

# Safety and Public Spaces: Mapping Metropolitan Gender Policies

**A snapshot of policies that Metropolis members are carrying out to prevent, respond to, and end violence against women and girls in public spaces on their territories**

Metropolis advocates for engaged metropolitan governance that attends to social life in all its complexity, seeking to enhance the quality of life of all citizens living in metropolitan areas. As part of our mission, we raise awareness of how our members are building fairer and more inclusive metropolitan spaces, through the coordination of policies that promote gender equality.

This project sheds light on the involvement of our members to ensure that women and girls have the right to the city, by mapping policies, strategies and instruments that foster safer and more accessible streets, squares, parks, neighborhoods and eventually the totality of metropolitan public spaces.

Data was collected from November 2017 to May 2018 to questionnaires, desk research, questionnaires, face-to-face exchanges and personal email correspondence with the members of the association.

**36% of the members of Metropolis  
have policies to address women's safety in urban public spaces**



## The 83 policies identified were grouped into themes and qualified as:

**responsive:** policies that respond to sexual violence after it happens

Implemented by **49%** of members

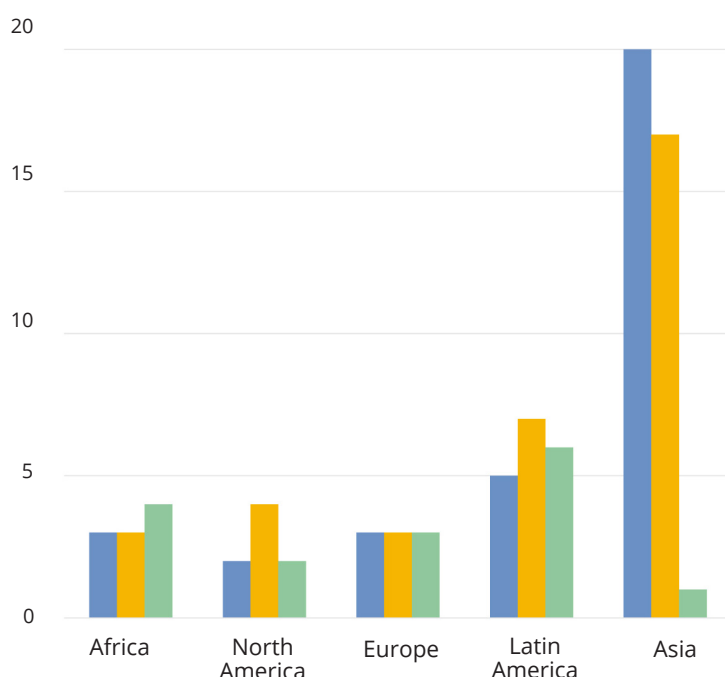
**preventative:** policies that aim to prevent sexual violence before it can happen

Implemented by **61%** of members

**transformative:** policies that strive to be transformative and aim to eradicate the entrenched systems of oppression that consequently perpetuate violence against women and girls in society

Implemented by **26%** of members

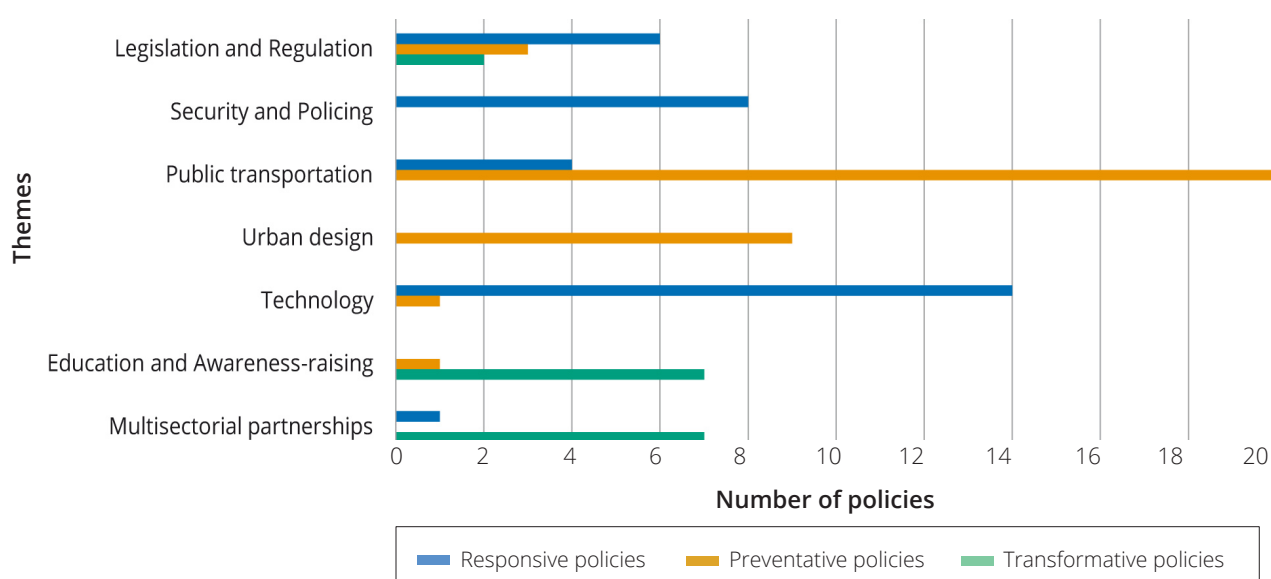
Type of policy per region



**Public transportation** is the leading area where **preventative policies** are applied. These policies ensure that women and girls move around freely and with ease, and consequently have access to opportunities across the metropolitan spaces.

**Technology** is mostly necessary as an instrument of **responsive policies**. It creates user-friendly methods to report sexual violence, disseminate information to victims, and collect data to assess high risk areas.

Summary of policy typologies



The full publication with the results of the research is available at.

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