



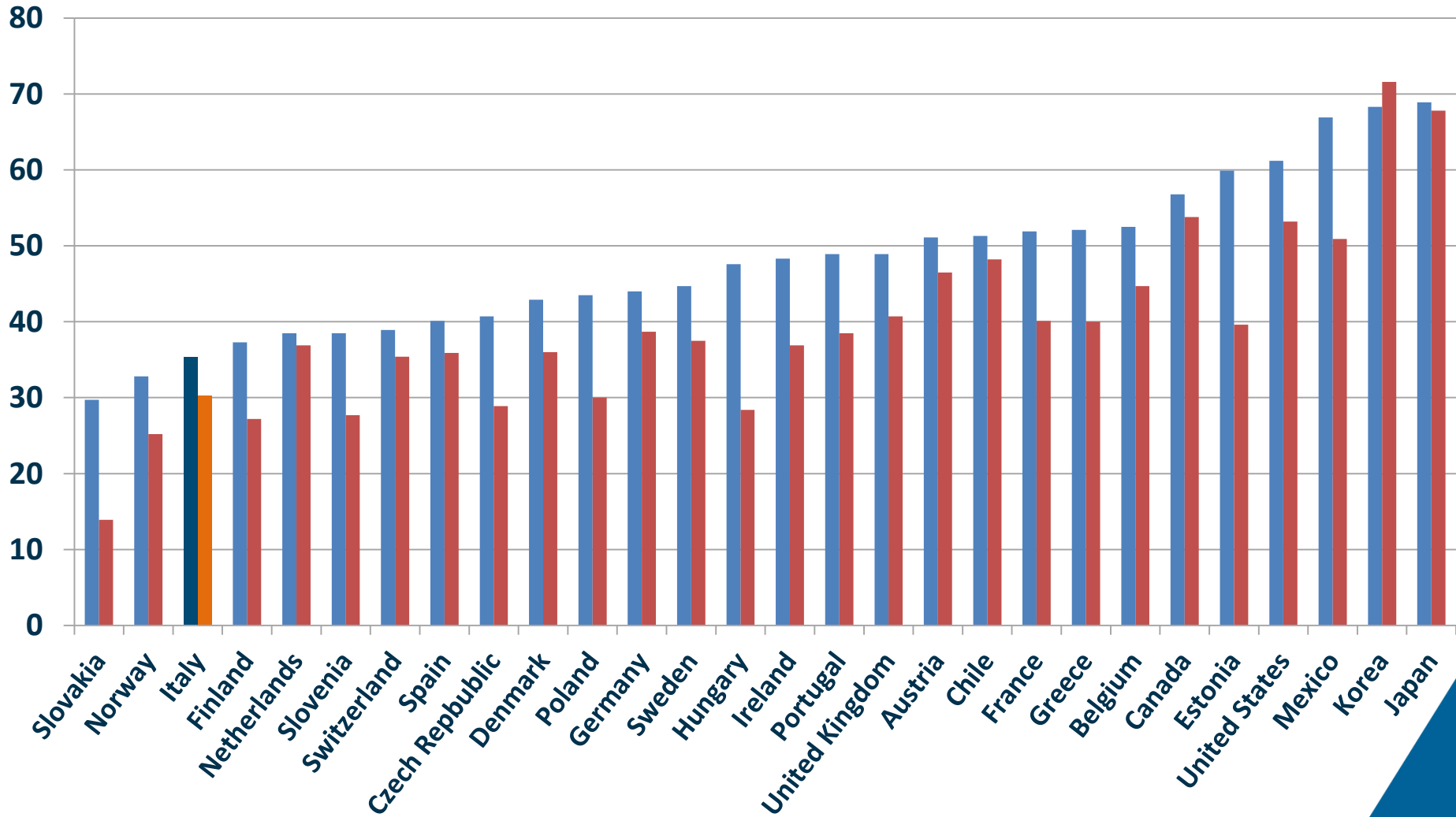
METROPOLITAN GOVERNANCE IN OECD COUNTRIES

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GDP and population in metropolitan areas (as share of national value)

