

Analysis of Comparative Studies Regarding Networks of Cities and Metropolis in Europe

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Abstract: A lot of comparative studies have shown the existence of a powerful and more and more integrated polycentric system of cities in Europe, proven by the stronger degree of interdependence between the higher levels of urban hierarchies of the member states. In order to show the consequences of urban competition over the general hierarchy of the European urban system and in order to explain the contrasting experiences of different categories of cities, there have been developed typologies of cities based on a large range of parameters. The present paper will discuss these aspects.