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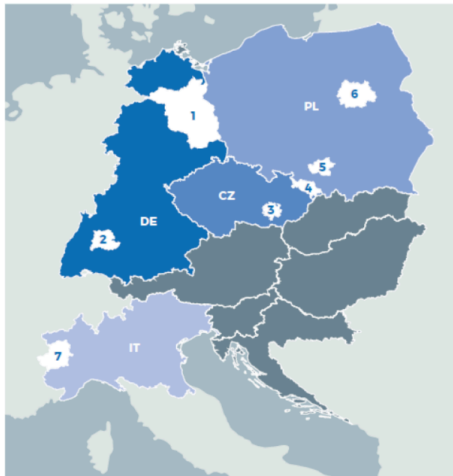
Common Metropolitan Vision • Best practices • Clusters • Storymaps

The Common Metropolitan Vision highlights the power of metropolitan areas

The outcome of the MECOG-CE project, titled "We are the Metropolitan Areas - Our Common Metropolitan Vision", stands as a **strategic document** that underscores the pivotal role of metropolitan areas in shaping European and national policies. This comprehensive framework represents a long-term and shared commitment of metropolitan leaders, stakeholders, and actors **to foster the development of metropolitan societies and their regions**. It aims to **maximize the positive impact of metropolitan areas on Europe's overall prosperity** and quality of life while **advocating for the strengthening of metropolitan governance**. The Common Metropolitan Vision sets a course for enhancing metropolitan cooperation and governance in Central Europe.

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Executive Summary

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

47 best practices for strengthening metropolitan cooperation and governance!

The University of Silesia in Katowice elaborated an in-depth analysis of **metropolitan governance systems**, illustrating diverse approaches and national conditions in project partners' metropolitan areas. The analysis thoroughly **described 47 best tools and practices** utilized by partner metropolitan areas. Some of them will be further studied, **tested, and implemented** within the study clusters.

Learn more about best practices and governance systems in MECOG-CE partners' metropolitan areas in the **Executive summary** or in the **STORYMAP**. The whole analysis will be thoroughly introduced in the following weeks. Stay tuned!

See more details in the [STORYMAP!](#)



Formation of study clusters marks the second milestone of the MECOG-CE project

The MECOG-CE project partners from across Central Europe (CE) met in Stuttgart on 22-23 February. The consortium **formed study clusters** and **discussed possible pilot actions** as part of a collaborative work. The main objective of these clusters is to **share the expertise in implementing, managing, and transferring best practices and tools** derived from a comprehensive analysis of project partners' metropolitan areas. The Common Metropolitan Vision, an advocacy document for metropolitan areas (MAs), was finalized.

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Regional stakeholders involved in the process of the selecting best practices

Project partners presented the examples of good practices in metropolitan cooperation and governance in Central Europe to experts in the field of urban and metropolitan planning and development during regional stakeholders' meetings held by every partner metropolitan area (MA) in December 2023 and January 2024.

Within each meeting, participants together **prioritized 5 tools and best practices which have the potential for transferability to their metropolitan areas**. These meetings were **essential for forming study clusters** during the recent transnational meeting in Stuttgart. Within these clusters the most desirable tools and best practices will be examined now.



We are excited to present our MECOG-CE project via two STORYMAPS!

During the Work package 1, two storymaps were created.

The first one is related to the **introduction of the project** itself. It presents all the key facts about the project and our partners. You can check it out now [here](#).

The second storymap presents the **outcomes of analysis of the governance systems and the best practices/tools** identified in partners' metropolitan areas. It is available on this [link](#).

The aim for creating the storymaps was to present the project and gathered analytical data in the well visualised form. We hope you like them.

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