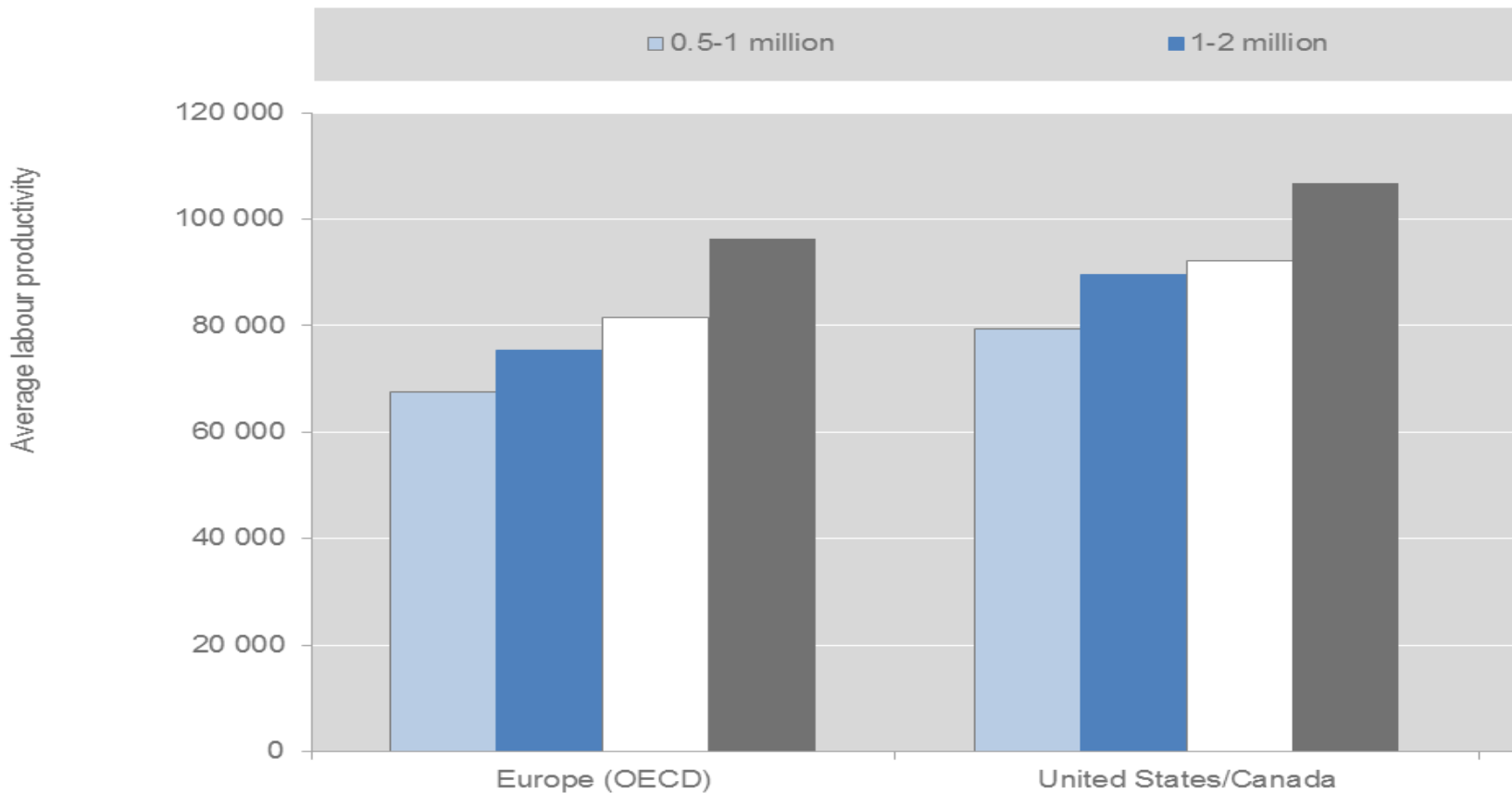


blue=share of national GDP produced in metropolitan areas
Red=share of national population living in metropolitan areas



