The governance of Economic Development in the Ile-de-France

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A very fragmented system of actors
Political actors

- 1281 municipalities

- A minimum of 105 joint authorities
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Political actors

- 7 départements + Paris

- The Regional Council (CRIF)

- At least 8 development agencies (ARD, 5 départements and 3 joint authorities)
Strong presence of the State

- Regional Prefect (PRIF)
- 7 Départemental Prefects
- Many territorial structures of ministries (Education, Transport)
- Control over national public transport companies (RATP, SNCF)
- Strong involvement in Planning and Development Corporations (EPA)
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Economic actors

- Chambers of commerce
  - CCIP (1st ring)
  - 3 CCIs (2nd ring)
  - Regional CCI (CRCI)
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- Business Associations:
  - CGPME: Small and medium size firms
  - MEDEF (Big firms):
    - territorial structures: 28 in the Ile de France
    - sectoral structures: at least 35 in the Ile de France

- Regional Economic and Social Council (CESR): CCis and business associations are members
A conflictual governance system showing signs of territorial splintering conflicts between political actors

- CRIF against local governments
  - SDRIF
  - Role of RDA

- CRIF against the State
  - SDRIF
  - La Defense
  - STIF

- Paris and local governments: from indifference to cooperation

- Autonomization of some départements?
  - Own economic development strategy
  - Own instruments
A conflictual governance system showing signs of territorial splintering conflicts between Economic actors

- CCis against business associations: contesting the corporatist system
- CCIs against CCIs: the core-periphery debate
A conflictual governance system showing signs of territorial splintering conflicts between political and economic actors

- Conflicts around the role of political actors in economic development

- The regional Council and Economic development: CCis and business associations against the Region
  - SDRIF
  - RDA

- No places for dialogue, debate, mediation, negotiation
Reforming the system: Impossible task?

Towards a better structuring of actors?

• Towards a regional voice for economic actors: the battle around the new Regional Chamber of Commerce.

• The failed attempt by the Medef to speak with a regional voice

• Local governments and economic actors: involving economic actors in new consultative bodies?
Reforming the system: Impossible task?

- The battle over the « Grand Paris »
  - The Paris metropolitan conference: 2006-2008
  - The creation of a « Ministry for the Capital-Region »
  - Many official reports, various « solutions »...