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# The unmissable events in 2019 for the comunity of major cities and metropolitan spaces

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# February

11-12 Barcelona

### Metropolis Regional Secretaries and Governance Committee meeting

The Regional Secretaries and Governance Committee of Metropolis play an important role in shaping the basis of our joint work for the execution of the 2018-2020 Action Plan. The main topics to be addressed in these meetings are the work plan and schedule 2019 for the regions, the revision of the current statutes of the association and the preparation of the forthcoming Board of Directors meeting.





### UCLG Retreat & Campus

The fifth edition of this annual event will bring together most of the members and partners of the Global Network of Cities, Local and Regional Governments. Distributed by areas of work, the discussions will allow to align the lines of work of all the organizations that belong to UCLG and to identify spaces of common work. In this regard, this five-day meeting and discussion opens a path of stronger collaboration from Metropolis, which operates as the metropolitan section of UCLG.

## Mapping Metropolitan Gender Policies: presentation of study on safety in public spaces

In the framework of the UCLG Retreat & Campus (exact date to be confirmed), Metropolis organizes a session to present the final results of our research project "Safety and Public Spaces: Mapping Metropolitan Gender Policies", which identifies the measures implemented at metropolises around the world to combat sexual violence against women and girls in public spaces.





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### **Greater Manchester Age Friendly Conference 2019**

A landmark event organised by the Greater Manchester Ageing Hub, bringing together a wide range of influential leaders, world-leading academics and community sector innovators to discuss prospects for building an age-friendly city-region. Metropolis is co-organising an activity of the conference programme that aims the internationalisation of the the ageing debates with an intergenerational perspective, in order to identify synergies with other metropolises of the world.

# February

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#### 2019 Women4Climate Conference

Women leaders played a pivotal role in negotiating the Paris Agreement on climate change in 2015, and will be crucial to its success in the future. Now more than ever, enhancing women's participation and leadership will be critical to securing a healthy, prosperous and sustainable future for us all. Through the Women4Climate initiative, C40 aims to empower and inspire the next generation of climate leaders through a global mentorship program dedicated to women in cities and raise awareness through research on gender, cities and climate to highlight the key role women play in championing climate action in cities.



25-26 Tehran

### 1st International Conference on Urban Fire Service and Safety

This annual conference discusses different topics and themes about firefighting and safety for the purpose of expanding the level of knowledge of fire and safety managers and experts and those interested in safety fields. Foreign guests and specialists from other countries of the world are expected to share their expertise and participate in this event together with managers and experts from firefighting organizations all over the country, Persian specialists, university professors, as well as workers of leading fire and safety companies.. Metropolis supports this event as a knowledge partner.



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### Metropolis Pilot Project: MEGA (Final Workshop)

This will be the final meeting of the experts that have been working together since 2017 at the Metropolis Engergy GovernAnce project. This pilot project has been exchanging knowledge on how metropolitan areas face governance in the energy transition process towards a low-carbon society. It looks at how transition is designed and implemented, with whom and which are the results and impacts of the approaches taken, such as energy cooperatives, Nearly Zero Energy Buildings and co-creation of master plans.

# February

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## Metropolis Observatory: gentrification and impoverishment

An event to launch the 7th issue paper of our collection of publications that approach a series of contemporary topics and challenges which local governments are facing in the area of metropolitan affairs. In this edition, we invite the economist and sociologist Josep Maria Pascual to discuss the complexity of gentrification in different metropolitan contexts, and to set out approaches to tackle the challenges it presents.



#### March





### USE. LEARN. SHARE. International knowledge-transfer on sustainable urban development.

Gathering actors from politics, administration, research and urban practice, the event will focus on international knowledge transfer for sustainable urban development. It frames the presentation of the re-launch of the Berlin-initiated Metropolis internet platform, which is currently known as Policy Transfer Platform. With its new name "use" (urban sustainability exchange), new functionalities and a new design, the platform will strengthen the community of international experts, provide innovative case studies and help to build fruitful networks.