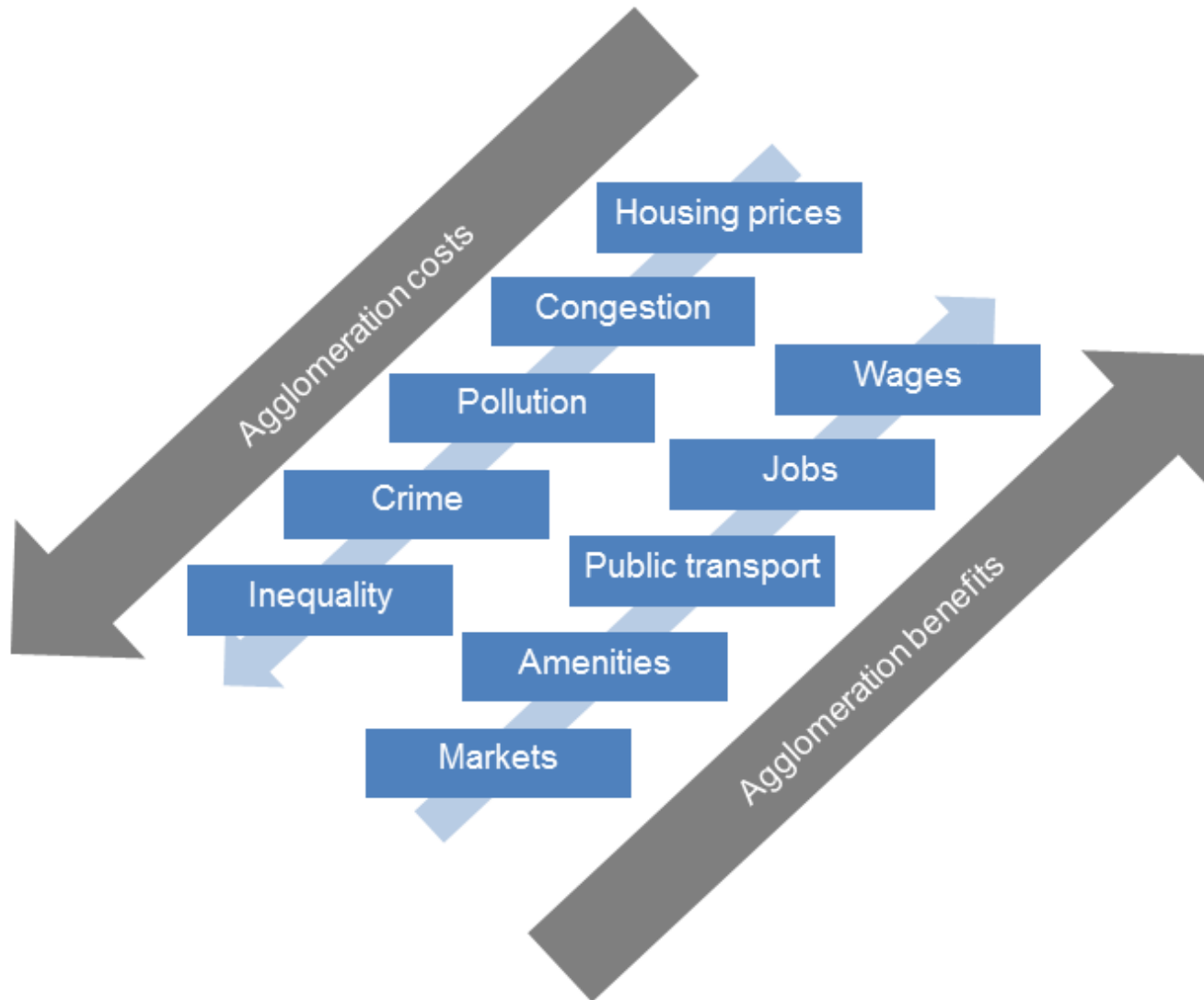
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Larger cities are more productive





