METREX 30th Anniversary Conference

Connecting Metropolitan Europe: Innovative pathways to governing metropolitan territories

Metropolitan City of Rome Capital, 11–13 November 2026

Framing question
Who governs what falls between our institutions?

From mobility and climate resilience to food systems, housing, territorial intelligence and urban–rural relations, metropolitan authorities are increasingly called upon to address challenges that do not fit neatly within traditional administrative or sectoral boundaries.

This question will provide a common thread throughout the three-day programme, connecting the discussions of METREX Expert and Network Groups, the experience of individual participants, Rome's metropolitan challenges, and the reflections on METREX's past and future.

Why Rome, why now?

As METREX celebrates its 30th anniversary, the Rome Conference offers an opportunity to reflect on three decades of metropolitan cooperation while asking a forward-looking question: what role should metropolitan authorities play in governing the transformations reshaping Europe?

Climate adaptation, digital transformation, demographic change, territorial competitiveness, housing pressures, food systems, urban–rural relations and expectations around quality of life are increasingly interconnected.

These interdependencies are particularly visible in metropolitan and peri-urban territories, where people, economic activities, services, environmental systems and mobility flows routinely cross administrative and institutional boundaries. Yet **policies and governance arrangements often remain organised within separate sectors and jurisdictions**.

The Metropolitan City of Rome Capital offers a particularly relevant setting in which to explore this challenge. Through European projects including BIO-INTEL-MOB, PROWD and FOODGaP, and through a portfolio of policy instruments currently being developed or reviewed — including the Metropolitan Strategic Plan, the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan, the Climate and Energy Strategy, the Metropolitan Agenda for Sustainable Development, and urban–rural and food governance initiatives — Rome is confronting many of these interconnections in practice.

The Conference will therefore place Rome's questions and policy instruments on the table for peer exchange, collaborative learning and collective reflection.

At the same time, the 30th anniversary allows METREX to turn this practical discussion into a wider political reflection on the role metropolitan authorities should play in the next phase of European territorial development.

One conference, three interconnected outputs

The programme is organised around three complementary strands, running throughout the three days and converging in the closing session on Friday. Together, they give the Conference a political, practical and commemorative dimension.

1. PREPARING THE GROUND FOR THE ROME DECLARATION From Conference contributions to a shared metropolitan position

Starting from the framing question — Who governs what falls between our institutions? — participants will contribute throughout the programme to the development of a shared set of thematic statements and key messages on the role and recognition of metropolitan authorities in the emerging European governance and funding framework, particularly in relation to the 2028–2034 National and Regional Partnership Plans and the associated EU Multiannual Financial Framework.

METREX Expert and Network Groups will each be invited to formulate one key message from their specific perspective, while discussions, site visits and Metropolitan Labs will provide practical evidence of where stronger metropolitan coordination is needed and what metropolitan authorities can contribute.
Rather than drafting and adopting a final political declaration during the Conference, the intention is to collect and consolidate these contributions as the foundation for the subsequent drafting of the Rome Declaration.
This approach builds on the technical and practical expertise of Conference participants, while ensuring that it informs a document that will subsequently undergo political review and validation.
To facilitate this process, a preliminary framework for the Declaration will be prepared ahead of the Conference, providing a common structure within which the different thematic statements and key messages can be collected and organised.

You can access the preliminary version under the 'Conference documents' on the Conference website.

Expected outputs:

- A consolidated set of thematic statements and key messages emerging from the Conference discussions, Expert and Network Groups, and Metropolitan Labs.

- A structured framework bringing these contributions together and identifying shared priorities for metropolitan governance and recognition within the future European policy and funding framework.
- A basis for the subsequent drafting and political validation of the METREX Rome Declaration, articulating a collective metropolitan perspective on Europe's future governance and territorial development.

A draft will be circulated to members for consultation before the Spring Conference 2027.

2. PEER RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE METROPOLITAN CITY OF ROME CAPITAL

From conference debate to practical metropolitan learning

The second strand translates the conference theme into practical peer learning.

Rather than presenting Rome only as the host or as a case study, the Metropolitan City will invite METREX members and partners to work directly on live metropolitan challenges and policy instruments.
The Thursday Metropolitan Labs will function as structured peer-review sessions, based on a short challenge brief or relevant policy document circulated in advance.

Each Lab will produce a small number of concise and actionable recommendations. These will serve a dual purpose: providing peer perspectives for Rome's live policy instruments, while also generating practical insights that can inform the broader political discussion leading to the Rome Declaration.

