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About This Book

The political relationship between the European Union (EU) and metropolitan regions is presently changing. Metropolitan policies at the national and subnational scale recurrently refer to Europe and to EU policies in various ways. Meanwhile, metropolitan regions appear as political actors in the European multilevel polity and as implicit issues in EU policies. Both are interdependent processes and contribute to the Europeanisation of metropolitan policies. The thesis addresses the appearance of a European dimension in metropolitan policies by deconstructing Europeanisation processes at three scales of policymaking which are relevant for metropolitan regions, namely the nation state, subnational entities and supranational EU institutions. Previous studies shed light on the European dimension of metropolitan policies by largely focusing on specific processes at one particular scale. Meanwhile, current developments highlight the need to explore the Europeanisation of metropolitan policies as a circular political process in a more comprehensive perspective. Three analytical steps contribute to understanding the appearance of a European dimension in metropolitan policies. The first step considers what is being Europeanised by identifying shifts in the definition of metropolitan regions and key spatial concepts in subnational, national and supranational metropolitan policies. The second step addresses the question of how the Europeanisation of metropolitan policies takes place in vertical and horizontal channels. Third, the analysis identifies forms of policy learning between contexts, reframing processes and policy controversies influencing the change of metropolitan policies. In order to understand the subliminal emergence of a European dimension in metropolitan policies, the book combines a multilevel comparison with an interpretive methodology, based on qualitative methods such as interviews and document analysis. The comparison juxtaposes European strategies in two metropolitan regions—Lyon and Stuttgart—located in two national contexts—France and Germany. In light of diverging understandings of ‘the metropolitan’ the comparison focuses on the European dimension of metropolitan policies, which involve implicit and explicit references to Europe. To understanding the coining of European concepts of metropolitan regions in the EU context, the interpretive analysis carves out the references to metropolitan regions in selected EU policies,

such as spatial planning, regional funding and the urban agenda. The book explores the Europeanisation of metropolitan regions as an ongoing, selective and implicit process. It reveals that the European dimension of metropolitan policies cannot be attributed to the top-down influence of EU policies only, but also involves the engagement of metropolitan regions 'from below' in transnational networks, which contributes to the emergence of metropolitan regions as political actors in the European multi-scalar polity.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ACUF	Association des Communautés Urbaines français
AdCF	Assemblée des Communautés de France
ADERLY	Agence de Développement Économique de la Région Lyonnaise
AMGVF	Association des Maires de Grandes Villes de France
ARL	Akademie für Raumforschung und Landesplanung
BBR	Bundesamt für Bauwesen und Raumordnung
BBSR	Bundesinstitut für Bau-, Stadt- und Raumforschung
BMUB	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit
BMVBS	Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau und Stadtentwicklung
BMVI	Bundesministerium für Verkehr und digitale Infrastruktur
CEMR	Council of European Municipalities and Regions
CGET	Commissariat Générale à l'Égalité des Territoires
CIADT	Comité Interministériel d'Aménagement et de Développement du Territoire et d'Attractivité Régionale
COM	European Commission
CoR	Committee of the Regions
Courly	Communauté Urbaine de Lyon
CPER	Contrat de Plan Etat-Région
DASL	Deutsche Akademie für Städtebau und Landesplanung
DATAR	Délégation Interministérielle à l'Aménagement du Territoire et à l'Action Régionale
DG Regio	Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy
DGCL	Direction Générale des Collectivités Locales
DIACT	Délégation Interministérielle à l'Aménagement et à la Compétitivité des Territoires
DTA	Directive Nationale d'Aménagement
EC	European Community
EESC	European Economic and Social Committee
EGTC	European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation
EMA	European Metropolitan Authorities

EMR	Europäische Metropolregionen
EMRS	Europäische Metropolregion Stuttgart
EPCI	Établissement Public de Coopération Intercommunale
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ESDP	European Spatial Development Perspective
ESF	European Social Fund
ESPON	European Territorial Observation Network; Formerly European Spatial Planning Observation Network
EU	European Union
FNAU	Fédération Nationale des Agences d'Urbanisme
FUA	Functional Urban Area
HARA	Raumordnungspolitischer Handlungsrahmen
IAU IdF	Institut d'Aménagement et d'Urbanisme Ile de France
IKM	Initiativkreis Europäische Metropolregionen in Deutschland
INSEE	Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques
INTERREG	European Territorial Cooperation, formerly: Interregional Cooperation
ITI	Integrated Territorial Investment
MAPTAM	Modernisation de l'Action Publique Territoriale et d'Affirmation des Métropoles
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MKRO	Ministerkonferenz für Raumordnung
MORO	Modellvorhaben der Raumordnung
MUA	Morphological Urban Area
NUTS	Nomenclature des Unités Territoriales Statistiques
OECD	Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development
ORA	Raumordnungspolitischer Orientierungsrahmen
OREAM	Organisme d'Études d'Aménagement d'Aire Métropolitaine
RUL	Région Urbaine de Lyon
SCoT	Schéma de Cohérence Territoriale
TEN-T	Trans-European Transport Networks
UCGL	United Cities and Local Governments
UDG	Urban Development Group
VRS	Verband Region Stuttgart
WRS	Wirtschaftsförderung Region Stuttgart

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