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**Metropolitan Research Institute (MRI)**, established in 1989, is an internationally recognized independent research, planning and consultancy company based in Budapest, Hungary. We are a multidisciplinary team of experienced professionals (economists, sociologists, planners) working on different aspects of urban development.

In the core of the interest of MRI research is the development and performance of European cities. The Institute participated for a long time in the planning of Budapest (concept for urban renewal and Strategic Development Concept of the city). Since the 1990s growing number of international projects followed through involvement in UN Habitat, UN ECE, Council of Europe, World Bank, USAID programmes addressing the problems of the transition process of the Central and Eastern European post-socialist countries towards democratic, market-based urban development systems. Since the 2000s MRI intensified its contacts to EU programmes (FP programmes, URBACT, ESPON, INTERREG) and European city networks (EUROCITIES). These activities covered the whole of Europe giving the opportunity to put the original east-central European knowledge and experiences into a whole-European perspective.

The different divisions of MRI deal with core issues of sustainable and inclusive development of European cities, such as inner city regeneration, the problems of large housing estates, urban sprawl, rental sector deficiencies, municipal budgeting, urban mobility issues, the problems of ethnic minorities. The analysis of these problems is connected to the surveying of administrative and institutional structures, exploring the performance of different types of governance patterns.



## Selected reference themes

'The impact of European demographic trends on regional and urban development' – report for the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU

'Housing policy studies on social housing, housing affordability, housing allowances, mobility and housing finance' – for the Hungarian Government

'VADEMECUM Improving housing conditions for marginalized communities, including Roma through the absorption of ERDF' – for the Open Society Institute

'Housing and social exclusion: Welfare policies, housing provision and labour market' – country report for DG Employment and Social Affairs

'Effects of governance modes on affordability, sustainability and efficiency of the water services in three transition and developing countries' – cooperative research for the Global Development Network

Urban and regional mobility strategies for several cities and regions in Hungary

Preliminary and detailed feasibility studies on congestion charging, park&ride, intermodal nodes, public transport vehicle procurement for Budapest and other cities in Hungary

'Catch-MR (Cooperative approaches to transport challenges in Metropolitan Regions)' INTERREG IVC project – external expertise for the City of Budapest, BKSZ and BKK

'Governance challenges and models for the cities of tomorrow' – issue paper for DG Regio

FP research projects of the European Commission (UGIS, RESTATE, INTERACT, CUHP, DWELLON, INTERMEDIARIES, OSIS, DEMHOW, PLUREL)

URBACT projects METROGOV (City-region governance in metropolitan areas); NODUS (Linking urban renewal and regional spatial planning); ROMA-NET (The enhancement of Roma inclusion into the local society in nine European cities) – providing expertise as lead and thematic expert