Output:
A concise set of peer recommendations for Rome's interconnected metropolitan policies and governance instruments.

3. THE ANNIVERSARY RECORD

Thirty years behind us — thirty years ahead

The third strand creates a collective record of METREX at 30.

Rather than concentrating the anniversary in a single ceremony, participants will be invited throughout the Conference to contribute to a collaborative reflection on the Network's past, present and future. The anniversary programme will combine memories, visual storytelling and future-oriented reflection. Through short interviews, a member exhibition, postcards and letters to 2056, and a collaborative Futures Wall, participants will look back at how metropolitan regions and METREX have evolved over the past 30 years while imagining the priorities and transformations that should shape the next 30.

Output:
A collective record of METREX at 30 — connecting what the Network has learned since 1996 with the metropolitan Europe it wants to help shape by 2056.

Programme Day-by-Day

Tuesday 10 November — Pre-conference

Optional. For delegates arriving the day before

12:00 - 17:00	**METREX MC Meeting** Venue: Studio Legale Rinaldi & Associati *Address: Largo di Torre Argentina, 11 - 00186 Roma* (Google Maps)
17:30 - 18:45	**Walking visit: the Metro C archaeomuseum-stations** Guided visit to the Colosseo–Fori Imperiali station on Rome Metro Line C, exploring how metropolitan mobility infrastructure integrates archaeological heritage, engineering and architecture. **Meeting point**: In front of the external ticket gates of the Colosseo–Fori Imperiali station on Rome Metro Line C, at 17:30 (Google Maps)
19:00–20:30	Useful links: Metro C archaeomuseum-stations Youtube video **Informal welcome drinks** Kindly offered by the Metropolitan City of Rome Capital Venue: DOL – Di Origine Laziale *Address: Via Domenico Panaroli, 27, Roma* (Google Maps) On their return journey, participants may wish to stop at Pigneto Metro C station and explore one of Rome's most vibrant neighbourhoods, known for its creative atmosphere, street life and diverse food and drink scene.

Wednesday 11 November — Day 1

Site visit, Working groups and the anniversary ceremony

Participants are offered two options:

Option 1: Nordic Baltic Network group meeting
Venue: Palazzo Valentini
Address: Via Quattro Novembre, 119a

8:30-9:00 Registration opens

9:00-11:30 **Nordic Baltic Network group meeting**
Room: **Sala Ex Giunta** (second floor)
Link to join the meeting online: Join

Network members will share updates on city-region planning and key challenges across the Nordic-Baltic area. The meeting will also explore collaboration on updating the Nordic-Baltic Space (2019) and discuss the network's contribution to the Rome Declaration.

10:30-10:45 Coffee is served in Sala delle Bandiere/Hall of Flags

9:30 – 11:30 **Option 2: Site Visit at METROPOLITANO Urban Center**
Venue: Metropolitan Urban Center
Address: Viale Manzoni, 34 (*Google Maps*)

09:30–10:00 **Registrations**
Late arrivals can register later in Palazzo Valentini as well.

10:00-11:00 **Visit of the METROPOLITANO Urban Center**
The visit to the Urban Center offers an overview of the governance ecosystem that makes metropolitan projects possible. It is a place where urban and metropolitan transformations can be made visible, discussed, and connected. It will allow participants to explore how CmRC and Roma Capitale are working to connect

mobility, green and nature planning, food policy, strategic planning and urban-rural governance within a shared metropolitan perspective. The visit will create a common learning experience for all participants, providing a coherent bridge between the conference theme, the European projects and the Metropolitan Policy Labs.

More details about the visits are available on the website

Explore the official website: METROPOLITANO Urban Center Roma

11:00–11:30

A journey Through Rome's Layers

Walking tour from the Metropolitano Urban Center to Palazzo Valentini

Starting at the Metropolitano Urban Center on Viale Manzoni, this walking tour explores how successive generations have reshaped Rome. The Basilica of San Clemente reveals those layers in a single building, with a medieval church standing above an earlier Christian Basilica and ancient Roman structures. From the Colosseum, the route follows Via dei Fori Imperiali, a twentieth-century avenue that cuts through the archaeological landscape of the Imperial Fora. Trajan's Markets offer a glimpse of how the imperial capital was organised, while the spiral relief on Trajan's Column recounts the emperor's military campaigns. At Piazza Venezia, the Vittoriano marks the creation of modern Italy, while work on Metro Line C continues to uncover traces of the city's past. The walk ends at Palazzo Valentini, a Renaissance palace that now serves as the seat of the Metropolitan City of Rome.

