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# Metropolitan inclusivity in Climate and Digital Transitions

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# What is MICAD?

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Culture, creativity and inclusive society

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36 months

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01 March 2025

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29 February 2028

# The project in a nutshell

**MICAD is a project that develops a robust framework for inclusive metropolitan co-planning policies focusing on Climate and Digital transitions globally, with a specific focus on Europe**

## How

1. Addressing key challenges in climate and digital transitions
2. Promoting inclusivity, ensuring that transitions are fair and equitable
3. Supporting metropolises in developing sustainable and forward-thinking policies

# Keywords

- Metropolitan planning
- Digital Transition
- Inclusivity
- Climate Transition
- Multi-level Governance
- International Cooperation

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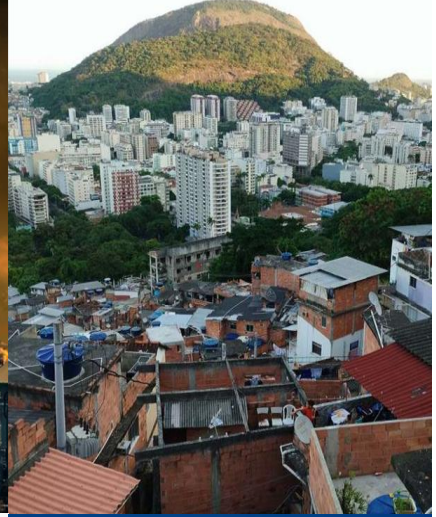
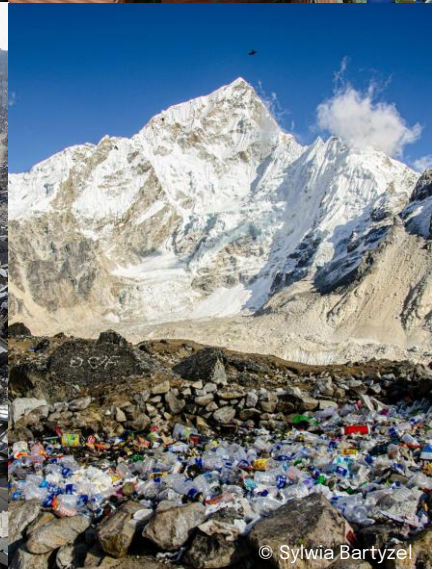
# Why MICAD?
# Why now?

## Visions and Goals






CLIMATE CHANGE - GROWING INEQUALITY - WARS - MASSIVE POLLUTION

# Change is accelerating. Inequalities are growing. Metropolitan areas are on the frontlines.

Global challenges are interconnected and can not be solved at the municipal level. They require an integrated, multi-level approach for a systemic change.

MICAD equips cities with **tools**, **networks**, and **vision** to lead **just and inclusive climate and digital transitions**, co-designed with local communities.

# Project’s visions and goals

**MICAD seeks to advance inclusive metropolitan planning for climate and digital transitions through a collaborative and holistic approach to urban development**

| INTERCONNECTIONS | ROADMAPS | EXCHANGE AND KNOWLEDGE | ADVOCACY | DISSEMINATION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Foster interconnections between local, metropolitan, international, and transnational governance systems | Support the 5 partner cities and metropolitan authorities in developing climate and digital transition roadmaps | Create space for exchange and knowledge sharing proposing tools and good practices in the fields of climate and digital transitions | Become a reference point for local authorities to advance inclusive metropolitan planning and advocate at national and European levels | Share the methodologies and tools for roadmaps development with other stakeholders around and beyond Europe to use them as a starting point |

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# The Partnership

# 9 countries involved

## Research institutions

- Metropolis Research Institute (MRI)
- Haute Ecole Spécialisée de Suisse occidentale (HES-SO)
- Institut Metropoli (IM)

## Global and regional organizations

- World Association of the Major Metropolises (METROPOLIS)
- European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)
- European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL)
- Urban Technology Alliance (UTA)

## Cities and metropolitan authorities

- Città Metropolitana de Milano (CMM)
- Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (AMB)
- Górnośląko-Zagłębiowska Metropolia (GZM)
- Municipality of Tirana
- Primaria Municipiuli Chisinau