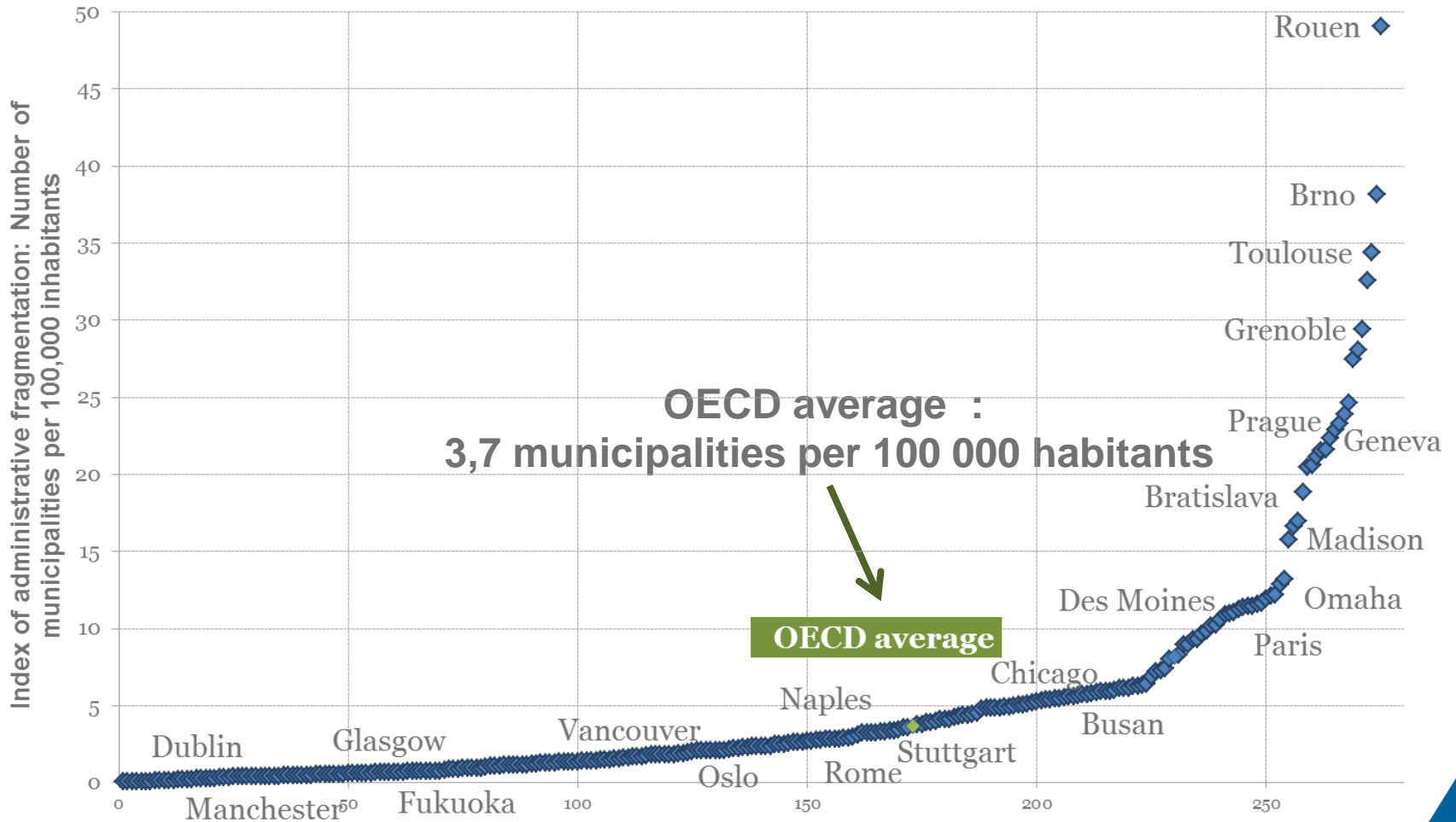
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Administrative fragmentation of metropolitan areas

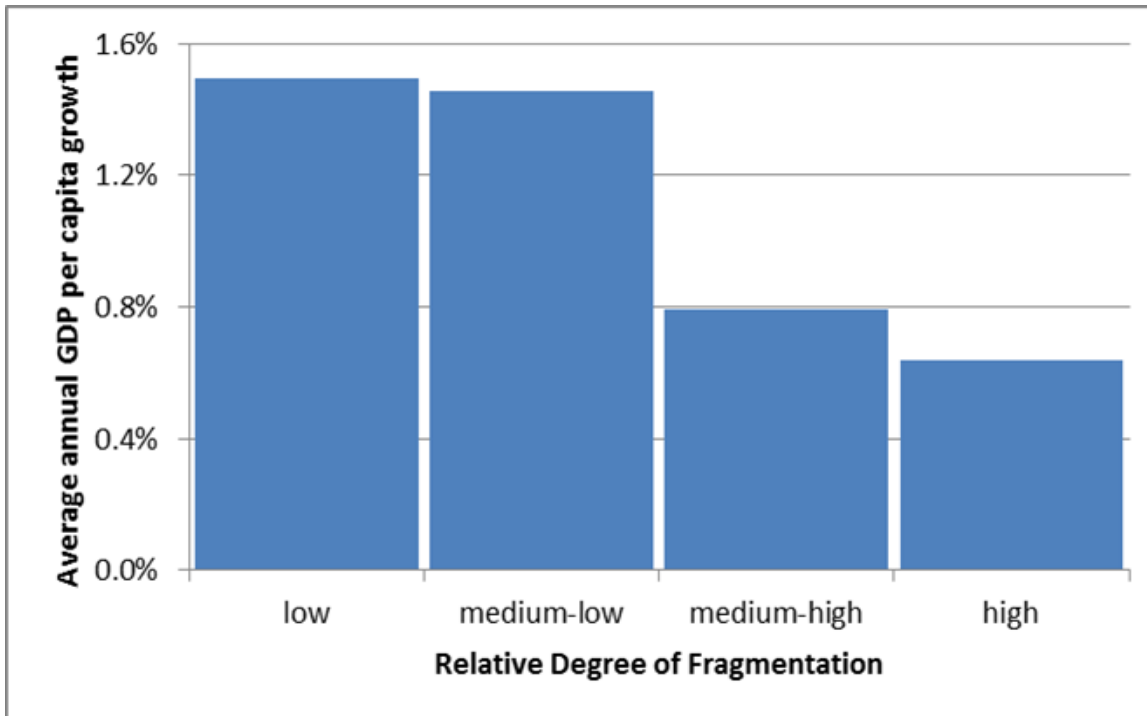
Index of municipal fragmentation in metropolitan areas in the OECD, 2012





