

In 2017, Metropolis opened a call to identify, among its members, pilot projects that generate spaces for exchange and learning about different spheres of the metropolitan life, and that 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”.

The idea behind this call for projects is for Metropolis to provide funding to support capacity development and the exchange of knowledge and practices on metropolitan management among its members, in the framework of specific pilot projects.

Each project will receive a maximum amount of twenty six thousand euros (26,000.00€), which will be spread between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2019.

The resources are reserved 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 for direct implementation of projects in the field.

One of the requirements was for those projects to include at least three members from two regions of Metropolis (Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Latin America and Caribbean), while also relating to objectives of the new Metropolis Action Plan for the 2018-2020 period.

The Metropolis Secretariat General received 18 project applications, which were evaluated by an independent jury, composed by three members from Asia, Latin America and Europe, over the course of April 2017. Out of the 18 candidates, the jury selected the following projects, which were later validated by the Metropolis Board of Directors:

- *Governance in the energy transition towards a low carbon society in metropolitan areas*, with the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona as project leader.
- *Strategic and revitalizing innovations for the Urban Project* with the Region of Brussels Capital as project leader.
- *Sustainable Cities Collaboratory* with the city of Berlin as project leader.
- *METROAirports: socioeconomic impact and uses of new-generation airports*, with the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona as project leader.
- *Inter-sectional LGBTI policies* with the city of Montevideo as project leader.
- *Surplus Food Network*, with New Taipei City as project leader.

The success of the initiative prompted the Metropolis Board of Directors to renew the experience and organize an annual call for pilot projects until the next Metropolis Congress that will be held in Guangzhou, China in 2020.