

## NEWS



## Metropolis starts strategic planning for the coming years

This week, between February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, representatives of Metropolis member cities, partners and the Secretariat General staff were gathered in the Province of Barcelona to discuss the next action plan of the association, which will be implemented from 2015 to 2017.

The outcome of the three-day meeting was the definition of the main priorities of Metropolis in the coming years: strengthen and develop new Metropolis initiatives; establish an agenda with thematic areas of action; increase the number of members and their engagement in the association; reinforce the exchange between cities so that experiences are transferable; foster the Metropolis Women network to prioritize gender equality; build the Metropolis Youth network; and link Metropolis Training to all the activities of the association.

The final action plan for 2015-2017 shall be finalized by the end of July, and presented to the approval of the Board of Directors, which will meet next October in Hyderabad, in the framework of the 11<sup>th</sup> Metropolis World Congress.