



Solutions Labs

**Shaping tomorrow's
cities together**

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Be part of the change



Metropolis is a global network of the world's largest cities—providing innovative solutions to the critical challenges facing large metropolitan areas. Bringing together over 160 member cities and 700 million inhabitants worldwide, Metropolis serves as a global hub where metropolises can connect, share solutions and mobilize on issues

related to sustainability, social cohesion, metropolitan governance, future planning and gender equality. Our mission is simple but transformative: to support cities to create spaces that deliver dignity, opportunity, and sustainability for their citizens.

Introducing Metropolis Solutions Labs

The Solutions Labs are Metropolis' flagship initiative for transformative city-to-city collaboration and urban policy exchange. These Labs bring cities and global experts together to address some of the most pressing metropolitan challenges—from climate resilience to social

cohesion, gender equality, and beyond. By fostering a collaborative exchange of knowledge, expertise, and best practices, Solutions Labs empower cities to develop innovative and actionable solutions that create lasting change.

Why partner with us?

How will you make an impact?

By funding a Metropolis Solutions Lab, your organization will:

1. Drive Innovation and Global Impact

As a funding partner, you will play a vital role in disseminating innovative knowledge that transforms urban governance and empowers millions. Solutions Labs focus on high-impact areas like climate action, gender equality, clean transportation, and digital innovation, positioning you as a driver of change in addressing complex metropolitan challenges.

2. Elevate Your Global Influence

Your organization's support will be recognized as a key enabler of cutting-edge urban transformation. By associating with Solutions Labs, you will showcase your leadership in fostering sustainable and equitable urban development while aligning with global agendas like the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement.

3. Foster Strategic Partnerships

Solutions Labs connect you with a network of top urban policy professionals, renowned experts, and decision-makers from major cities worldwide. Create new opportunities for collaboration and influence while gaining exclusive insights into innovative strategies and proven methods, empowering your organization to implement solutions with real-world impact.

What does a Solutions Lab offer?

Based on an established methodology and a tailored approach to fit your organization's priorities and needs, Metropolis Solutions Labs provides participating cities with a range of tools and activities that can include:

Expert-Led in-person sessions

Participants engage with leading experts and practitioners who provide actionable, research-based recommendations and strategies tailored to today's urban challenges.

City-to-City Learning

Discover firsthand the transformative policies and projects implemented by major cities across the globe. Through real-world examples and testimonials, participants gain practical knowledge to address their own metropolitan challenges.

Technical Visits

Experience hands-on learning during visits to cities where successful projects have been implemented. Witness innovative solutions in action and learn from their operational successes and challenges.

Holistic Findings Report

As a lasting resource, the Solutions Labs produce a concise report summarizing key outcomes, expert recommendations, and best practices. This report serves as a valuable reference for shaping impactful policies and strategies.

The themes of our Solutions Labs



Metropolitan futures

Metropolises anticipate possible futures, plan in order to shape them, and innovate to generate new opportunity.



Cohesive metropolises

The benefits and opportunities generated in functional metropolises are fairly distributed.



Metropolitan ecosystems

Metropolises function in harmony with their natural environment, reducing their ecological footprint, and adapting to environmental change.



Gender equality

Women and men enjoy the advantages of Metropolitan life equally and are considered equally in the planning and management of metropolitan spaces.



Metropolitan institutions

Governance is adapted to existing and upcoming metropolitan realities, answering to the needs and preferences of inhabitants, and accountable to them.

Join us in shaping the future of cities

The challenges facing today's metropolises demand bold and collaborative solutions. By funding a Metropolis Solutions Lab, you are investing in a brighter future for urban spaces—one where innovation, sustainability, and equity thrive. Together, we can create metropolitan spaces that serve as models for the world.

Contact us

Let us explore how we can partner to create a Solutions Lab that reflects your organization's values and priorities. Contact us (solutionslabs@metropolis.org) to take the first step toward making a lasting impact on the cities of tomorrow.