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Crisis and prospects for sustainable development of the metropolitan area of Attica at international/national and local level

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Résumé / Summary

The primary objective of the work is to investigate the impact of the recent crisis on the development model of the metropolitan area of Attica as well as the prospects of this metro capital to overcome its crisis but also contribute overcome the crisis of the entire country of Greece. A first section of the report discusses the causes as well as the impact of the crisis. Attica is the main pole-engine of growth of the Greek economy. If Attica is also the strongest pole available in Greece within the European network of cities, it was necessary to compare the changes of this metro capital with those of properly selected metropolitan areas of "North", "South" and "East" of the Community area. As stated, the changes of Attica during the period of crisis are very negative associated to some degree with those of metropolitan areas of southern Europe, while the impact of the crisis is much less negative or is even positive in the metropolises of the European North. The negative impact of the crisis on Attica significantly reduces competitiveness both of itself and of all of Greece at the European level. Attica lagged behind before the crisis in the field of technological readiness and innovation in relation to the metropolises of "North", a field that has the greatest importance for competitiveness. The lag in this field seems to increase in the period of the recent crisis, reducing the possibilities of Attica to contribute overcome the crisis of the entire country of Greece. This change is further commented in terms of "unequal integration" of Attica in the Community area. The first section builds on previous analyses of the crisis of Attica compared with the evolution of a restrained number of selected European metropolises. The number of "other" European metropolises and the topics of the comparison are further extended while analyses are updated to cover the most recent years. The second section starts with the discussion on the "resilience" of cities in periods of crisis as well as on the policies to be adopted by the cities in order to make them more "resilient" to economic crises. Then it explore the considerable city growth potentials which remain largely unexploited. Finally, the report investigates the appropriate strategy and objectives of the smart exploitation of the potentials to contribute to the exit of city and the entire metro capital as well as of its wider area of influence, the entire Greece, of the crisis. This way, the analysis of the territorial effects of the crisis could really contribute promote territorial cohesion through territorial planning in times of

crisis. Key words: metropolisation, cities, crisis, Greece, sustainable development

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