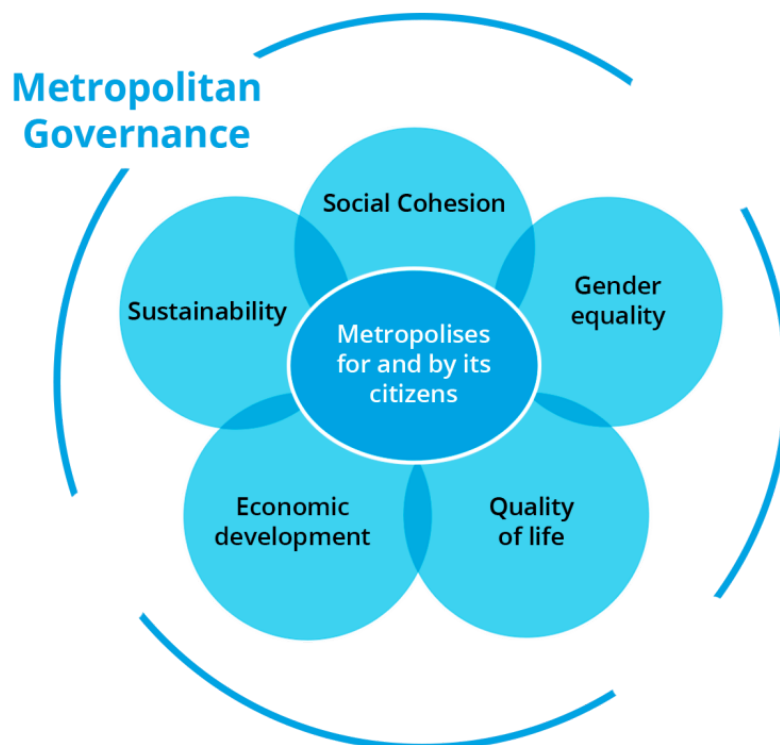


METROPOLIS CALL FOR PILOT PROJECTS 2017

In 2017, the World Association of the Major Metropolises opens a call to identify among its members pilot projects that generate spaces for exchange and learning about different spheres of the metropolitan life, and are aligned with the vision of the association:

“Metropolises for and by their citizens, where participatory and effective metropolitan governance fosters economic development, sustainability, social cohesion, gender equality and quality of life”



Metropolis will provide funding to support capacity development and the exchange of knowledge and practices on metropolitan management among its members and partners, in the framework of specific pilot projects. Each project will receive a maximum amount of twenty six thousand euros (26,000.00€), which must be spent on related activities between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2019.

The resources must be applied exclusively to activities of knowledge and practice exchanges that serve the purposes of learning, developing diagnosis of metropolitan issues and testing common solutions, and not to direct implementation of projects in the field.

Six projects that arise from specific metropolitan contexts and have the potential to be transferred to other metropolises of the world will be selected, each one corresponding to at least one strategic and overlapping sphere of the Metropolis vision, as follows:

1. Metropolitan Governance

A project that gives a prime example of an institutional set-up that allows the effective governance of a metropolitan territory, encompassing the following aspects:

- coordination and/or integration of local government institutions and funding agencies;
- ensuring democratic representation and citizen involvement;
- transparency and accountability;
- contribution to the accomplishment of goals established by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and by the New Urban Agenda.

2. Economic Development

A project that seeks the economic development of a metropolitan area using at least one of the approaches below:

- supporting entrepreneurship and innovation in different productive sectors;
- contributing to the development of collaborative relationships in the production and consumption of goods and services;
- putting in practice concepts of circular and collaborative economy;
- fostering more human labor contracts.

3. Sustainability

A project that shows actions of a metropolis towards the accomplishment of at least three of the overlapping goals below:

- boosting the creation of nature conservation areas;
- dealing with environmental risks such as draughts, floods, land sliding, sea-level rising and storms;
- establishing a true circular metropolitan economy;
- mitigating and/or adapting to climate change;
- promoting environmental justice;
- reducing its carbon footprint;
- securing the provision of ecosystem services such as water, food, clean air, minerals, energy, waste decomposition and detoxification;
- using energy more efficiently.

4. Social Cohesion

A project that establishes the metropolis as the intersection for the encounter of diverse age, cultural, ethnic, gender, socioeconomic and religious identities, and shows actions towards the accomplishment of at least three of the overlapping goals below:

- allowing the complete participation of citizens from all backgrounds and ages in the democratic, social and economic life of their communities;
- caring for and taking into account the perspectives of the future generations of metropolitan citizens;
- fostering among the metropolitan citizens a sense of belonging to their communities;
- improving security in public spaces;
- securing access to basic services to all citizens;
- sharing common values and establishing harmonious relationships among various groups of citizens.

5. Gender Equality

A project which draws attention to the different circumstances and categories of women and men in the metropolis (ethnicity, age, economic status, etc.), and designs tools to empower women and social groups with diverse identities and orientations, in order to obtain equality among different sexes. The tools designed by the project could be one or more of the following (among others):

- training to provide public officials with gender perspective;
- development of public policies in different fields of metropolitan management with gender perspective;
- gender auditing in the metropolitan administration based on participatory methodologies;
- use of qualitative and quantitative monitoring indicators (disaggregated by sex) to measure advancements in terms of women participation and the capacity of multiple stakeholders to work with gender perspective.

