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Green and Just Recovery for all European Territories

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Cohesion Policy, backbone of Europe? The role of metropolitan areas

Three elements - magnitude of funds, level of institutionalization, management of funds – are under investigation in ESPON METRO to define the role of metropolitan areas in cohesion policy. The EU calls for further efforts towards a decentralisation of the programming, management and implementation functions to the metropolitan authorities. There is no doubt that institutionalize metropolitan cooperation will play an important role in this transformation.

Cohesion policy supports locally-led development strategies and empowers local authorities in the management of the funds. As the ESPON IMAGINE has demonstrated in the Milano-Bologna urban region, the development of territorial scenarios carried out through the active engagement of institutional and functional stakeholders can generate new visioning capacities and feed new alliances between places and societies.

At this workshop experienced policymakers and experts will explore opportunities, challenges, and objectives of the cohesion policy in metropolitan areas, and how a metropolitan dimension will contribute to the success of the policy in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact Piera Petruzzi at piera.petruzzi@espon.eu

Programme

Moderator	<i>Metropolis tbc</i>
11:00 –11:05	Stretching legs from the previous session and entering the virtual room
11:05 –11:10	<p>Welcome and setting the scene for “metropolitan approaches” to cohesion policy: ESPON METRO and ESPON IMAGINE</p> <p><i>Piera Petruzzi (ESPN egtc) and Felipe Ferreira (Lisbon Metropolitan Area)</i></p> <p>Opening speech “Trust-oriented vs market-oriented EU policies”</p> <p><i>Paolo Perulli (Globus et Locus)</i></p>

Inspire Policy Making with Territorial Evidence

<p>11:10 –11:20</p>	<p>Metropolitan areas and EU cohesion policy: understanding how cohesion policy goals can be integrated in the planning and implementation of policies at metropolitan scale; how cohesion policy can contribute to foster better cooperation and governance dynamics at metropolitan level.</p> <p><i>Claudia Fassero (Città Metropolitana di Torino) and Giancarlo Cotella (Politecnico di Torino) from ESPON METRO</i></p>
<p>11:20 –11:30</p>	<p>Roundtable discussion and reaction from stakeholders: governing metropolitan areas in cohesion policy, reflections from European metropolitan areas</p> <p><i>Alessandra Barbieri (Municipality of Florence), Alfredo Corbalan (perspective.brussels), Pietro Reviglio (EUROCITIES)</i></p>
<p>11:30 –11:40</p>	<p>Milano-Bologna urban region: engagement of institutional and functional stakeholders to feed new territorial alliances between places and societies</p> <p><i>Arianna Censi (CoR Member) tbc and Valeria Fedeli (Politecnico di Milano) from ESPON IMAGINE</i></p>
<p>11:40 –11:50</p>	<p>Roundtable discussion and reaction from stakeholders: developing a metropolitan-regional imaginary in Milan-Bologna urban region, reflections from stakeholders</p> <p><i>Isabella Susi Botto (Milan Metropolitan City) tbc, Silvia Bernardi / Francesco Selmi (Metropolitan City of Bologna) tbc, Andrzej Czajkowski (City of Warsaw) tbc, Henk Bouwman (METREX)</i></p>
<p>11:50 –12:00</p>	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p><i>Piero Bassetti (Globus et Locus) and Xavier Tiana Casablanca (Barcelona Metropolitan Area)</i></p>