

Metropolitan governments shaping the EU Urban policy

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Rationale

Preparations for new European strategies and funding post 2020 are underway, facing challenges like Brexit with potential repercussions on the European budget and urban policy. In this context, a metropolitan dimension for EU urban policy becomes a relevant solution: challenges such as mobility, environmental quality, governance, and territorial cohesion are often best dealt with a metropolitan approach.

The Metropolitan City of Milan, Barcelona Metropolitan Area, Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolitan Area, the City of Zagreb, the Metropolitan City of Bari, Riga City Council, Porto Metropolitan Area and ALDA – European Association for Local Democracy, reunited under the consortium MEANING – Metropolitan Europeans in Active Network, Including Novelities in Governance, joined forces to showcase concrete actions supported by the urban policy and, on the basis of this experience, bring in proposals for the next programming period.

The event will reunite EU, national, regional and local policy/decision makers, authorities managing and evaluating cohesion policy programmes and projects, private companies, financial institutions, European and national associations to exchange opinions and views on the performance of the urban policy and provide to EU institutions with metropolitan actors' feedback for the post-2020 strategies.

Programme

11.15 – 11.30 Welcome speech
Representative of Apulia Region
Ms Antonella Valmorbida, Secretary General, ALDA – European
Association for Local Democracy (*moderator*)

11.30 – 12.30

Panel discussion

- Mr Carmine Pacente, President of the Commission for International Affairs, post Expo, European policies, City of Milan
- Mr Xavier Tiana, Head of International Relations, Barcelona Metropolitan Area
- Ms Jelena Ricov, Head of the Office for EU programmes and projects, City of Zagreb
- Mr Guntars Ruskuls, Head of the Strategic Planning Division, Deputy Head of the Board of Strategic Management of the City Development Department, Riga City Council
- Mr Michal Glaser, Managing Director, Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolis
- Mr Oriano Otocan, President, ALDA – European Association for Local Democracy

12.30 – 13.00

Debate with representative of EU institutions and other stakeholders

13.00 – 13.30

Networking