METREX 30th Anniversary Conference starts

Venue: Palazzo Valentini

Address: Via Quattro Novembre, 119a (*Google Maps*)

11:30-12:00

Welcome. Thematic introduction and presentation of the conference structure

Council Hall

Speakers: Rome team and Peter Agh, METREX Secretary General

Speed networking

One question: what is the hardest boundary you have to govern across?

Format: Three rotations of five minutes each.

Moderator: Peter Agh, METREX Secretary General

Starting from the conference framing question, participants (individually or gathered per member organization) are invited to identify the most difficult boundary they face in their daily work. This will represent the first step in exploring the conference theme through their own metropolitan experience

Lunch

Sala delle Bandiere/ Hall of Flags

12:00-13:00

Keynote speech

Council Hall

13:00-13:15 Iván Tosics Metropolitan Research Institute, HU
Inspirations from MICAD (Horizon Europe) project, led by Metropolis

13:15-14:45 **Expert and Network Group working meetings — Round 1**
(three parallel working sessions)

Metropolitan Climate Challenge EG

Hybrid format

Room: **Sala Sassoli** (ground floor)

Moderator: Alpo Tani, rapporteur: Sarah Johnstone

Climate Change expert group will be having discussion about critical themes around climate challenge in the context of European metropolitan areas. Climate related themes are shaping rapidly both tasks for metropolitan areas and spatial reality as well. In meeting up to date knowledge will be shared regarding climate change mitigation efforts and about situation in field of climate change adaptation work. Recent examples will be utilized also when group will form a robust viewpoint towards Rome Declaration and also discuss about ongoing Cli-Met project.

EconoMETREX 2.0
Hybrid format
Room: **Sala Di Liegro** (second floor)
Moderator: Peter Pol, rapporteur: Johan van Zoest

The EconoMETREX session will explore the spatial economy of the Rome metropolitan region and discuss the group's future strategic direction. The discussion will address a mission-based approach to Europe's economy, the development of a bottom-up training programme, and the idea of a high-level "Solvay Conference" bringing together leading European thinkers.
Participants will also explore European funding opportunities for an ethical, mission-oriented approach to Artificial Intelligence in metropolitan regions, define EconoMETREX's contribution to the Rome Declaration, and agree on next steps.

Metropolitan Governance & Strategies EG
Hybrid format
Room: **Sala Ex Giunta** (second floor)
Moderator: Łukasz Medeksza; rapporteur: Laura Papaleo

The METREX Expert Group on Metropolitan Governance & Strategies is developing a new work programme aimed at strengthening comparative knowledge of metropolitan governance in Europe and contributing more directly to METREX policy development.
At its meeting during the METREX Autumn Conference in Rome, the Expert Group will discuss three proposed priorities for its future work: the creation of a European Metropolitan Governance Database, the development of a European Metropolitan Political Observatory, and a contribution to the Rome Declaration from the perspective of metropolitan governance and strategies.

14:45-15:00 Break – Coffee station available in the Hall of Flags

15:00–16:30 **Expert and Network Group working meetings — Round 2**
(Three parallel closed working sessions)

Spatial Planning for Circular Economy EG
Hybrid format
Room: **Sala Di Liegro** (second floor)
Moderator: Dagmar Keim, rapporteur: Anna Knight

Planning for a circular economy requires new approaches to spatial planning at different scales.
During this working group meeting, we will explore the key findings of the Interreg project **ASSET**, in which project partners investigated the impacts of the circular transition on our cities and how spatial planning can support the transition towards a circular economy.
We will also look at the initial findings of a project currently being developed by the **Region of Stockholm**, *Regional Guidance and Working Methods for Circularity*.
The presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion on how to translate circular ambitions into spatial planning goals and put them into practice. What roles can cities and regions play in this process? How can they work together to turn circular economy ambitions into concrete spatial strategies and actions? How can we support the development of circular flows?

Finally, what role could **METREX play in supporting metropolitan regions** in advancing the transition towards a circular economy?

