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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.

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### Programme

Moderator	<i>Lia Brum (Metropolis Secretariat General   World Association of the Major Metropolises)</i>
<b>11:00 –11:05</b>	Stretching legs from the previous session and entering the virtual room
<b>11:05 –11:15</b>	<p><b>Welcome and setting the scene</b> for “metropolitan approaches” to cohesion policy: ESPON METRO and ESPON IMAGINE</p> <p><i>Piera Petruzzi (ESPN egtc) and Filipe Ferreira (Lisbon Metropolitan Area)</i></p> <p><b>Opening speech “Trust-oriented vs market-oriented EU policies”</b></p>

	<i>Paolo Perulli (Globus et Locus)</i>
<b>11:15 –11:25</b>	<p><b>Metropolitan areas and EU cohesion policy:</b> 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>
<b>11:25 –11:35</b>	<p><b>Roundtable discussion and reaction from stakeholders:</b> governing metropolitan areas in cohesion policy, reflections from European metropolitan areas</p> <p><i>Alessandra Barbieri (Municipality of Florence), Alfredo Corbalan (perspective.brussels and EUROCITIES working group metropolitan areas)</i></p>
<b>11:35–11:40</b>	<p><b>Milano-Bologna urban region:</b> engagement of institutional and functional stakeholders to feed new territorial alliances between places and societies</p> <p><i>Silvia Bernardi (Metropolitan City of Bologne) and Valeria Fedeli (Politecnico di Milano) from ESPON IMAGINE</i></p>
<b>11:40 –11:50</b>	<p><b>Roundtable discussion and reaction from stakeholders:</b> developing a metropolitan-regional imaginary in Milan-Bologna urban region, reflections from stakeholders</p> <p><i>Silvia Bernardi (Metropolitan City of Bologne), Andrzej Czajkowski (City of Warsaw), Henk Bouwman (METREX)</i></p>
<b>11:50 –12:00</b>	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <p><i>Xavier Tiana Casablanca (Barcelona Metropolitan Area) and Piero Bassetti (Globus et Locus)</i></p>