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Managing the Development of Urban Agglomerations in Russia

The problems associated with the lack of systematic and coordinated management of the development of urban agglomerations and their economic consequences are analyzed.

The practice of organizing inter-municipal and state-municipal cooperation in order to manage the development of urban agglomerations (metropolitan areas) in Russia is considered. The legal framework for inter-municipal cooperation in the Russian Federation and the experience of municipalities and constituent entities of the Russian Federation in institutionalizing the management of agglomeration development are analyzed. A typology of constituent entities of the Russian Federation is presented based on the representation of agglomeration issues in regional and inter-municipal documents. Typical examples of such documents are analyzed. The interests and expectations of the main subjects of this activity from the implementation of these documents are analyzed.

Particular attention is paid to the practice of concluding inter-municipal agreements and action plans (road maps), directly or indirectly aimed at the development of metropolitan areas. The main types of such documents, the main aspects of their content and examples of their practical implementation are studied. Conclusions are presented on the evolution of metropolitan areas management approaches and potential options for continuing these activities.