

## NEWS



## New METROPOLIS learning and networking platform launched

Berlin has developed a new online platform dedicated to knowledge exchange and networking.

The Policy Transfer Platform, which was officially launched during the XI METROPOLIS World Congress in October, allows METROPOLIS members to give international visibility to innovative projects in their city and is aimed at urban practitioners and experts.

**<http://policytransfer.metropolis.org/>**

The platform already features dozens of good practice case studies from METROPOLIS members and other cities that can serve as an example and inspiration to others. Case studies are structured in a concise way with a focus on aspects that can be adapted in order to be transferred to other cities.

A powerful search function allows for quick filtering of existing case studies based on region, topic, objective and instruments used. The platform was designed with great care regarding usability issues, employing a reduced and intuitive layout aimed at making it easy to use and navigate.

In order to improve knowledge exchange and replicability, case studies feature short project and city profiles allowing for the quick comparison of projects and providing crucial local context. So far, the platform features city profiles of all 139 METROPOLIS member cities.

Interested readers can either get a quick insight into a case study by reading a short summary or may gain deeper knowledge by opening individual sections to learn more about the different aspects of a project or policy.

Researchers and professionals from Metropolis members and beyond are invited to register as experts and to create their own profile. Registered users can contribute their own case studies and safely contact other professionals in their fields of interest through the platform's internal messaging system.

The platform is one of the main outcomes of Berlin's Initiative in the previous working period (2012-14) on "Integrated Urban Governance - Successful Policy Transfer". The continuation of the Berlin initiative has been agreed in Hyderabad for the upcoming working period, with the aim of further improving the platform and highlighting Metropolis' role as a key provider of urban knowledge.

We call on your help to explore, test and share the platform with any interested parties. You can now register as an expert and upload your own case studies from your city!

We would be glad to hear and answer your feedback, ideas and questions via [policytransfer@metropolis.org](mailto:policytransfer@metropolis.org), and look forward to hearing from you!

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