Sustainable & Affordable Housing EG

Hybrid format
Room: **Sala Ex Giunta** (second floor)
Moderator: Claudia Murray, University of Reading, UK; rapporteur: idnetified on the spot

WORKSHOP 1 — MAPPING THE TERRAIN

Who governs housing in the space between our institutions?
Two hands-on workshops on what metropolitan authorities can do for housing. What can a metropolitan perspective do for housing that no single municipality, region or ministry can do alone?
This workshop session will address the following question: 'Who holds which housing levers in your region, and with what capacity?'

The aim will be to build a shared map with peers from other regions and spot the problems that no institution owns. Then decide where a metropolitan level adds most value.

METREX 2049: Foresight EG
Hybrid format
Room: **Sala Centenario** (ground floor)
Moderators: Claire Boisset and Łukasz Medeksza

The Foresight Room will provide an interactive and collaborative space to explore what METREX could become over the next 30 years, identify the key trends and uncertainties that may shape the future of metropolitan regions, and reflect on how these perspectives could contribute to the development of the Rome Declaration. Rather than following a traditional format of presentations or structured discussions, the Foresight Room will operate as an **open, drop-in space,** where participants will be invited to **contribute to a collective collage of the future,** explore emerging trends and uncertainties, and help formulate a shared foresight perspective.The activity will build on the outcomes of previous consultations and workshops, including those held during the METREX conferences in Gdańsk and Helsinki, while also drawing inspiration from the images and reflections collected through the "METREX at 30: Picture the Past, Imagine the Future" initiative. The contributions gathered will inform a collective reflection on METREX's future role and ambitions, providing a forward-looking perspective to support the preparation of the Rome Declaration.

16:30–16:45 Break with Coffee – Coffee station available in the Hall of Flags

16:45–18:15 **Expert and Network Group working meetings — Round 3**
(four parallel closed working sessions)

From Roads to Streets EG
Room: **Sala Sassoli** (ground floor)
Coordinator: Paul Lecroart, Institut Paris Region
Moderator: Iván Tosics, Metropolitan Research Institute

Speaker: Dario Parravicini, Director, Economic and Social Development Department, Città Metropolitana di Milano

Many cities in Europe are planning to unlock land for urban intensification by converting major highways into urban boulevards, thus helping to build healthier, and more liveable and sustainable metropolitan systems.
But why are these strategic projects so difficult to implement? What's missing in our tool kit? How can we get local, and regional, and national authorities to work better together on these issues?

EURODELTA Alliance Network Group

Room: Sala Di Liegro (second floor - can be modulated)
Coordinator: Dagmar Keim, City of Amsterdam; Rapporteur: Dietmar Schulmeister

Megaregional Partnerships

Co-hosted by the METREX Expert Network Groups: EuroDelta and Nordic-Baltic Region

This joint session brings together representatives of the EuroDelta and Nordic-Baltic Region Expert Network Groups to explore the growing role of megaregional partnerships in Europe.
Drawing on experiences from the STRING megaregion and EuroDelta, the discussion will examine the concept of megaregions and the potential of soft planning and strategic cooperation to strengthen connections across administrative and national borders. Contributions from American representatives will bring an international perspective, offering opportunities to compare different approaches to megaregional cooperation and reflect on their relevance for Europe. The session will also explore how megaregional partnerships can contribute to addressing shared territorial challenges and what role METREX and European institutions could play in supporting their development.

Key questions for discussion

- Why should cities and regions invest in strategic partnerships with neighbouring metropolitan areas and regions?

- What added value can cooperation at the megaregional scale offer beyond what individual cities and regions can achieve independently?
- Why should the European Commission engage with megaregional partnerships, and how could the EU support their development?
- What role could METREX play in fostering megaregional cooperation and strengthening its recognition within European policy frameworks?

Sustainable & Affordable Housing EG
Room: **Sala Ex Giunta** (second floor)
Coordinator: Claudia Murray, University of Reading, UK

WORKSHOP 2 — FROM RULES TO REALITY

Who governs housing in the space between our institutions?

Two hands-on workshops on what metropolitan authorities can do for housing. What can a metropolitan perspective do for housing that no single municipality, region or ministry can do alone?

This workshop session will address the following question: 'What happens when a housing policy meets the organisations that must deliver it?' Test a real reform from your own region, spot implementation risks early, and agree what metropolitan authorities can do about them.

METREX 2049: Foresight EG
Room: **Sala Centenario** (ground floor)

Activity continues from the previous round.