## 11-15 Nairobi

### UN Environment Assembly - Summit for local and regional governments

The High-Level Segment of the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly will focus on innovative solutions for environmental challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production guided by the Executive Director's Report on the theme. The 2019 UN Environment Assembly will contribute towards a holistic, inclusive, and participatory approach to development that is underpinned by human rights and recognizes the interlinkages and integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development.

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### March



20-21 L'Hospitalet

### 1st international congress on sports in big cities

This Congress is organized by Ajuntament de Barcelona, with the collaboration of Ajuntament de l'Hospitalet, Generalitat de Catalunya and Diputació de Barcelona. The forum will be a place where experts from different sport-related and/or municipal spheres can engage in debate to share common concerns, visions, solutions and perspectives that enable municipal councils to define areas of action to get the most from the benefits of physical activity and sport, cutting any potential negative effects to a minimum.

27-29 Bangkok

### Asia-Pacific People's Forum on Sustainable Development

As member of the Asia-Pacific Local Government Coordinating Body (APLG), Metropolis, along with UCLG Asia, encourages its top political representatives to take part in this event, which will be a forum for civil society organizations to work together and consolidate their positions and recommendations for a regional sustainable development agenda.



28-29 Barcelona

## Metropolis Pilot Project: MetroAirports (Final Workshop)

The final workshop of this pilot project will see the public presentation of the Metroairports report. A project meeting (by invitation only) will be organized on the 28th, and the public presentation, open to planners and other stakeholders, on the 29th. The Metroairports report will analyze and propose recommendations on how to improve and foster economic and social aspects (employement, economic activity, mobility, access to housing, security...) between the airport's activity and the right to the city.



### Metropolis webinar "Consequences of inequalities"

This will be the first in a series of three webinars dedicated to the issues of inequality, organized in collaboration with the Catalonia-Europe Foundation. Inequality is not only related to unequal access to economic resources, it has an impact that goes beyond the strictly material and is related to a series of imbalances that fracture the cohesion and well-being of our societies. These problems range from physical or mental health, school drop-out, insecurity, drug use, the increase in the prison population, violence and exclusion.

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# April

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1-3 Paris

### Metropolis Pilot Project: Revitalization strategies through urban projects (Final Workshop)

Exchange of experiences on innovations of urban revitalization strategies between metropolises sharing the same territorial characteristics, governance and quality of life issues. The analysis will be based on the forms and processes of for the city's transformation, by looking at concrete examples of major Urban Projects, through the analysis of 5 themes: The urban form, the urban design as a continuous process of thoughts and shaping of programs and urban spaces, the participation processes, the financing and regulation of the project, the governance and its influence on decision-making, the formalization and the ownership.



-6 Buenos Aires

### **UCLG Culture Summit and Executive Bureau**

This third UCLG Culture Summit is a global event and a meeting point of cities, local governments, national governments, civil society organizations and international organizations to discuss the current position of culture in the global agendas. UCLG policy discussions will start during the Culture Summit in Buenos Aires, an opportunity to share experiences at local and national level and to pave the way for a greater structural dialogue between different spheres of government, essential to achieve the implementation of Agenda 2030.

Montevideo

### **Metropolis Board of Directors**

As its main decision making body, the Metropolis Board of Directors (BoD) is responsible for approving the association's activities, budget, financial reports and year-end accounts. Complying with the Metropolis statutes, the current 27 BoD members are requested to attend this annual meeting to deliberate over the most relevant issues for the association in 2019.

In order to maximize resources and ensure higher political representation, this Metropolis BoD meeting will take place on the same date and at the same venue of the statutory meetings of fellow local government networks (UCLG, UCCI and Mercociudades).

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# April

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### 25 Beijing

### **2nd Belt & Road Forum for International Cooperation**

The city of Beijing organizes, jointly with CPAFFC, one of the 12 parallel sessions of this event that is hosted by Chinese Central Government and brings together the top leaders of China. Dedicated to the theme of "Local Cooperations", the session will be an excellent opportunity for Metropolis Chinese members to engage.





