



Instituto Pólis

# This is the right city. to the city.

# Networks, coalitions and partners



# Since 1987 defending the right to the city.

## About Pólis

The **Pólis Institute** is an organization committed to promoting decent life and good living for present and future generations, cities with **social, environmental, and climate justice**, aiming at regardless of race, gender, origin, or any other aspect.

Our work to promote the **right to the city** includes mobilization, joint efforts, and connection with multiple actors and communities that are rendered vulnerable and marginalized, to **critically and collectively tackle urban inequalities**. To ensure that everyone can enjoy a decent life and have equitable opportunities, regardless of their personal characteristics, the Pólis Institute is guided by the following principles:

**Right to the city for all:** to promote the right to a city that offers equal opportunities and resources and that each and everyone, regardless of their background, race, gender, religion, or any other aspect, has the fundamental right to be who they are, to use, occupy, produce, run, and enjoy the city where they live.

**Democracy is collectively built by the people:** to engage and qualify a broad range of social actors to become active participants in tackling urban challenges through public policy-making and by building other effective solutions to improve life in the cities.

**Good living as a commitment:** to promote an approach centered around a decent quality of life and respect to the environment, opposing conventional urban development models and benefiting present and future generations, incorporating aspects including health care, education, mobility, culture, leisure, and housing, and making sure that populations that have been historically marginalized can fully participate.

**Equity in terms of race, gender, and sexual orientation:** to strengthen the representation of identities that are part of society and make sure they are reflected in all our actions, especially in our team, projects, and our project for the city and society.

# Pólis Institute Strategies

- ▶ Education
- ◀ Communication

The interaction between these elements is what guides us as we pursue fairer cities. Knowledge provides **autonomy** to demand rights. Empowering and organizing with territory-based actors provides a **collective dimension** to the struggle against oppression, uniting voices around common demands. Social and political engagement is amplified by these elements, improving the **exercise of citizenship**. This is how public management becomes stronger and more democratic, as it increases **people's participation** in political and decision-making spaces.

