



# Executive Summary

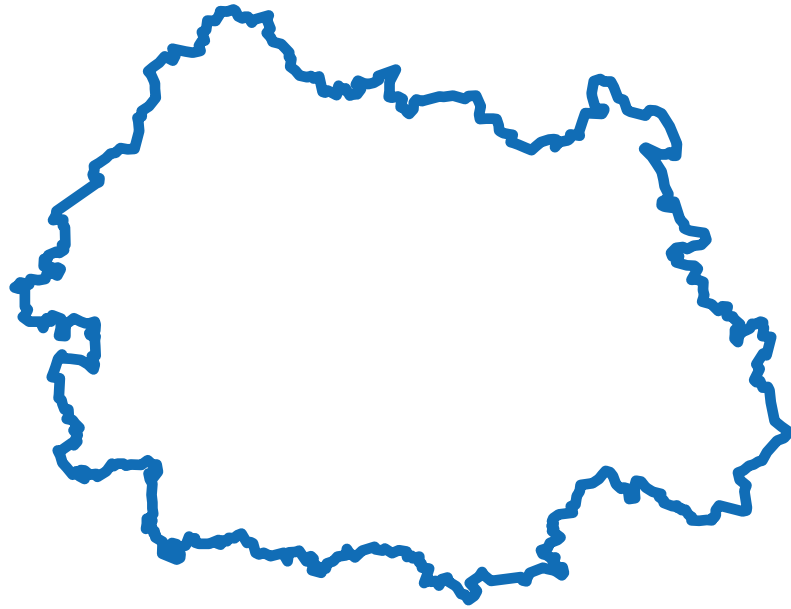
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Summary of existing  
tools/best practices  
at partner's MA for enhancing  
metropolitan cooperation

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# Warsaw Metropolitan Area



Stowarzyszenie  
Metropolia Warszawa



Official name of the main governance structure in the MA

## „Warsaw Metropolis“ Association

(Stowarzyszenie Metropolia Warszawa)

Date of creation/ start of cooperation	Number of municipalities	Area (in km <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>15)</sup>
<b>1999</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>6.105</b>
Population (in mln) <sup>15)</sup>	Population density (people/km <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>15)</sup>	GDP per capita (EUR) <sup>15)</sup>
<b>3,258</b>	<b>533,9</b>	<b>32.682</b>

<sup>15)</sup> Source: BDL GUS (2022).

## Agency (relations with the state)

Representatives of the Warsaw Metropolitan Area are not present in central administrative bodies. However, they participate in the following bodies related to the implementation of EU funds: Monitoring Committee/working groups under the European Funds for Infrastructure, Climate, Environment (FEnIKS) and European Funds for Mazovia 2021-2027 (FEM).

## Tasks

- ▶ The Management Board of the “Warsaw Metropolis” Association has been authorised to conclude a cooperation agreement with the Masovian Voivodeship and the City of Warsaw concerning the implementation of Integrated Territorial Investments for the Warsaw Metropolitan Area for the period 2021-2027+. Thus, the Association is the competent institution for the implementation of the ITI for the Warsaw MA within the current financial perspective.
- ▶ The “Warsaw Metropolis” Association integrates local government units, where the main objective is to support the idea of local government, jointly solving difficulties in areas such as public transport, waste management, education, air protection and climate change adaptation, as well as to foster the harmonious socio-economic development of the Warsaw Metropolitan Area. The Association also undertakes joint initiatives to counter changes in the law with negative consequences for local government units. It also led activities related to the programming of EU funds for financial perspective 2021-2027.

## Main strategic documents

- ▶ Integrated Territorial Investment Strategy for 2021-2027+: <https://sm.waw.pl/strategia-zintegrowanych-inwestycji-terytorialnych-na-lata-2021-2027/>
- ▶ Development Strategy of the Warsaw Metropolis until 2040 (ongoing): <https://sm.waw.pl/dokumenty-strategiczne-metropolii-warszawskiej/strategia-rozwoju-metropolii-warszawskiej-do-2040-roku/>
- ▶ Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan for the Warsaw Metropolis 2030+ (SUMP): <https://sm.waw.pl/sump/>



Other governance structures in the MA

## Integrated Territorial Investments for the Warsaw Functional Area 2014-2020+

(Zintegrowane Inwestycje Terytorialne dla Warszawskiego Obszaru Funkcjonalnego 2014-2020+)

Date of creation/ start of cooperation	Number of municipalities	Area (in km <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>16)</sup>
<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2.931</b>
Population (in mln) <sup>16)</sup>	Population density (people/km <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>16)</sup>	GDP per capita (EUR)
<b>2,988</b>	<b>1.019,2</b>	—








<sup>16)</sup> Source: BDL GUS (2022).