### **Metropolis Pilot Project: Metropolises in movement**

Local authorities face the challenge of building cities and metropolitan areas that are compact, sustainable, inclusive and cohesive. Mobility is undoubtedly a fundamental component in this task. The design of strategies and participatory policies with a territorial impact that exceeds the administrative limits in this matter is a necessity. This pilot project will identify which are the keys to building solid mobility master plans in metropolises that initiate this process, as well as consolidating and deepening actions in those that have made significant progress.



### **Metropolis Pilot Project: Water management**

This pilot project develops a model for exchange of knowledge and learning in metropolitan areas on integrated water resources management (IWRM) as a vital element for resilience and adaptation to the effects of climate change. It will analyze the follow-up and monitoring methodologies associated with the measures implemented for IWRM in the participating cities: Bogotá, Quito and Barcelona.



### May



### **18-22** Fuzhou

### **21st Century Maritime Silk Road Expo**

Revolving around the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road national strategy, the expo aims to promote global cooperation by sharing development opportunities generated by China's further reform and opening-up. The exhibition, covering an impressive 120,000 square meters, is to be divided into 10 halls with 4,630 booths, displaying the commodities from 25 countries and regions across the world.





## From the entrepreneur-mayor to the entrepreneurial approaches of local public actors in the territories - Workshop Paris La Sorbonne University

The aims of this call are to clarify and define the concepts of entrepreneurmayor, territorial entrepreneurship, inclusive territory, entrapreneurship in local public administrations; to value entrepreneurial initiatives for territories and local administrations; to define the new business models of territories and smart cities. Metropolis is partner of Paris La Sorbonne University Entrepreneurship Territory and Innovation (ETI) Chair in this project.



### (tbc) New Taipei City

### Metropolis Pilot Project: Surplus Food Network (Final Workshop)

This pilot projects aims to exchange experiences on how to reduce food waste while strengthening service delivery and expanding citizens participation. A special focus will be made on citizens' education for a better use of surplus food.



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### II Urban 20 Summit

While Japan serves as the chair country for the 2019 G20 Summit, Tokyo will be hosting the U20 Mayors Summit, an event that brings together leaders of the world's major cities. Towards the realization of a sustainable and inclusive world, the participants will discuss issues common to global cities, and craft messages to be delivered to the G20.



### May



### (tbc) Yiwu

### International Economy and Trade Cooperation between Cities Conference

This conference will strengthen the "Belt and Road" initiative among cities and set up the effective dialogue and linkage mechanism. It aims at serving as a platform to share ideas and practices on good cooperation for the cities and local governments in Asia-Pacific and the world at large.



(tbc) Berlin

### Metropolis Pilot Project: Interseccionality in LGBTI policies (Final Workshop)

The aim of this pilot projects is to draw together common knowledge so that an intersectional perspective can be incorporated in policies aimed at LGBTI persons, where the acronym stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex. The intersectional approach aims to acknowledge that all people, including those who identify as LGBTI, are affected by multiple inequalities and that this intersection creates a new kind of discrimination, which differs from the sum of these inequalities.

## (tbc) (tbc)

### Metropolis Observatory: metropolitan internationalization

An event to launch the 8th issue paper of our collection of publications that approach a series of contemporary topics and challenges which local governments are facing in the area of metropolitan affairs. In this edition, we invite the team of AL-LAs Project to analyse the strategies of internationalization of the metropolises, and the impacts they have on the life of metropolitan citizens.

## (tbc) Chengdu

## 2019 Innovation Forum for Mayors of International Sister Cities of Chengdu

This Forum is organized in the framework of the 2019 China Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fair (GIEF 2019). As Institutional partner Metropolis will support this event through the participation of some of its members.

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# June

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### V European Metropolitan Authorities (EMA)

EMA is an initiative promoted by the Barcelona Metropolitan Area and creates spaces for political debate among European metropolitan authorities aimed at sharing experiences, fostering joint projects as well as positioning themselves and defending their interests in front of the European Union and states. Its previous editions took place in Barcelona (2015), Torino (2016), Warsaw (2017) and Rome (2018). EMA's 5th edition will take place in the metropolis of Grand Lyon, seizing the occasion of the 2nd International Social Housing Festival.