## Private companies

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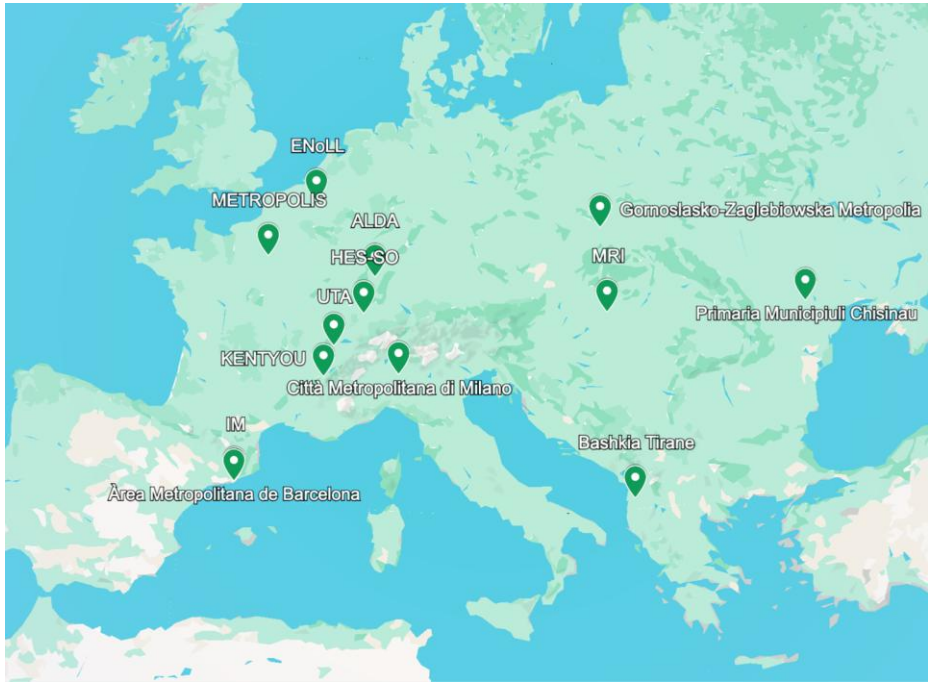

# Cities and Metropolitan Authorities

Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (AMB)

Città Metropolitana de Milano (CMM)

Górnośląko-Zagłębiowska Metropolia (GZM)

Municipality of Tirana

Primaria Municipiuli Chisinau

# The kick-off meeting in Chisinau

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# Why participate in MICAD's activities

To understand what is needed to achieve a **transformative sustainable inclusive** impact

**To contribute to the advancement of inclusive metropolitan planning for climate and digital transitions it is necessary to take into account changes** in stakeholders' needs and engagement, policy influence and outcomes, and social and environmental challenges.

This requires:

**SHARED EFFORTS, RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT**

**OF ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES INVOLVED IN THESE TRANSITIONS**

# Specific outcomes

**MICAD provides a range of hands-on resources to support inclusive metropolitan planning, including:**

- Step-by-step guidance to develop climate and digital transition roadmaps for metropolitan planning
- Living Lab toolboxes to engage diverse stakeholders in co-creation processes
- Tools to integrate inclusivity into transition strategies
- Self-assessment frameworks for evaluating progress and empower the capacity-building
- Support for building effective multi-level metropolitan governance

# Specific outcomes

**MICAD showcases real-world examples from cities and metropolitan areas across Europe and beyond, including:**

- Models of metropolitan governance from diverse contexts
- Urban Living Labs addressing climate and digital challenges
- Use cases of climate action initiatives and inclusive planning
- Digital tools and practices enabling smarter and fairer transitions

# Collective impact, shared benefit

Everyone has a role to play and MICAD ensures common benefits. Here's what you can gain:

| POLICY MAKERS | CITIZENS | RESEARCH | ENTREPRISES |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Practical tools** (toolkit, tested roadmaps, and policy recommendations) to design inclusive planning strategies for climate and digital transitions in metropolitan areas<br>**A space for collaboration** with other cities, institutions, and experts<br>**Support for capacity-building** and multi-level governance<br>**Access to Living Lab toolboxes** for stakeholder engagement<br>**Visibility at the European level** through shared methodologies and advocacy<br>**Real-life examples** of inclusive and sustainable planning in action | **Have a voice** in shaping their city's future through **participatory processes** that prioritise a fair and sustainable urban development | **Access new insights, case studies, and participatory methods to advance knowledge** on urban governance, tailored-made approaches to metropolitan planning. | **Explore opportunities to engage in co-creation processes**, better understand metropolitan needs, and support innovation aligned with inclusive transitions goals<br>**Strategic investments** |

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# Join MICAD Community of Practitioners

A **public Linkedin group** dedicated to

- ❏ professionals
- ❏ policymakers
- ❏ researchers
- ❏ civil society

engaged in inclusive climate and digital transitions in metropolitan areas across Europe and beyond.

The group provides a platform to stimulate collective learning.

Here you can:

- **Network with peers and experts in an international community**
- **Share ideas, knowledge, experiences, tools and good practices**
- **Join or start conversations and cross-sectoral collaborations**
- **Follow updates from the MICAD project and contribute to its success**

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# Let’s unite for greener, smarter, and more inclusive metropolitan areas!

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# WE INVITE YOU to join the MICAD project

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