Good governance for metro areas

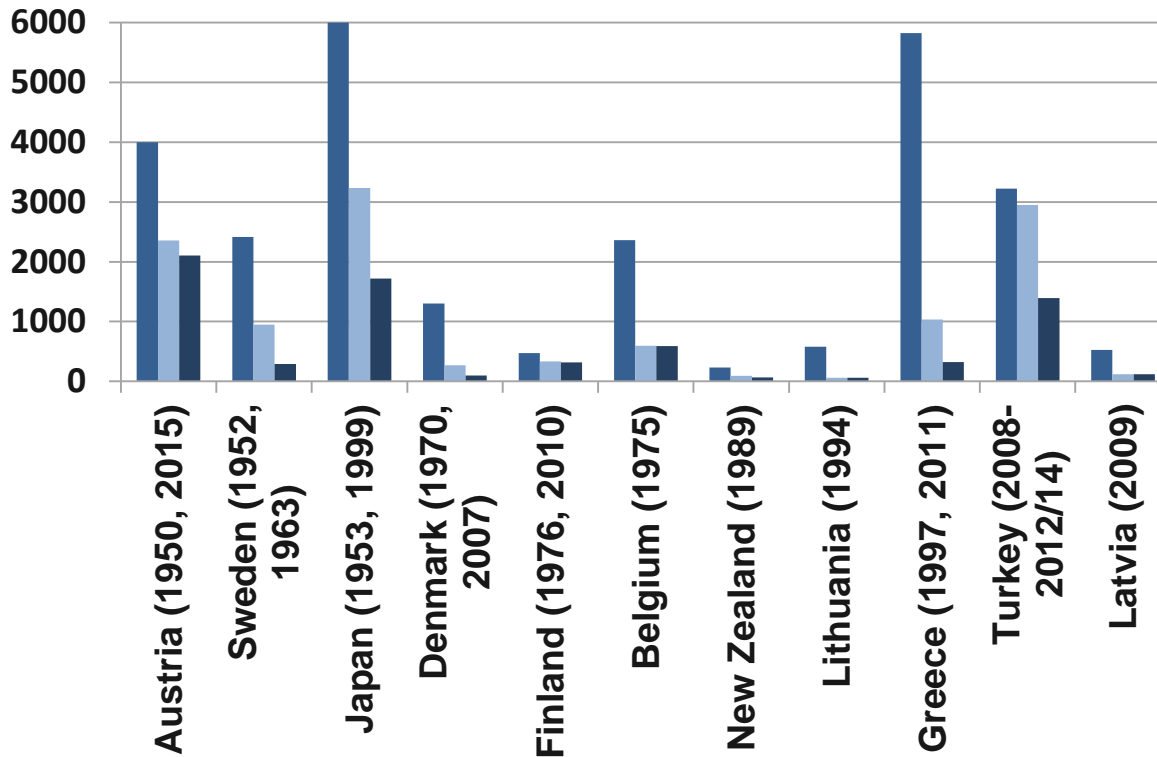
- **Fragmentation of a metropolitan area into too many municipalities causes coordination problems that reduce per capita GDP growth and productivity**
 - A doubling of the number of municipalities per 100,000 inhabitants reduces productivity by 6%





Some examples of mergers policies in the OECD and EU since 1950

- Number of municipalities before the reform
- Number of municipalities after the reform
- Number of municipalities in 2014-15



