

Press release

Regional peer learning workshop [The role of cities and metropolitan areas in the Cohesion Policy: Challenges for the period 2021-2027]

ESPON METRO | The role and future perspectives of Cohesion Policy in the planning of Metropolitan Areas and Cities

[IBEI, November 23, 2021]

The AMB is organizing an event on 23 November to discuss the role of municipalities and metropolitan areas in the EU Cohesion Policy and the future challenges of the period 2021-2027. The main results of the METRO ESPON project will be presented at the event. The AMB and the Institute of Regional and Metropolitan Studies of Barcelona have participated in the project as partners.

The METRO ESPON is a European project led by the metropolitan area of Torino within the ESPON programme and co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund. This project elaborates a comparative research to analyse the role of the cohesion policy in the process of planning and implementing metropolitan policies, based on the study of 9 different metropolises, including the Barcelona Metropolitan Area.

The study is coordinated by the Polytechnic of Torino with the participation of different local research centres, including the Institute of Regional and Metropolitan Studies of Barcelona (IERMB), which is preparing the Barcelona metropolitan area case study. The document defines the challenges for the period 2021-2027 and enunciates a set of policy recommendations in order to consolidate the role of metropolitan areas within the cohesion policy framework.

The event will be held on November 23, from 10:00 to 11:30, at IBEI (UPF, Campus de la Ciutadella, Carrer Ramon Trias Fargas, 25, Mercè Rodoreda Auditorium, 23).