

Administrative reform toward environmental policy Integration

–comparative analysis of eco cities–

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1. Background and research objective

Presently in Japan, there is a trend of decentralization of powers from the central to local governments. Needs for environmental policy integration in the local government is also increasing. At the same time, administrative reform is being pursued due to financial difficulties faced by local governments, which has a negative impact on the environmental protection policy. To address this problem, this paper discusses the issues of policy integration for environmental protection, which is well established in Europe, but in Japan it is still relatively under-developed. However, similar approaches have been adopted in several Japanese municipalities.

2. Methods and Analysis

Study framework is based on Andrew & Lenschow(2008)'s frame work. This study take environmental policy integration as a process of applying the instruments of environmental policy integration But for luck of primary studies, we can't find good instruments. Analytical base is on policy process analysis. With additional indicator that how the affect of EPI state differ in each sector.

3. Conclusion

EU study of environmental policy integration can be applied to the Japanese local government in many ways, for example environmental basic plans, master plans, EMS and Green budgeting. Needs of political leadership and importance of organizational change and procedural instruments are also same.

The thing particular to Japanese local government is recent strategic master plans will be meet to sustainable development strategies or not. And how to balance the personnel changes, decentralization and local government's capacity.

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