### 2nd International Social Housing Festival

Making the link between the homes we live in, the cities we inhabit and overall quality of life, the ISHF 2019 will aim through a series of diverse events to highlight the importance of access to decent housing for all. The festival looks to celebrate the long tradition of public, cooperative and social housing across the globe and recognise the need to adapt our systems to meet current and future housing challenges as the human and economic costs of neglect grows.



### **2019 Chicago Forum on Global Cities**

The Chicago Forum on Global Cities, hosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the Financial Times, is a three-day international conference that raises provocative questions about the influence of global cities and how they can solve pressing global challenges. Participating thought leaders and decision makers create new connections and develop innovative solutions to advance in their own cities.

9-12 Stockholm

Chicago

### 2019 UITP Global Public Transport Summit

The international public transport community, mobility decision makers and industry suppliers will come together in Stockholm for the annual UITP Global Public Transport Summit. Under the theme "The Art of of Public transport", the programme of the summit will revolve around 7 main topics related to better transport services and improve the citizen quality of life. With almost 130 years of history behind it, the UITP Global Public Transport Summit remains the world's biggest event dedicated to sustainable mobility.

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# June

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9-16 Seoul

### Metropolis training course: Smart City

Seoul and Mashhad co-organize this training program under the theme Smart City, which will be exclusively addressed to city officials of he Municipality of Mashhad.

L7 Paris

#### International Conference of the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment

Metropolis is a member of the Steering Committee of the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment (WIFO), launched in November 2017 by the OECD and UCLG, with the support of the French Development Agency and UNCDF. WIFO is dedicated to collecting comparable data and information on territorial organisation and subnational finance from over 100 countries and to support decision-making of national and subnational governments around the world.



L Guangzhou

### 2019 Guangzhou Forum on Global Cities

This event is co-organized by the Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences and the Metropolis Asia-Pacific Regional Secretariat (Guangzhou). By gathering world leading city research institutes, researchers and decision makers to discuss updates in city ranking, practice and future trend, it provides valuable insights and practical tools to access and promote cities' performance towards global city.



### 23-30 Seoul

#### Metropolis training course: Sustainable Water Management

With this training course, Seoul aims to construct sustainable cooperative relations in the field of water management through sharing information, knowledge and technologies in water supply and sewage treatment. In addition, this training provides an opportunity to showcase Seoul's waterworks management model, including theorical lectures and field trips to relevant institutes and facilities.

## June

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### (tbc) Online

### Metropolis webinar "Why should we combat inequalities"

This will be the second in a series of three webinars dedicated to the issues of inequality, organized in collaboration with the Catalonia-Europe Foundation. From political philosophy and democratic values emerge with force the main arguments that justify and drive the struggle to build an equitable society, which at the same time is confronted with the story of hegemonic thought that leads us to the dystopia of a world fractured by imbalance of inequalities. The fight against inequalities has economic and social implications, but it also has to do with the principles of a democratic society and the power relations that articulate the dynamics of a society.

## (tbc) Barcelona / Madrid

### **Metropolis Pilot Project: Participatory Democracy**

This pilot project's first activity in 2019 consists on roundtable meetings to exchange successful experiences of citizen participation between Barcelona, Córdoba, Madrid and Montréal.

## (tbc) London

### Metropolis Observatory: inaugural presentation of metropolitan indicators

We are pleased to present for the first time to the general public the results of the work carried out with the London School of Economics (LSE-Cities) throughout 2018 in the development of a system of indicators that benchmark 50 of our members and generate new empirical insights, comparable across the jurisdictions of metropolitan spaces. The indicators refer to the overarching themes of the Metropolis Action Plan 2018-2020: metropolitan governance, economic development, social cohesion, gender equality, sustainability and quality of life.