18:15–18:30 **Official Opening Ceremony and 30th Anniversary of METREX**
Venue: Palazzo Valentini – Council Hall

Pierluigi Sanna, Deputy Mayor, Metropolitan City of Rome Capital
Marco Griguolo, METREX President

18:30 –20:00 Free time

20:00–21:30	Dinner at **Antica Trattoria Angelino** *Address: Piazza Margana, 37, Roma (Google Maps)* Kindly offered by the Metropolitan City of Rome Capital
20:00	Daily summary published

Thursday 12 November — Day 2

Evidence, metropolitan labs, and the anniversary dinner

Venue: Palazzo Valentini

08:30–09:00	**Registration and Welcome coffee** *Hall of Flags*
09:00–09:10	**Opening of the day** *Council Hall* Marco Griguolo, METREX President
09:10–10:00	**Anniversary keynotes: thirty years of metropolitan Europe, and the next thirty.** *Council Hall* Chair of day: Peter Agh, METREX Secretary General **Metropolitan Governance, Democracy and the Future of European Territorial Cooperation** Ms Belinda Gottardi, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe If Europe's challenges are increasingly metropolitan in scale, while political responsibilities and institutional competences remain divided between municipalities, regions and states, what forms of multilevel governance, subsidiarity and democratic legitimacy are needed to respond effectively?

The keynote would provide a European institutional and democratic perspective for the discussions taking place during the METREX 30th Anniversary Conference, connecting the Council of Europe's work on local and regional democracy, subsidiarity and multilevel governance with the practical experiences of metropolitan authorities.

It would also offer a valuable reference framework for the draft document that will form the Rome Declaration on a later stage, helping METREX members identify shared principles, political ambitions and priorities for strengthening the recognition and role of metropolitan authorities in Europe over the coming decades.
The Council of Europe principles could inform stronger recognition of the metropolitan dimension across European governance'.

10:00–10:45 **A conversation: the reasons of being in METREX: past, present and future**
Council Hall
Moderator of the session: Peter Agh, Secretary General of METREX

Julita Miłosz-Augustowska, Regional Office for Spatial Planning of Westpomeranian Voivodeship, PL
Ondřej Cmoriak, City of Brno, CZ
Alastair Wyllie (first Head of Secretariat) UK
Douglas Gordon, EKA, EE

10:45–11:15 coffee break in the Hall of Flags

11:15–12:00 **The Rome Challenge — the local persective**
From sectoral policies to integrated metropolitan governance. How the Metropolitan City of Rome Capital is connecting the Metropolitan Strategic Plan, the PUMS, the Climate and Energy Strategy, the Metropolitan Agenda for Sustainable Development, and its urban–rural and food governance instruments.

Dott. Francesco Nazzaro, Capo di Gabinetto, Città metropolitana di Roma Capitale
Prof Roberto Paolesse, University Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy

12:00–13:00	**Beyond Europe, the global perspective** Council Hall Moderator: Gianina Panatau, METREX Vice-President A panel discussion with Carmine Pacente, CoR Rapporteur on Urban and Metropolitan areas Aileen Bouclé, Chair of the Executive Directors Council of NARC – National Association of Regional Councils (confirmed), USA Dr. Montaser Hiyari, AUDI – Arab Urban Development Institute (Online) Ms Prof. Zhong Lv, Shanghai Promotion Center for City of Design (SPCCD), China (Online) Marco Griguolo, METREX President Wedad Kabi, String Megaregion, DK
13:00–13:30	Foresighting supporting METREX 30th Anniversary activities
13:30- 14:30	Lunch break in the Hall of Flags
14:30–16:30	**Metropolitan Labs** (parallel working sessions) **Metropolitan Lab 1 — Proximity, accessibility and everyday life: beyond the 15-minute city.** On the table: the metropolitan SUMP and accessibility in low-density municipalities. Anchor project: **PROWD** Coordinators: Prof. Mauro Baioni and Prof. Giovanni Caudo (Roma Tre University) Is mobility always the answer, or should metropolitan policy focus on proximity? What role for local centres and community-based services? How are territorial cohesion, quality of life and climate objectives reconciled? What transfers to other metropolitan areas?

Metropolitan Lab 2 — Metropolitan intelligence for the next generation of governance.
On the table: the data and monitoring architecture of the Strategic Plan.
Anchor project: **BIO-INTEL-MOB**.
Coordinator: Sevket Oguz Kagan Capkin, Research Centre for Transport & Logistics (CTL) at University "La Sapienza", Roma

How can authorities use data, AI and digital twins in decision-making? What are the risks of data-driven governance? Can technology deliver climate-neutral mobility and better everyday life at once? What territorial intelligence is actually needed?

