

# Strengthening metropolitan cooperation and governance in Central Europe

Introduction of MECOG-CE project



# MECOG-CE =

## Strengthening **ME**tropolitan **CO**operation and Governance in **Central Europe**

The project aimed to **identify the best tools, procedures and examples of good practices** for strengthening metropolitan cooperation and governance in Central Europe and **apply them in metropolitan areas** towards strengthening integrated metropolitan strategic and spatial development.

Start date **04.2023**

End date **03.2026**

### Project progress



# Project partners



2 universities (Charles University, University of Silesia)



1 research institute (Metropolitan Research Institute)



6 metropolitan cities/areas (Berlin-Brandenburg, Brno, Ostrava, Stuttgart, Turin, Warsaw)

# Associated partners



2 metropolitan areas (GZM and Milano)



3 networks (Eurocities, METREX, Union of Polish Metropolises)



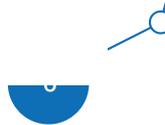
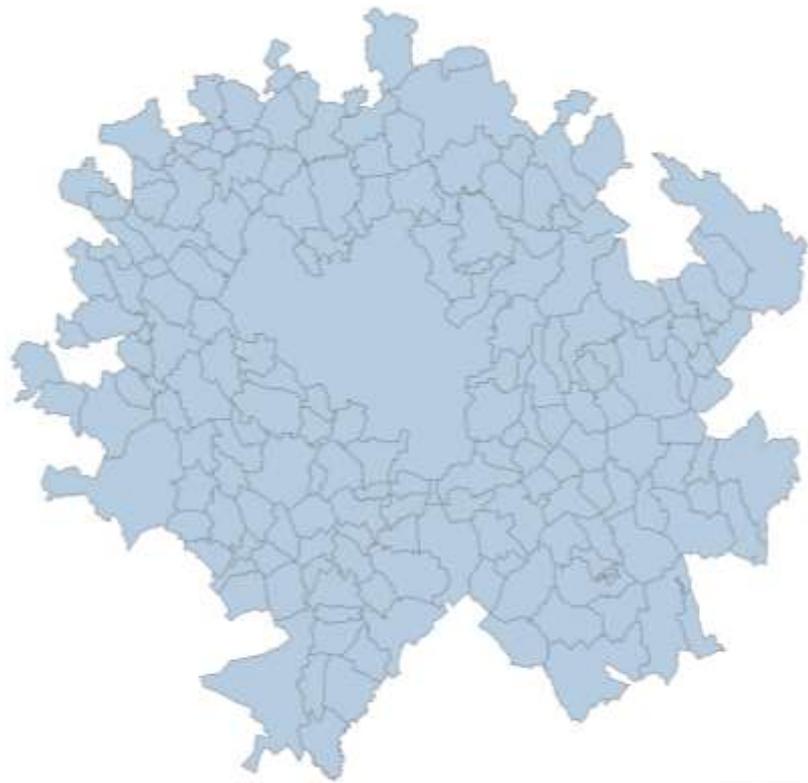
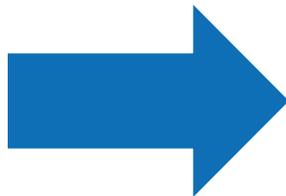
1 ministry (Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic)

# We face different levels of metropolitan governance

Strong metropolitan body	Legally defined, but not strong metropolitan body	Weak metropolitan body
Stuttgart	Berlin-Brandenburg, Turin, GZM	Brno, Ostrava, Warsaw

**BUT WE CAN AGREE THAT...**

No municipality is an island



# Our motivation

METROPOLITAN agenda for Central Europe



- **promote a neglected issue which has not been sufficiently discussed systematically in Central European space**

# Our goal

**How can we strengthen the metropolitan cooperation in our areas?**

- Evaluation and further development of „soft collaboration” formats
- Exchange and learn from experiences (good and bad ones 😊) and apply them in our metropolitan areas
- Identification of joint collaboration topics
- Bring awareness (at European and national level)

# MECOG-CE

## Work Package 1

Analysis of  
metropolitan  
dimension

Common Metropolitan  
Vision

## Work Package 2

Capacity  
building towards  
pilot actions and  
new solutions

Study clusters  
Pilot actions  
New solutions

## Work package 3

Strategy and action plans  
for strengthening  
metropolitan cooperation  
and governance

Strategy for strengthening  
metropolitan cooperation and  
governance in CE  
Action Plans for metropolitan areas

## In numbers



**36**  
months



**300**  
members of  
LinkedIn  
community



**17**  
deliverables



**32**  
articles published

To put it  
in four  
words



# How did we succeed?

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Let's find out :)