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TRACK 3: Competitive and Inclusive Metropolitan Development and Governance

In many cases urban development is characterized by the process of metropolization and economic restructuring. These trends are driven by the attraction of specialised functions in economic, cultural or political terms (‘steering’) and the increase of knowledge intensive economic activities under increasingly competitive conditions. These new or enlarged urban functions and respective activities, their physical and functional allocation in specific areas and networks are affecting urban development in positive and even negative terms - they strongly affect intraurban or metropolitan development and re-structure traditional European and global urban hierarchies.

These new practises and trends under increasingly competitive conditions are enforcing both physical enlargement (beyond the cities’ borders) and intense social change (socio-economic polarisation, socio-demographic diversification and socio-cultural pluralism). The dominant approaches of metropolitan governance are to concentrate their strategies and the ever smaller means on their most attractive areas and high skilled labour force (‘knowledge intensive activities’). Simultaneously this threatens a socially inclusive and territorially cohesive metropolitan development, which should add a more integrative tone to the challenge of smart metropolitan development. So, in order to reach the goals of competitiveness and social inclusion on the metropolitan level new forms of governance are urgently needed and have already been claimed by both, policy actors and scholars of urban/regional research. Manifold experiences have been made with different regimes of metropolitan governance throughout Europe up to now, but developing and establishing new forms of metropolitan governance is still challenged by existing institutional rigidities, historically produced political cultures, actors’ constellations and forms of interaction within metropolitan areas.

Facing the challenges, which result from urban-metropolitan development and from the need to position metropolitan areas within European or global urban systems, the track welcomes papers focussing on the following topics:

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- Metropolisation and urban-regional governance
- Governing the balance between competitive and inclusive development
- Challenges of inclusive and participatory metropolitan governance
- Planning on the metropolitan level

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