## Tasks

- ▶ In 2014, Warsaw together with 39 communes concluded a metropolitan cooperation agreement, which is the basis for cooperation on key issues related to the economic and social development of local communities. Within its framework, Warsaw and the 39 communes of the metropolis are implementing joint projects financed by EU funds under the 2014-2020 financial perspective.
- ▶ Other specific areas of intervention: education, implementing innovation support policy, social policy / inclusion, transport, e-services projects.

## Main strategic documents

- ▶ Integrated Territorial Investments Strategy for the Warsaw Functional Area 2014-2020+: <https://omw.um.warszawa.pl/zintegrowane-inwestycje-terytorialne/zit-metropolii-warszawskiej-zalozenia-do-strategii/> (the current version of the ITI of the WFA Strategy)

Integrated Territorial Investments of Warsaw Metropolis Projects co-financed with European Union funds, contracts signed in the period to I 2024						
	Cycle routes	Park & Ride	Education & career counseling	General education	Care system for children under 3	E-services
number of projects	25	32	7	58	26	45
						
	509,63 km length of cycle routes (built or reconstructed)	59 P+R parking lots 5 936 parking spaces	281 number of schools and other educational institutions supported	26 427 number of students supported 661 number of teachers supported	2 221 new places of care for children under 3	297 number of public institutions supported with e-services
value of EU co-financing in concluded agreements	395,5 mln PLN	119,8 mln PLN	9,4 mln PLN	40,5 mln PLN	58,4 mln PLN	100,4 mln PLN
value of EU co-financing within the approved expenses	365,3 mln PLN	116,9 mln PLN	7,9 mln PLN	36,3 mln PLN	50,5 mln PLN	70,2 mln PLN
the amount of EU funds for ITI (1 EUR=4,3618)	511,8 mln PLN		8,5 mln PLN	37,1 mln PLN	62,3 mln PLN	102 mln PLN
European Union subvention for 194 projects	Value of EU co-financing in concluded agreements: <b>730 292 424,29 PLN (100,37%)</b> Value of EU co-financing within the approved expenses: <b>653 542 964,98 PLN (89,82%)</b>					



## Metropolitan governance system in the MA

There is no formal metropolitan management system in the Warsaw Metropolitan Area. One can speak of metropolitan cooperation in two formats:

1. Cooperation with the communes of the Warsaw Functional Area (WFA) in the implementation of the Integrated Territorial Investments instrument within the EU Financial Perspective 2014-2020. The implementation took place based on an agreement between the WFA communes. The responsible implementing entity was the City of Warsaw, acting as the Intermediate Body, based on an agreement with the Marshal's Office of the Masovian Voivodeship. The "Warsaw Metropolis" Association did not participate in the implementation of the ITI instrument (2014-2020), it carried out statutory tasks.
2. Cooperation with communes of the Warsaw Metropolitan Area, including members of the "Warsaw Metropolis" Association, within the framework of the implementation of the ITI instrument within the EU financial perspective 2021-2027. The Association does not act as the IB of the ITI. The implementation takes place based on an agreement with the Marshall Office of the Masovian Voivodeship.

## Best tools and practices

1. **INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL INVESTMENTS OF THE WARSAW METROPOLIS (ITI).** In 2014, Warsaw, together with 39 communes of the metropolis, started implementing joint projects financed by EU funds under the 2014-2020 financial perspective, i.e. Integrated Territorial Investments. Their common aim is to mitigate problems on a supra-local scale and to exploit the common agglomeration potential, both in terms of infrastructure (cycle routes, P+R car parks) and economic/social aspects (e-public services, education of children and young people, creation of childcare places for children under 3). The total value of the 193 projects from the Warsaw MA that have received EU funding under this instrument is approx. EUR 169 million.



2. **DEVELOPING OPINIONS AND ADOPTING STATEMENTS BY THE WARSAW METROPOLIS ASSOCIATION.** The Association promotes self-government and civil society and provides expert assistance on issues of interest to local authorities. It is also an advisory body, a partner in consultations on solutions relevant to local authorities. It prepares positions, studies and analyses, and implements initiatives to ensure that the voice of the metropolitan forum is recognised and heard at both national and European level.





3. **SCHOOL CLOSER TO SCIENCE.** A project aiming at creating in 7 communes of the Warsaw Functional Area conditions for teaching based on the experimental method. It is based on increasing the skills and competences of teachers working with the experimental method, equipping schools with educational kits and tools for teaching natural sciences, and developing the competences of male and female students in the field of natural sciences through, among others, the implementation of educational and research projects.



4. **CLOSER TO THE LABOUR MARKET - INTEGRATED EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL ADVISORY SYSTEM ITI WFA.** The aim of the project was to improve key competences among 4,450 students from 71 schools with junior high school classes in the ITI WFA area in terms of creating an educational and professional career path and improving the labour market orientation. Thus, thanks to the implementation of activities in the area of development and quality improvement, it has contributed to their employability.







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