

## NEWS



## Join Metropolis as an Associate Member - Shape the Future of Global Cities

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Becoming an **Associate Member** of Metropolis is more than a short-term partnership—it's a **strategic commitment to shaping the future of urban governance and innovation**, together. Metropolis is not just a network; it's an **ecosystem of change-makers** where your organization plays an integral role in global urban transformation.

With privileged access to **resources, influential stakeholders, and collaborative projects**, Associate Members are involved in Metropolis initiatives from the start, ensuring a lasting impact on metropolitan governance and sustainable development.

## What Are the Benefits of Becoming an Associate Member?

### A Tailored, Lasting Relationship

Far more than just accessing a network – associate membership presents the chance to build strong and lasting relationships with global leaders, whether local governments, non-profit organizations, think tanks, or academic institutions. These connections are not temporary; they're designed to grow and strengthen over time.

### A Global Network of Influence

Gain a platform in front of urban leaders, experts, and policymakers at flagship events like the Metropolis World Congress and the Metropolitan Futures Summit. These are unique opportunities to showcase your work, meet decision-makers, and engage in high-level discussions shaping the future of cities.

### Collaborate, Share, and Innovate

As an Associate Member, you can contribute to select projects, exchange expertise, and co-develop initiatives alongside Metropolis members and partners. While participation is tailored based on strategic objectives, you will always be an active player, not just an observer.

### Global Impact with a Shared Vision

Align your work with Metropolis' **2024-2026 Strategic Action Plan**, focusing on:

- Sustainable metropolitan ecosystems
- Inclusive metropolitan futures
- Effective governance
- Gender equality

By participating, you help drive resilience and equity in cities worldwide.

## The Value of Associate Membership

Associate Members play a crucial role in sustaining Metropolis' mission. By committing to our shared vision and upholding our values, they contribute to a culture of trust, collaboration, and impact.

**Associate Membership is open to not-for-profit organizations such as think tanks, research institutions, and non-governmental entities**, whereas full membership as a member city is reserved for subnational governments responsible for urban planning in large cities and metropolitan areas.

The **annual membership fee of €10,000**, set by the Board of Directors in January 2024, ensures equitable participation and ongoing program support.

## Example of Engagement: The Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences

The **Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences (GZASS)** is among the first institutions engaging with

Metropolis through our Associate Membership. Their involvement highlights how research institutions can contribute to global urban conversations. **Watch the GZASS video here.**

## Ready to Join?

Please send an expression of interest request to **Agnès Bickart, Head of Institutional Relations**, at **abickart@metropolis.org**, with the subject line “**Associate Member Metropolis**” to learn more.