



# **METRO ESPON PROJECT**

**THE ROLE AND THE FUTURE PERSPECTIVES OF COHESION  
POLICY IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING OF METROPOLITAN  
AREAS AND CITIES**





# ESPON 2020 PROGRAMME

*"Inspire policy making with territorial evidence"*

- Supports local, regional and national development in Europe gathering different policy makers that share the same challenges and that are looking for new territorial evidences.
- Supports political decision making process providing the scientific evidences needed, creating networks of key stakeholders and decision makers, promoting the role of the territory as a place where connection and knowledge exchange happen.
- Tool: **Targeted Analysis** = financing an activity of high-level research in Europe.

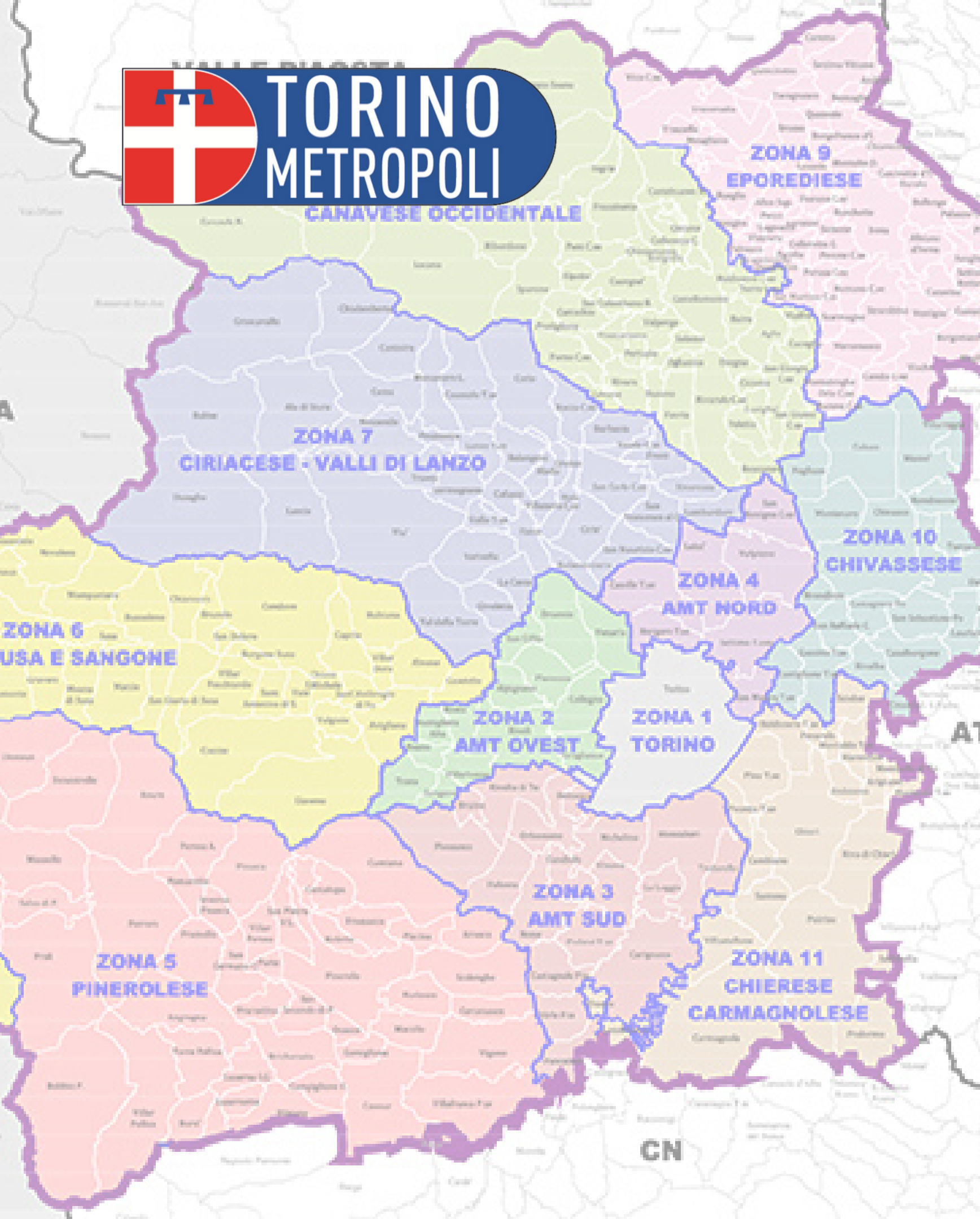


## ESPON METRO THE OBJECTIVE

**Main objective:** solve the current mismatch between the concentration of GDP, the amount of the population and the volume of the resources managed.

