



Dear MECOG-CE followers,

welcome to issue 4 of our **MECOG-CE newsletter!** We are excited to share the latest developments from the MECOG-CE project, which aims to strengthen metropolitan cooperation and governance across Central Europe.

Over the past year, our partners have **engaged in five thematic study clusters** to explore, share, and **adapt best practices tailored to the unique challenges** of their metropolitan areas. These collaborative efforts have culminated in the **implementation of pilot actions addressing key metropolitan challenges.**

This edition provides an overview of the five clusters and related pilot actions. We hope you find it insightful and inspiring.

Sincerely,

The MECOG-CE Team

Fostering metropolitan cooperation: Insights from the MECOG-CE study clusters

The MECOG-CE project leveraged **study clusters** to **explore, share, and adapt best practices** for metropolitan cooperation and governance across Central European regions. By forming five thematic clusters, the project promotes cooperation, knowledge exchange, and the **development of pilot actions tailored to the unique challenges of each partner's metropolitan area**. Each cluster comprises a lighthouse metropolitan area, serving as an expert supervisor, and follower areas eager to learn and adapt these practices.

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Introducing pilot actions

Potential for food cooperation and its governance network in the Brno Metropolitan Area

The City of Brno explored the **potential for food cooperation** within the Brno Metropolitan Area (BMA). The analysis aimed to identify key stakeholders, **recognise the potential benefits and impacts of food cooperation**, and apply the Food Districts tool, a governance model developed by the Metropolitan City of Turin, to the context of BMA.

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Participatory approach to transforming metropolitan territories in the Ostrava Metropolitan Area and the Stuttgart Region



This pilot action is using a participatory approach to support spatial transformation in the Ostrava Metropolitan Area and Stuttgart Region. It consists of two phases, each addressing pressing needs within the respective territories. This initiative tested the adaptability of the Prototyping Academies tool developed by the Górnośląsko-Zagłębiowska Metropolia (GZM) in Poland.

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Informal and participatory planning approach to the vision process for the Metropolitan Area Berlin-Brandenburg

To enhance participation in the Berlin-Brandenburg Metropolitan Area, a pilot action drew inspiration from the best practice “Workshops/trainings delivered to members of Warsaw Metropolis Association,” developed by the City of Warsaw. Through interactive workshops the pilot action seeks to bridge the gaps identified in previous participation processes.



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Structured dialogue for strategic planning in the Metropolitan City of Turin



Inspired by “Questionnaire among Mayors of the Brno Metropolitan Area,” the Metropolitan City of Turin created the survey for evaluating and enhancing strategic planning process through structured dialogue. This initiative marks a significant step in strengthening metropolitan governance and cooperation.

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Possibilities of integrating bus transport in the Warsaw Metropolitan Area

The pilot action identifying the possibilities of integrating bus transport in the Warsaw Metropolis reflects efforts to **create a unified and efficient metropolitan public transport system** in the area. This initiative is drawn on best practices from the Stuttgart Region and the Capitol Region Berlin-Brandenburg.



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From pilot actions to new solutions: MECOG-CE partners convene in Berlin

On 26-28 February 2025, MECOG-CE project partners gathered in Berlin for a three-day meeting to **evaluate the outcomes of these pilot actions, shape new solutions, and discuss the strategy for strengthening metropolitan cooperation and governance.**

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[What's next?](#)

Project partners will now concentrate on **finalizing new solutions** in their metropolitan areas, **developing the metropolitan cooperation strategy**, **developing action plans** to enhance metropolitan cooperation, and fostering deeper cooperation across all participating metropolitan areas.

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