 16.40: The ESPON program and European spatial research (*Wiktor Szydarowski - ESPON EGCT*)

16.40 – 17.10: Selected national perspectives (*tbd – ESPON MC members France + Poland; Peter Austin, Oslo City Hall*)



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- 17.10 – 17.30: The perspective of pan-European and global networks of metropolitan areas and cities (*Dario Nardella, Eurocities; Lia Brum, Metropolis*)
- 17.30 – 17.50: The role of metropolitan areas in the new EU cohesion policy and in the recovery and resilience facility. The European Commission's perspective (*tbd – European Commission - DG Regio*)
- 17.50 – 18.00: Concluding remarks (*Pietro Reviglio, Eurocities*)