### July



### High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

The HLPF is the official United Nations platform for the annual follow-up and review of the Agenda2030 and is vital space for local and regional governments to underline the role of strong local leadership and commitment in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2019 panel has the theme "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality" and will focus on the reviews of SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17. ●

# September

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### **5th World Forum on Local Economic Development** (LED)

The LED Forum is a biennial event which aims to provide a platform for exchanges and debates in order to build more inclusive and sustainable cities, and examine the role of local and regional communities to achieve this objective. Previous editions took place in Seville (2011), Foz do Iguaçu (2013) Turin (2015) and Praia (2017).



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#### Metropolis training course: Sustainable Urban Management

This training course will provide city officials with an opportunity to enhance capacities in the urban management with a focus on making cities more sustainable. Using the support of successful practices, participants will learn from experts and peers in the related area. This training course will also be a good occasion to give a venue for city-to-city cooperation in building resilient cities.

# September

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24-25 New York

### UN SDG Summit - 2019 September High-level Political Forum

The 2019 September High-level Political Forum, under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) – SDG Summit, will assess progress achieved so far since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in September 2015 and provide leadership and guidance on the way forward that would help accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.



### **Metropolis Pilot Project: Participatory Democracy**

The second round of activities of this pilot project in 2019 will include onsite training about the experience of Córdoba (the project leader) in citizen participation, focus groups with the technicians of the members involved the project, as well as a roundtable of dialogues open to the public, where experts will present policies of citizen participation carried out by various local governments.



(tbc) Chengdu

### **International Healthy Cities' Mayor Forum**

The Forum will be a wonderful opportunity to examine how cities can promote health and advance the SDG agenda and a platform for experience exchange and to identify actions taken and measurable health outcomes, moving from political commitments to mainstreaming health into sustainable urbanization. The Forum will bring together more than 500 participants, including ministers and high-level government officials, mayors, urban health experts and policy makers, NGOs, as well as academic and research institutes. As Institutional partner Metropolis will support this event through the participation of some of its members. The forum is jointly organized by National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China and World Health Organisation China.

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# October

### October

### Metropolitan Day

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#### **Metropolitan Day**

To celebrate the anniversary of the Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas (October 7, 2015) and promote the idea that global challenges operate and must be addressed at the metropolitan scale, Metropolis encourages its members to organize a day for local leaders to meet up with all metropolitan peers within their territory in order to discuss pressing issues that they face as a metropolitan community.

**3-4** Malaga

### Second Annual Meeting of the Malaga Coalition on municipal investment finance

The Malaga Coalition is led by UCLG and UNCDF and hosted by the Malaga City Council. Its main purpose is to advocate for a global financial ecosystem that works for municipal and local governments and that brings the necessary resources to local and regional governments to accelerate implementation of Agenda 2030. This second meeting will assess challenges and opportunities for local and regional governments to gain access to capital in local and international capital markets.

## **13-19** Seoul

### **Metropolis training course: Smart City**

City officials and decision-makers will gather in Seoul to learn and exchange on how cities can be more equitable and efficient thanks to smart technologies. SHRDC will organize some field trips to showcase how Seoul uses technology to improve citizen's quality of life.

## **17-18** Seoul

### **SHRDC Internation Annual Forum**

Since 2014, the Seoul Human Resource Development Center holds this forum to review the performance of the international training programs and to find a strategic way for further development and future directions. The forum is attended by administrative experts, professors and officials of international organizations to provide valuable tips to enhance the quality of programs. Some of the participants of the training courses deliver a presentation on what and how they apply Seoul's administrative practices to the different urban fields contained in the courses topics.

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# October

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### (tbc) Barcelona-Madrid

#### Asia Innova 2019

Convened by Casa Asia Spain, this series of events is the opportunity to foster new cooperation paths between the metropolises of Europe and Asia. The symposium focuses on the relations of the Asian continent with the Iberian Peninsula and on the inclusion of cultural, social and physical infrastructure as vital aspect of smart cities. Metropolis will facilitate the participation of experts from our Asian members, fostering encounter with relevant stakeholders from the public and private sector.