**Political objective:** identification of empirical and scientific evidences in support of a greater involvement of metropolitan cities in the programming phase of the cohesion policy at national and regional level.

**Why?** 68% of the European GDP has been generated in metropolitan regions in 2014 and it is expected that 80% of the population will live in urban areas by 2050.







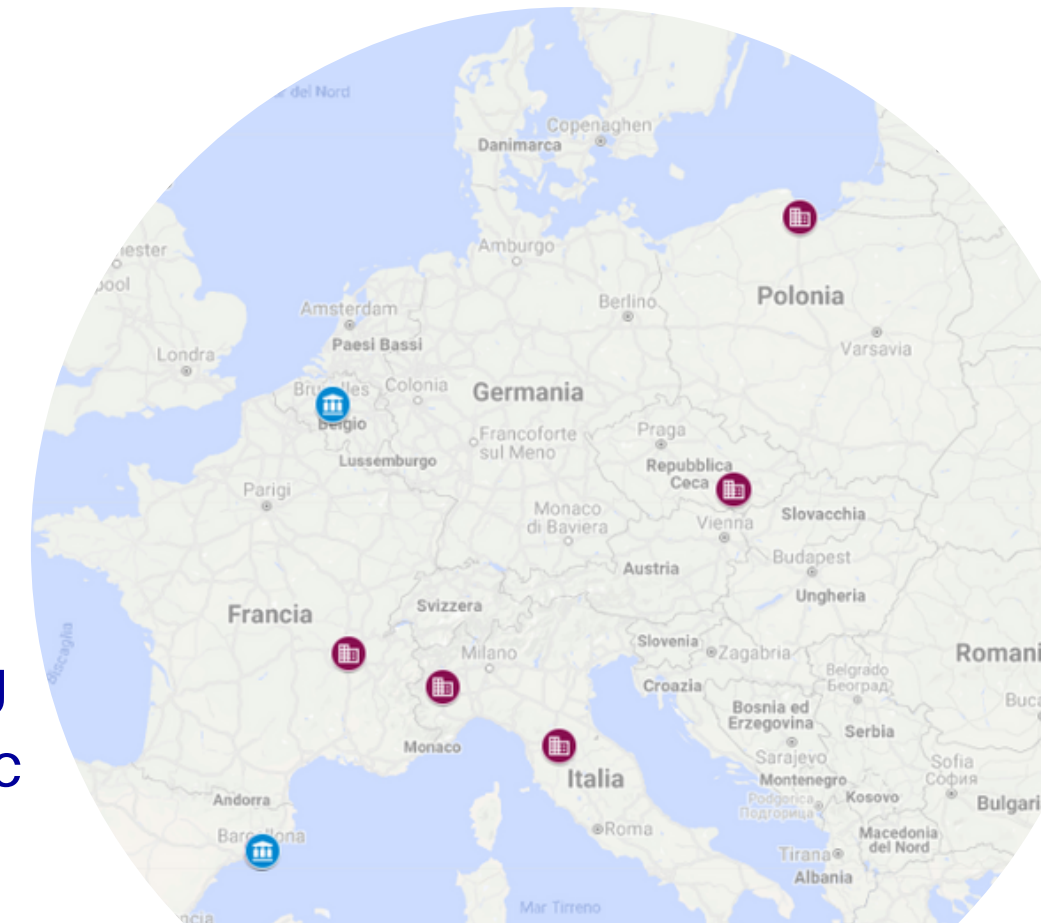
# STAKEHOLDERS

- Metropolitan City of Turin
- Barcelona Metropolitan Area
- Lisbon Metropolitan Area
- Metropolitan Area of Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot
- Municipality of Florence
- Metropole of Lyon
- Brno City Municipality
- Brussels-Capital Region
- Riga City Council

## Umbrella organisations:

- EUROCITIES
- METROPOLIS

Mapping  
<https://bit.ly/2qA7stc>





# RESULTS EXPECTED

Develop a **Targeted Analysis** that allows the stakeholders group to define the current status and trend in order to provide:

- a map of the state of art of Metropolitan Areas and Cities and their interrelations with cohesion policy;
- an analysis of strategic planning policy documents and how they include or could include cohesion policy in the future;
- an analysis of funding sources and types of instruments used;
- pan-european results of actions implemented;
- recommendations for cities and institutions on:
  1. how to better use cohesion policy to foster strategic planning
  2. how to implement integrated territorial development and area-based approaches thanks to the cohesion policy





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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