

# 14th Metropolis World Congress

Urban Answers to Global Challenges

## Monday, 12 June

📍 Brussels City Hall

1, Grand Place

**12:00–14:00** **Power Lunch: Urban–Rural Collaboration with Commissioner Ferreira** – *by invitation only*  
Co-organized by Metropolis and Eurocities

**12:30–14:00** **Metropolis Executive Committee Lunch** – *by invitation only*

**14:00–17:30** **METROPOLIS WELCOME TO BRUSSELS**  
📍 Salle des Mariages and Gothic Room, Brussels City Hall

**Metropolis Family Picture** 📸

### 14th Metropolis World Congress Opening

with an address from **Philippe Close**, Mayor of Brussels, **Claudia López**, Mayor of Bogotá, and **Jordi Vaquer**, Metropolis Secretary General

**Metropolis Policy Debate: “Greening Cities: A Pathway to Social Inclusion?”** – *for political leaders*

with an introduction by **Pascal Smet**, Secretary of State of the Brussels-Capital Region, and **Oana Bogdan**, architect for political leaders

**Metropolis Afternoon Tea**  
with coffee and Belgian pastries

**19:00–21:00** **Networking Event for Metropolitan Areas** – *by invitation only*  
Co-organized by UN-Habitat and the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB)

## Tuesday, 13 June

📍 SQUARE Brussels Meeting Centre

Glass Entrance, Mont des Arts/Kunstberg

**08:00** **Registration**

**08:30–10:00** **Metropolis Board of Directors**

📍 Room: Panoramic Hall, floor +5

**International Host Cities Breakfast**  
*by invitation only*  
Organized by Brussels-Capital Region

**10:00–10:30** **Summit Opening**

📍 Room: Gold Hall, floor 0

**10:30–12:00** **“Tackling Inequalities and Rebuilding the Social Contract in Cities”**

Plenary session

📍 Room: Gold Hall, floor 0

**12:00–14:00** **Power Lunch: Cities Tackling Climate Change with Werner Schmidt, Director at the European Investment Bank**

*by invitation only*  
Organized by Metropolis

**14:00–15:30** **“Building the Future: How Science is Transforming Metropolises”**

Organized by Metropolis and UCLG

📍 Room: The Arc, floor +3

**16:00–17:30** **“The Power of Care: How Supporting Caregivers Can Change Our Cities”**

A Metropolis workshop

📍 Room: The Arc, floor +3

**19:00–21:00** **Welcome Drink at the Oldmasters Museum**

📍 Rue de la Régence 3

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## Wednesday, 14 June

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08:15– Eurocities breakfast on City  
10:00 Diplomacy – *for politicians only*

10:00– “Migration and Diversity: Cities Lead the Way in Turning Challenges into Opportunities”

Plenary session

📍 Room: Gold Hall, floor 0

14:00– Metropolis General Assembly  
16:00 *for Metropolis members only*

📍 Room: Silver Hall, floor 0

16:00– Metropolis New Board of Directors  
17:30 *by invitation only*

📍 Room: Silver Hall, floor 0

“Metropolitan Governance for a Sustainable European Future”

Metropolis with support from AMB

📍 Room: The Arc, floor +3

19:00– Gala Dinner featuring Eurocities  
23:00 Awards

📍 Gare Maritime  
Rue Picard 11

## Thursday, 15 June

📍 SQUARE Brussels Meeting Centre  
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08:30– Networking coffee  
09:30

08:30– Asian Caucus – *by invitation only*

09:30 Co-organized by Metropolis and UCLG-ASPAC

10:00– “City Leadership in a Global Climate Crisis”

Plenary session

📍 Room: Gold Hall, floor 0

11:30– Summit Conclusions

12:00 📍 Room: Gold Hall, floor 0

12:00– Royal Lunch with Queen Mathilde of Belgium on Mental Health in the Urban Environment – *by invitation only*

Organized by the Brussels-Capital Region

12:30– “After the Earthquake: A conversation with Mayors”  
14:00

Co-organized by Metropolis, Eurocities and UCLG–MEWA with light refreshments to follow

📍 Room: Panoramic Hall, floor +5

14:00– “Investment Forum for Sustainable Metropolises”

Organized by Metropolis and FMDV

📍 Room: The Arc, floor +3

20:00– “This is Brussels! Urban Answers to Global Challenges”  
22:00

Closing night event

📍 Studio 4 de Flagey  
Place Sainte-Croix