## (tbc) Online

### Metropolis webinar: Proposals to address inequalities

This will be the last in a series of three webinars dedicated to the issues of inequality, organized in collaboration with the Catalonia-Europe Foundation. Public policies, as an essential response of the democratic system, must reconnect with citizen-based demands to address growing inequalities. Democratic politics has to govern the main vectors that move the economy, orienting them to the common good and the general interest. To make this possible, the policies to be followed must be a transforming power to change social and economic dynamics, reforming institutions and current trends. If there are no forceful answers to the systemic crises we face and we are unable to reverse the current situation, we are heading for economic, social and environmental collapse.

# November

### November



**10-17** Seoul

### Metropolis training course: Sustainable mobility

The objective of this training program is to provide an opportunity of sharing urban transportation model and significant reform processes such as reorganization of public bus services, introduction of exclusive median bus lanes, shift from private to quasi-public bus operation and implementation of an integrated transit-fare card (Korean T-money card) system.

# November

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#### **City Managers Days**

The City Managers Days event will be held within the framework of the Smart City Expo World Congress. The central topic of this edition will be the digitalisation of metropolitan spaces and how this process can help to improve the management, monitoring and governance of their territories. During the celebration of the event, the 4th edition of the City Managers Community will take place, as well as the presentation of a new issue paper on digitization of the Metropolis Observatory's collection of publications.



**18-22** eThekwini (Durban)

### **UCLG World Congress**

The 2019 gathering will be the first UCLG Congress coinciding with the implementation phase of important global policies such as the New Urban Agenda, the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. It will be the opportunity to present progress in the implementation of the SDGs and their impact at local level, at the same time allowing us to evaluate the evolution of the role of local and regional governments in the international agenda.

18-22 eThekwini (Durban)

### African Forum of metropolitan cities & regions

Political decision-makers of African metropolitan areas and regions will gather again in Ethekwini, during the UCLG World Congress to share, among Africa's greatest urban areas, common urban planning guidelines to cater to the needs of the continent's population, which today is of 1.1 billion inhabitants and is expected to double by 2050. This Forum is chaired by the Premier of Gauteng Province and co-president of Metropolis, Mr David Makhura.

## 18-22 eThekwini (Durban)

### **Metropolis Observatory: African metropolises report**

Based on the data from the Metropolis system of metropolitan indicators, we promote a regional publication on the state of metropolises with the aim of analysing their current situation in different aspects, as well as identifying trends and challenges.

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# November

#### November



**19-21** Barcelona

### Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC)

Metropolis is a supporting institution of the worldwide leading event for cities and biggest gathering of governments and organizations committed to smart urban development. In 2018 SCEWC brought together 21.000+ professional visitors, 844 exhibitors, 700 cities and 400+ world-class speakers to share their vision on what makes a city liveable and how can we seize technology to build more sustainable, efficient and inclusive cities.

(tbc) Barcelona

### **Metropolis Pilot Project: Water Management**

This pilot project develops a model for exchange of knowledge and learning in metropolitan areas on integrated water resources management (IWRM) as a vital element for resilience and adaptation to the effects of climate change. It will analyze the follow-up and monitoring methodologies associated with the measures implemented for IWRM in the participating cities (Bogotá, Quito and Barcelona).

# December

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### Metropolis training course: Governance

As globalization and localization have rapidly accelerated, plenty of challenges like aging, unemployment, urban regeneration, environment and increasing population are emerging in our cities. As a paradigm of resolving those urban challenges, 'Governance' is in limelight around the globe. This training course ambition is to provide tools and enhance capacities in governance but also management for city officials.

## (tbc)

### 24th Mercociudades Summit

Mercociudades is the most important network of local governments of Mercosur, the South American trade bloc composed of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Surinam. Metropolis and Mercociudades have 13 members in common, among them La Paz, which holds the Presidency of the network for the period 2018-2019.

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Do not hesitate contacting our regional liaisons at the Metropolis Secretariat General, who will indicate the most suited activities for each type of audience within your metropolitan government.

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