



MetropolisNet

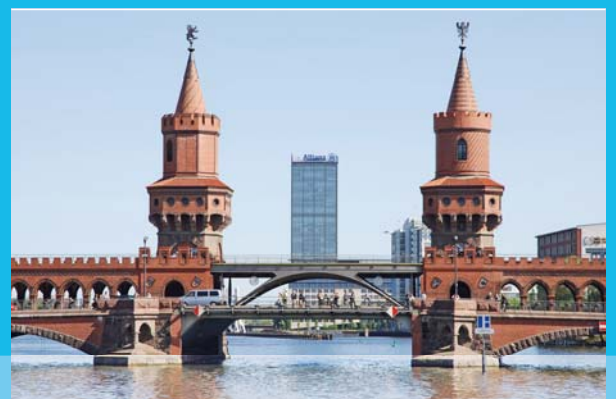
European network of local development partnerships in metropolitan areas



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The Aims of MetropolisNet are...

- promoting employment and social cohesion in large city and urban areas;
- exchanging information, experience and know-how between the partner organisations. The partnership is a forum for exchanging information and good practice on re-integrating disadvantaged groups in the labour market;
- supporting and co-ordinating of local partnerships and territorial employment pacts in order to implement the local approach of the European employment strategy;
- Cooperating in joint projects to achieve our goals of greater social cohesion;
- developing co-operation with other relevant organisations at local, regional, national and European levels, and beyond.



BERLIN

Gesellschaft für soziale
Unternehmensberatung mbH
Labour market and local
development agency

MetropolisNet – Urban network for social inclusion and employment

MetropolisNet is a unique network of different types of organisations developing and implementing local strategies for employment and social inclusion in a number of European cities.

MetropolisNet evolved from a transnational network created to support EU local employment initiatives, including Employment Pacts. The organisations involved in the network have much in common, especially their strong commitment to tackling issues of unemployment and social exclusion, in a context of evolving local development policy and ethnic and cultural diversity.

MetropolisNet is a vehicle for inter-city and inter-organisational collaboration in promoting the empowerment of local actors by emphasizing the local dimensions of EU policies on employment and social affairs, and for developing the local dimension of EU strategies on employment, social inclusion and local development. It fosters the European Union's Lisbon Agenda, in particular its aim of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion.



BUDAPEST

ESÉLY
Budapest Employment Pact



DUBLIN

Dublin Employment Pact
Developing innovative solutions to
employment and social inclusion

The Origins and Development of MetropolisNet

MetropolisNet grew from a collaborative network of Territorial Employment Pacts. The concept of a free spirit transnational network was developed in Bremen in January 1998 and formalised in Copenhagen in March 1998. Its work began with a series of practical workshops and study visits in London, Stockholm, Hamburg, Malmö, Copenhagen, Brussels and Berlin.

MetropolisNet also collaborated in two EU trans-national innovation projects. The first project was supported by the European Commission under a special programme to combat social exclusion. This involved eight cities and sought to identify good practice in neighbourhood renewal and models of neighbourhood management. The project encompassed a comparative analysis of current trends, problems and causes of concentrations of social exclusion and disadvantage, analysed neighbourhood management structures and actions implemented by local partnerships, and examined models of good practice.

The second project, called AVALON, was an ambitious transnational collaboration funded by the European Commission to enhance a local commitment to employment. It involved a comparative study to identify key success factors in local employment initiatives, in particular the impact of the level of commitment from the private sector in local employment partnerships at both a strategic and project level.



HAMBURG

Laewetz Stiftung
Local development and
research agency



LONDON

Haringey Council
Local authority

A European Partnership for Urban Development

MetropolisNet meets twice annually and functions in the context of open coordination. Membership of the network is by application or invitation agreed at one of the regular meetings of the network.

MetropolisNet does not have a central secretariat or managing agency, but may be contacted through any of its partners. MetropolisNet partners collaborate on a practical basis through trans-national projects in the context of local development, employment and social inclusion programmes and also aim to impact on policy development at EU level through strategic learning from this collaboration.



MADRID

Employment Agency
Siempre en Madrid/Always in Madrid



ROME

CIOFS-FP
Training agency of the
Salesian Sisters

MetropolisNet Goals

MetropolisNet is a grouping of urban organisations and partnerships involved in social inclusion and labour market strategies at local level in large European cities. The members of the network consider the promotion of employment and social inclusion to be essential for the sustainable economic growth of urban areas.

MetropolisNet fosters the exchange of information, experience and know-how between its partners. In this context it acts as a forum for exchanging information and good practice in supporting disadvantaged groups to reintegrate into the labour market (e. g. low skilled workers, young unemployed, migrants, long-term unemployed).



SANTANDER

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Sustainable local development
in Intelligent Territories' Institution



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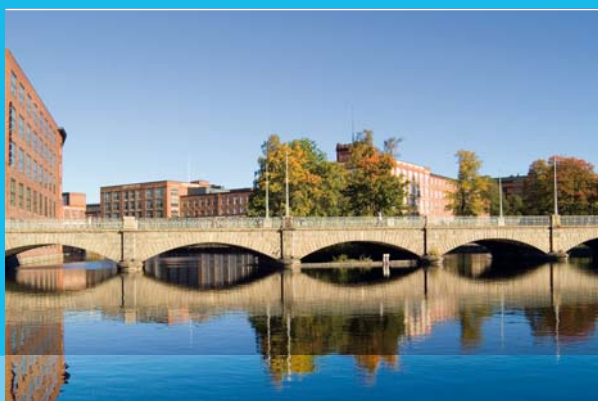
Seine-Saint-Denis Conseil Général
General Council of the Département

The network and its partners support and co-ordinate local area partnerships and employment pacts in implementing the local approach of the European Employment Strategy.

The partners of MetropolisNet also collaborate in joint projects to realise their objectives. The funding for such projects may be secured by partners acting on an individual basis or through joint applications at EU level. This is facilitated by the formal legal registration of MetropolisNet as an European Economic Interest Group, which enables it to seek funding as a collaborative network.

Co-operation through MetropolisNet strengthens the strategies of network members for sustainable development within their cities. The partners therefore aim to link with other relevant bodies at local, regional, national and European level to strengthen this approach and to keep the network open to other interested partners.

Membership of MetropolisNet is voluntary.



TAMPERE

Labour Force Service Center
Employment Service Organisation



VIENNA

ZSI, Zentrum für Soziale Innovation

Project Partners



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