
SUMMARY



Integrated Regional Development System for Balanced Regional Development

: Based on Government Support System for Regional Development Projects

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Despite the large amount invested into the Balanced Regional Growth Project, performance has been evaluated to be lacking, and signals a need to consider super-aging and other regional policy conditions. Rural areas capacity for policy absorption has been lowered due its transition into a super-aging society, therefore, existing regional growth policies are facing limitations, calling for a new paradigm.

Case study of the operation of the U.K.'s GOR shows the need for restructuring of the relationship between the regional level specialized local administrative agencies and central administration through either extensive transfer by central administration of regional development policies to regional level specialized local administrative agencies, or to local self-governing bodies.

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within the same region, and regional competitiveness enhancement, policy absorption capabilities of the local government has to be incrementally improved, beginning with decentralization.

Local Enterprise Partnerships should be used in declining regions by establishing and supporting the “regional economy and living sphere vitalization plans” targeting said regions.

Restructuring of the relationship between the regional level specialized local administrative agencies and central administration through extensive transfer of the regional developmental policies of the current central administration to the regional level specialized local administrative agencies or to the local self-governing bodies is needed.

Incrementally expansion of the policy absorption capabilities of the local government for regional development efficiency improvement, selection and concentration within the same region, and regional competitiveness enhancement is proposed.

Establishment and support of “regional economy and living sphere vitalization plans” targeted at declining regions through application of Local Enterprise Partnerships is called for.