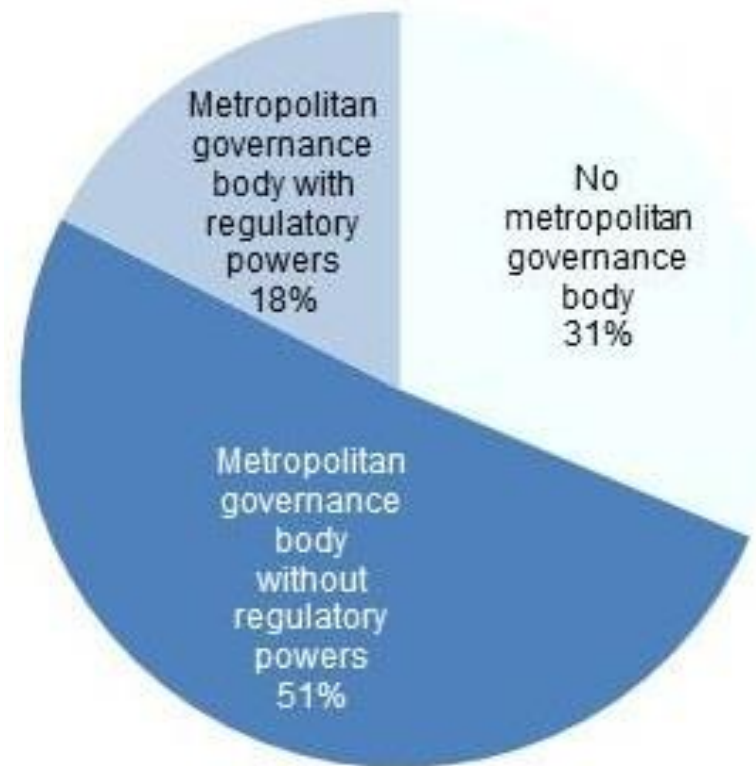
Recent or on-going policies:

- Turkey (March 2014)
- Ireland (May 2014)
- Austria (Styria / January 2015)
- Norway (gradual, on-going until 2017)
- Northern Ireland (from 1 April 2015)
- Finland (gradual, on-going)
- Luxembourg (gradual, on-going)
- Netherlands (gradual, on-going)



Metropolitan authorities are a solution to the problem of administrative fragmentation

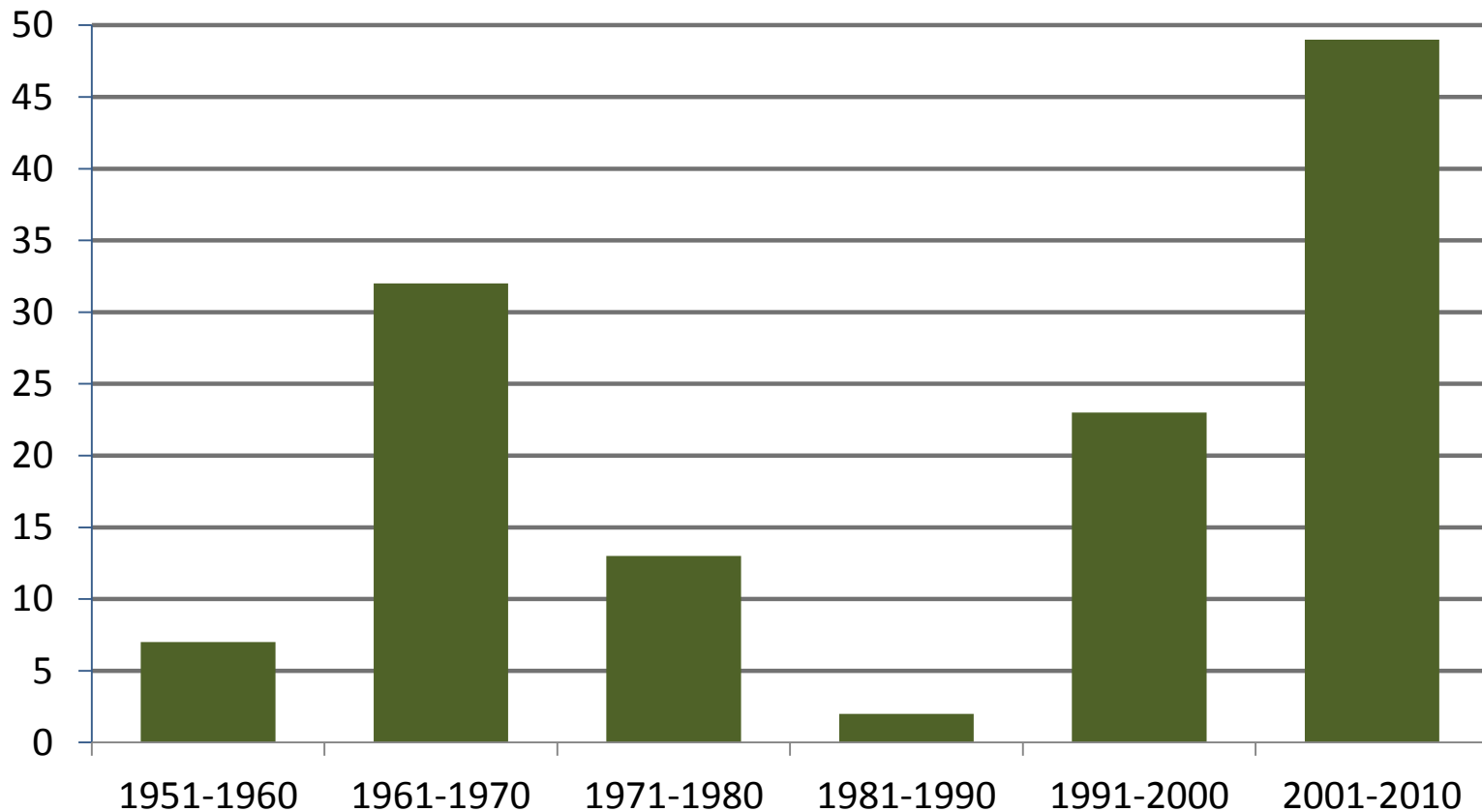
- **Negative impact of fragmentation can be reduced metropolitan authorities that coordinate policies**
- **Metropolitan authorities are common throughout the OECD**
- **In most countries, they have less power than in Italy**
- **Productivity is higher in metropolitan areas that have metropolitan authorities!**