Metropolitan Lab 3 — Reconnecting Territories: Urban, Peri-Urban and Rural Food systems, territorial resilience and metropolitan governance
On the table: urban–rural and food governance in the Metropolitan Agenda.
Anchor project: **FOODGaP**.
Coordinators: Prof. Davide Marino and Daniela Bernaschi (CURSA – University Consortium for Socio-Economic and Environmental Research), and Francesca Volpe and Andrea Calori (CIHEAM Bari – Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari).

This project offers a very practical example of integrated metropolitan governance, linking urban-rural relations, territorial resilience, stakeholder participation and policy coherence.
How can metropolitan authorities help reconnect territories, actors and policies through the domain of the food systems (implying local supply chains, proximity services, logistics and connectivity)?

16:30–16:45 Coffee / Hall of Flags

16:45–17:00 **Book presentation 'Building Metropolitan Cooperation for Ukraine's Recovery and EU Future'**
With Chuck Bean, former Executive Director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

17:00–18:00 **Harvest plenary and first reading of the Rome Declaration**

	Council Hall Rapporteurs from the ten Expert and Network Groups and the three Metropolitan Labs will present the key outcomes of their discussions, highlighting the main messages and proposed contributions to the Rome Declaration.
18:00–20:00	Free time
20:00	30th Anniversary Dinner at Rooftop Forum restaurant Offered by METREX
20:00	Daily summary published

Friday 13 November — Day 3

Decisions, adoption and handover

Venue: Palazzo Valentini. The conference closes at 12:30; a farewell lunch is served until 14:00. Please book departures accordingly.

08:45–09:00	**Welcome coffee** Hall of Flags
09:00–10:00	**METREX General Assembly** (members only) Council Hall
10:00-10:15	Coffee break
10:15–11:00	**International panel** Council Hall Mr Jacopo Suppo, Deputy Mayor, Metropolitan City of Turin, IT Mr Pierluigi Sanna, Deputy Mayor, Metropolitan City of Rome, IT Mr. Xavier Estruch Bosch, Head of international relations, AMB, ES Mr Francesco Vassallo, Deputy Mayor, Metropolitan City of Milano, IT Ms. Alessandra Innocenzi, Consigliera Delegata, Città metropolitana di Firenze, IT (tbc) Mr. Jakub Mazur, Deputy Mayor, City of Wrocław, PL

Moderator: Marco Griguolo, METREX President

11:00–12:30 **Closing plenary**
Council Hall

Closing Session – Towards the Rome Declaration: Shaping a Shared Metropolitan Vision

The closing session will bring together the reflections, challenges and proposals emerging from the previous two days of discussions, Expert and Network Group meetings, and Metropolitan Labs, translating them into a shared framework of thematic statements, key messages and common priorities.Through a collective discussion, participants will identify the key principles and ambitions that should guide METREX's future political agenda, laying the foundations for the Rome Declaration.
Rather than adopting a final declaration, the session will mark the beginning of a broader collective process of drafting, consultation and political validation, with the ambition of presenting the Rome Declaration at the METREX Spring Conference 2027.

The session will thus conclude the Conference by turning thirty years of metropolitan experience into a shared commitment to shaping the future role of metropolitan authorities in Europe.

Announcement of the METREX Spring 2027 conference host

12:30–12:40 **Closing remarks**
by Roberto Gualtieri, Mayor, Metropolitan City of Rome Capital

12:40–14:00 **Farewell lunch** (Hall of Flags)

Annex A — Some of the Rome projects under the lenses

BIO-INTEL-MOB — Integrating sustainable mobility and logistics with citizen-centric intelligent solutions. Explores how artificial intelligence, digital twins, mobility data spaces and innovative logistics can support climate-neutral mobility in peri-urban territories, combining technological innovation with participatory governance. Project starting. → bio-intel-mob.eu

PROWD — Proximity without Density. Investigates how the “15-minute city” can be adapted to low-density urban and peri-urban areas: improving access to services, reducing car dependency and strengthening local communities through participatory planning. In progress. → prowdproject.com

FOODGaP — Food Governance and Policies at local level. Local food governance and stakeholder participation, with relevance far beyond food policy: urban–rural linkages, sustainable procurement, resilient supply chains and integrated territorial planning — an example of how food systems contribute to territorial resilience, social inclusion and policy coherence. In progress.