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**URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS
THE COMPLEX AND OFTEN
VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION
OF METROPOLITAN AREAS**



Today, some 56% of the world's population – 4.4 billion inhabitants – live in cities. This trend is expected to continue, with the urban population more than doubling its current size by 2050, at which point nearly 7 of 10 people will live in cities. and by 2030, 43 cities around the globe will have 10 million or more inhabitants according to UNDESA estimations



3. VMR- Voluntary Metropolitan Reviews

Metropolitan areas are defined as a population between 500 000 and 1.5 million people (OECD).

The UNECE region has several such metropolitan areas which are agglomerations of different separate cities and towns which became integrated into a larger size urban areas.

These separate areas often retain some form of **autonomy making it challenging for the larger metropolitan agglomeration to coordinate** sustainable growth of its infrastructure, personal mobility, safeguarding food security, managing waste and social development such as education, health, security and housing rules and regulations

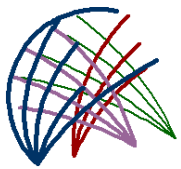


1. VNR- Voluntary National Reviews

regular and inclusive reviews of progress of 2030 Agenda implementation at the national and sub-national levels, which are country-led and country-driven“, every year at HLPF 40+ countries present their VNR

1. VLR- Voluntary Local Reviews

local and regional governments reports on their 2030 Agenda implementation. These VLRs can reinforce vertical coherence and complement and contribute to the national Voluntary National Reviews of SDG implementation.



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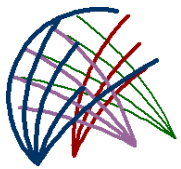
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The 2030 Agenda of Barcelona


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**UNECE Side event, 27th March 2023: How to implement the SDGs
across territorial units with their own political mandate and institutions**



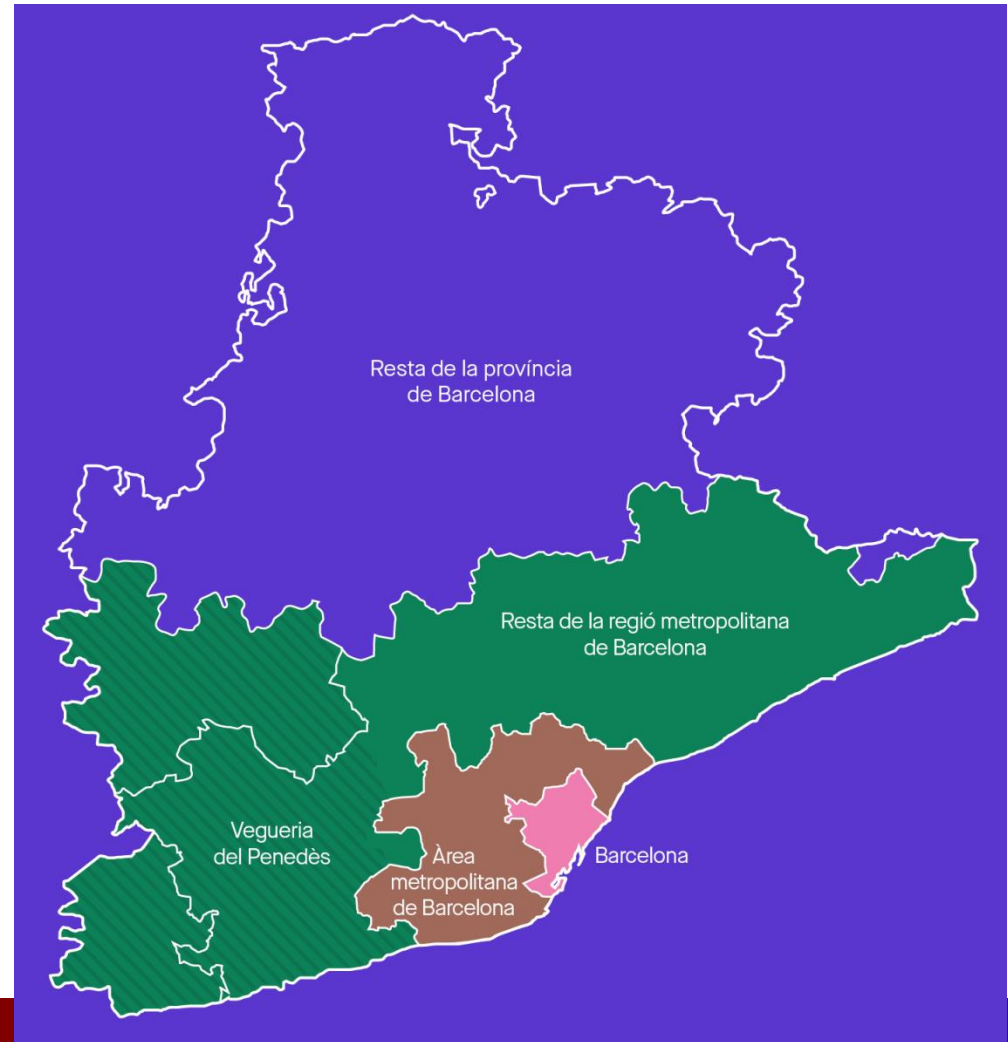
The challenge of Metropolitan governance in Barcelona

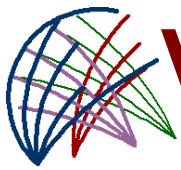


 **Municipality of Barcelona**
102 SqKm
1,6 million inhab.
Density: 15.686 inhab./SqKm

 **Metropolitan Area of Barcelona**
636 SqKm
36 Municipalities
3,2 million inhab.
Density: 5.031 inhab./SqKm

 **Metropolitan Region of Barcelona**
2.464 SqKm
160 Municipalities
5,1 million inhab.
Density: 2.069 inhab./SqKm





The larger the cities grow into metropolitan or mega-city size urban centres, the more challenges and opportunities emerge for growth and development and sustainable development becomes an absolute necessity to avoid chaotic development with ensuing conflicts of multiple kind.

Yet unplanned growth coupled with inherent system vulnerability, especially in mega cities of the developing countries, may significantly increase the risk of these territories with high concentration of populations and existing gaps of system resilience.

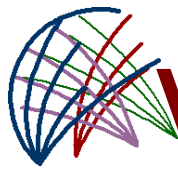


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Large cities are often agglomerations of different separate cities and towns which became integrated into a larger size urban as the larger city grows larger over time. However, these separate areas often retain some form of autonomous political entity.

This makes it very challenging for the larger metropolitan agglomeration to coordinate sustainable growth of its infrastructure, **personal mobility, safeguarding food security, managing waste and social development such as education, health, security and housing rules and regulations**

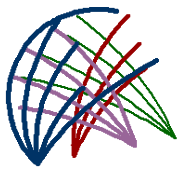


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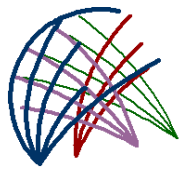


There is an urgent need to address the specific challenges of SDG implementation of such metropolitan areas and to complement the VNR and VLR with a VMR (Voluntary Metropolitan Review).

It is also needed to uncover the distinct system characteristics of hybrid metropolitan administrative systems with permeable boundaries due to the agglomeration arrangements.



*Thank You for
your attention!!*



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