6. Quality of Life

A project whose ultimate goals are to improve life and promote the self-development of all metropolitan citizens, using approaches that bridge innovation and citizen participation to bring solutions to daily issues. This project takes into consideration intergenerational perspectives and the principle of right to the city in various domains of metropolitan life, such as:

- access to education, culture and leisure;
- activation of public and open spaces;
- housing supply;
- integrated urban planning;
- preservation of heritage;
- provision of healthcare and prevention of diseases;
- responses to spatial segregation;
- transportation and mobility;
- urban renewal.

Applications

To apply for the grant, please follow the steps indicated on the online form available at <https://www.metropolis.org/pilotprojects2017>

Information may be submitted in any of the three official languages of Metropolis – English, Spanish or French. Please make sure, though, to submit all the information in only one of these languages.

Eligibility

1. This call is open exclusively to Metropolis members that are up to date with the payment of the 2016 membership fee. Such members may submit as many applications as desired.
2. The projects must be presented and led by one member of the association, and include the collaboration of at least two more members.
3. The projects must generate exchanges between members of at least two different geographical regions of the world.
4. Additionally, partnerships with other local governments and entities from the academic, business and grassroots communities may be proposed.
5. Each selected member will sign a grant agreement with Metropolis, represented by its Secretary General. In such agreement, the selected member will be identified as the *pilot project leader*, and the Metropolis Secretariat General will be identified as the *coordinating agency*. The agreements shall indicate the names of the collaborating members and partners in the framework of the pilot project, with whom the exchange activities will be organized.
6. All agreements shall count on the related documents submitted in the application period – project form, calendar and budget – as appendices.
7. Pilot project leaders should have full capacity to receive direct funding from Metropolis and manage the resources according to the project management. If required, the leaders may designate an independent organization to receive and manage the funds from Metropolis, whose name must be indicated in the agreement. In any case, the leadership of the project shall remain with the selected Metropolis member, which will continue as the main responsible for communications about the project progress with the Secretariat General.
8. The resources must be applied exclusively to activities of knowledge and practice exchanges that serve the purposes of learning, developing diagnosis of metropolitan issues and testing common solutions, and not to direct implementation of the projects in the field.
9. Hence, the resources must be used exclusively to cover expenses towards the ends above, namely: organization of events, workshops and other learning activities; creation of learning and communication products; consultancy of experts in the fields addressed by the project; support to the participation of representatives from collaborating institutions in the activities - i.e. travel and accommodation costs. Administrative costs, fixed costs and staff remuneration are not eligible costs.
10. Pilot project leaders must comply with the presentation of periodic narrative and financial reports to the Metropolis Secretariat General, in accordance with the calendar detailed in the section "Milestones" of the present document. For the duration of the project, members must keep a record of original invoices and receipts (and boarding passes where applicable) of all the expenses related to the activities described in the project planning, and in accordance with the institutional framework defined by the grant agreement.

11. Pilot project leaders must maintain on-going communication with their regional focal points at the Metropolis Secretariat General in order to provide them with up-to-date information about the activities of the project, for the generation of contents that will be published through the official Metropolis communication channels (website and social media) on a regular basis.
12. In addition to the regular communications promoted through the Metropolis website and social media channels while the activities of the projects are carried out, proposals must foresee a final presentation that compiles its main results under a specific media format (e.g. publication, video, interactive online presentation, podcast).
13. The projects may be complemented by additional resources from the participating members or third-party entities. In such cases, all additional funding must be included in the budget of the project.

Selection process

- All complete applications will be evaluated by a jury composed of experts on issues related to urban planning and development, urban diplomacy, and metropolitan management and governance. These experts must not have contractual relationships with any Metropolis member during the evaluation period.
- Projects will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 1. Level of coherence with the strategic spheres of metropolitan life described in the first section of this document – preference will be given to projects with demonstrated multidimensional and intersectional approaches;
 2. Diversity of project leaders, collaborating members and partners, in terms of geographic location and cross-sector partnerships;
 3. Clarity of the budget regarding the activities proposed;
 4. Potential to generate learning, in terms of the number of stakeholders that may benefit from the activities proposed;
 5. Innovation;
 6. Transferability to other metropolises of the world;
 7. Ability to address Sustainable Development Goals;
 8. Level of contribution to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Milestones

2017

- February 20: call for applications
- April 21: deadline for applications
- May 26: evaluation process results disclosed to applicants. At this stage, adjustments to original proposals may be suggested by the jury, so that the eligibility criteria can be met.
- June 22: official approval of selected projects by the Metropolis Board of Directors and disclosure during the XII Metropolis World Congress in Montréal
- June 22 – August 31: period to sign grant agreements between Metropolis and selected institutions, which conditions the disbursement of the first installment of the grant (7.000,00€)
- July 1 – December 31: phase 1 of activities (start date coinciding with the date of signature of grant agreement)

2018

- January 1 – March 31: period to present financial and narrative reports related to phase 1, which condition the disbursement of the second installment of the grant (maximum of 11.000,00€)
- January 1 – December 31: phase 2 of activities

2019

- January 1 – March 31: period to present financial and narrative reports related to phase 2, which condition the disbursement of the third installment of the grant (maximum of 4.000,00€)
- January 1 – June 30: phase 3 of activities
- July 1 – September 30: period to present the final financial and narrative reports, which condition the disbursement of the final installment of the grant (maximum of 4.000,00€)