Analysis of Metropolitan City Administration Model in the Context of Scale and Service: Turkey

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The transformation of central government in Turkey causes a radical change in the local government system, as well. Due to the changes in the social and political/administrative structure, a search for a new scale for municipality organization has begun. The characteristic of the municipality organization is that it is the model of governing urban settlements. The mission and revenue of the municipality administration have determined for this socio-economic quality.

At present, there is a new Municipal Law which increase the number of metropolitan municipalities to 29 and radically transform the government of metropolitan cities. With this law, metropolitan municipality boundaries in provinces expend to cover the province; the legal identity of town municipalites and villages will be removed in these provinces.

This study aims at explaining the transformation of Turkish local government system by focusing on metropolitan municipality, which has become the predominant element in the world of local government through the consolidation process under Local Government Reforms. Paper will analyse the metropolitan municipality model in Turkey in a historical perspective by taking into account the scale-service and scale-participation relationship. Hence, research is limited to the following dimensions: 1) Analysis of metropolitan services, 2) Service-scale relationship, 3) Scale-cost relationship, 4) Planning-coordination process, and 5) Scale-participation relationship.

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