Metropolitan governance reforms since 1951

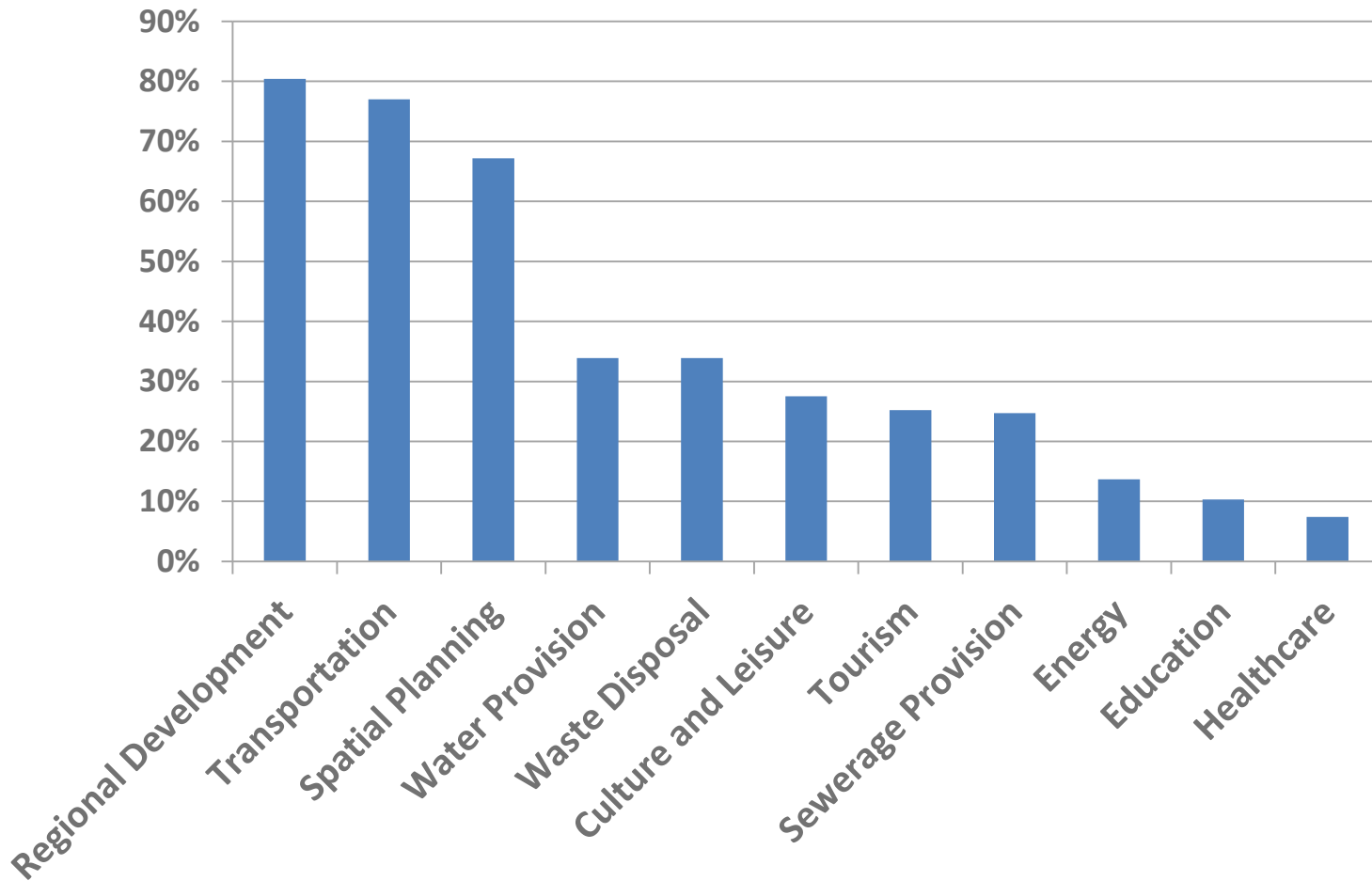
Number of authorities created or reformed in the OECD by decade





