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**Objectives and activities:** The purpose of this project is to examine how the strategic approach and governance from the city-region point of view could contribute to solve the main European urban issues involving competitiveness, cohesion and sustainability. The strategic vision is one of the key elements for quality governance. In order to promote local cohesion and improve competitiveness and sustainability, a crucial step is to establish a useful cooperation among cities and their outskirts. This project entails status and proposes conclusions and recommendations for local, regional, national, and European Authorities.

**Website:** <u>http://urbact.eu/en/projects/metropolitan-governance/joining-forces/homepage/</u>