



Investment Forum for Sustainable Metropolises

Fast-tracking financing
and investments in metropolitan areas
Fostering partnerships
and peer-to-peer learning

An initiative pioneered by



Together with



Supported by



“A unique event to connect the demand and the supply sides of urban financing market”

The first **Urban Investment Forum for Sustainable Metropolises (UIF)** is organized by FMDV and Metropolis and will take place in Brussels on the 15th of June during the 14th World Congress of Metropolis. It will mobilize relevant practitioners, metropolitan political representatives and their teams, development finance institutions, UN agencies, public and private investors and service providers around the topics of financing and investing in metropolitan projects.

The Forum will be held under the umbrella of the **Malaga Global Coalition** for Financial Ecosystem that works for Cities and Local Governments, co-initiated by UNCDF, UCLG and FMDV. The Malaga Global Coalition gathers major global institutions involved in local finance, as well as central and local governments, to exchange and promote global policy goals to unlock finance for cities.

The Urban Investment Forum for Sustainable Metropolises

The UIF aims to:

- Organize a space for multistakeholder dialogues involving representatives from metropolitan governments and potential financial partners;
- Stimulate peer-to-peer exchanges amongst metropolises on urban investment issues & solutions;
- **Connect projects led by Cities with adequate funding and financing opportunities**, from project preparation facilities to donors, investors and guarantees instruments.

The UIF is organized around two pillars:

- **A solution track:** Experience-sharing session to exchange and spotlight inspiring funding and financing practices developed by public and private actors, including representatives of metropolitan authorities, local governments networks, donors, investors and/or private companies.
- **An action track:** Matchmaking session to connect urban investment opportunities with potential public or private financiers, from a curated selection of short-listed projects. During this match-making session, project holders will pitch their project before a group of financial institutions and investors specially invited for the occasion, for reaction and comments.

Important dates:

- 28th of February 2023: Launch of the call for proposals
- 19th of April 2023: Closure of the call for proposals
- 15th of May 2023: Announcement of the selected projects
- 15th of June 2023: Urban Investment Forum, on the closing day of the 14th Metropolis World Congress¹

¹ The 14th Metropolis World Congress will begin on the 12th of June.

“The Forum is an exclusive Bank of Opportunities: Submit projects & Connect with donors and investors”

Your metropolitan development projects will be at the center of attention: development financing institutions, private investors and companies, as well as UN Agencies will engage in person with the selected projects.

You will be the one exchanging and negotiating directly with them in order to **move towards action** regarding your urban development projects.

Details on the Call for Proposals

WHO?

- Metropolitan areas with more than 1 million inhabitants;
- Metropolis members or cities committing to become a member.

WHAT?

- All projects falling under metropolitan competencies (services or infrastructures);
- Projects seeking external resources that are not about grant funding.

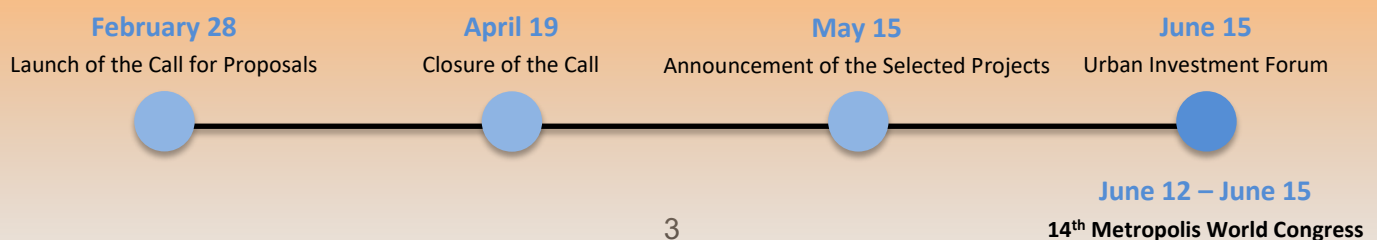
HOW?

- By answering the [application form](#) before April 19th 2023;

WHY?

- **Unique chance to pitch your project to a group of potential technical and financial partners** during the Metropolis World Congress in Brussels, in the context of a dedicated and exclusive session;
- **Promotion of the selected projects by Metropolis, FMDV and UCLG through their communication channels** so as to attract attention and promote the cities' leadership;
- Follow-up, after the congress, by Metropolis, FMDV and UCLG teams.

The analysis and selection of the projects will be done by a jury composed of FMDV, Metropolis and UCLG staff, and the **selection will be announced on the 15th of May 2023.**





Investment Forum for Sustainable Metropolises

Need more information? Contact us:

Guillaume Berret (he/him)

Head of Programmes, Metropolis
gberret@metropolis.org

Fantin Ferreux (he/him)

Project Officer, FMDV
fferreux@fmdv.net