Metropolitan authorities

Three fields of work dominate

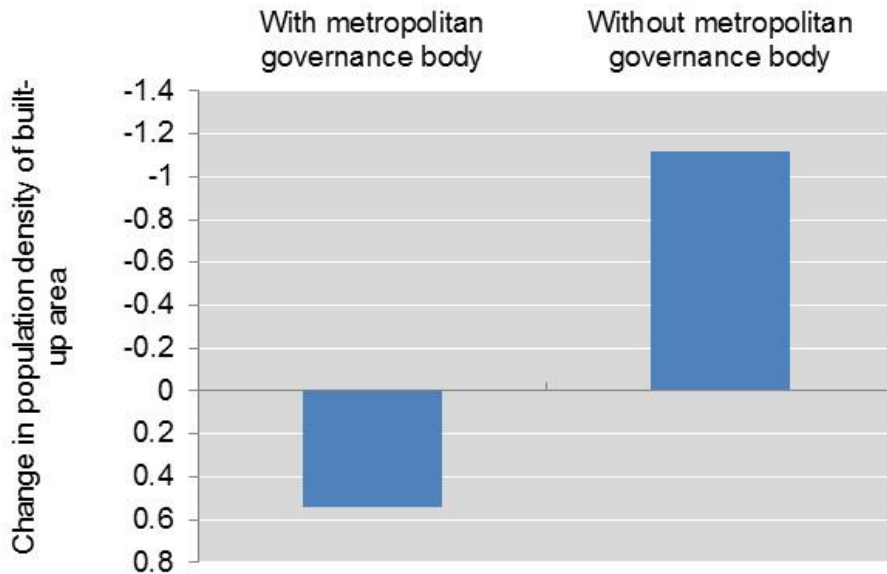




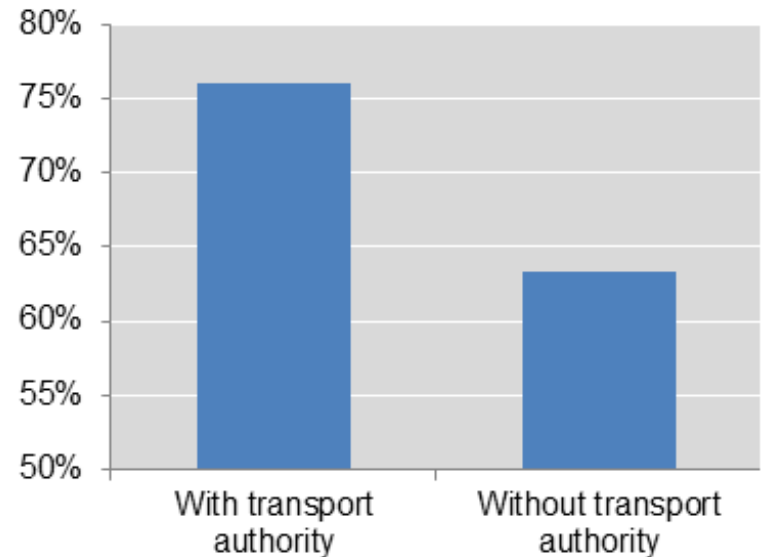
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- **Metropolitan authorities also lead to better outcomes in several other dimensions**

Sprawl



Satisfaction with Public Transport





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