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The Role of Subnational Authorities in the Implementation of EU Directives

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Studies on the role of regions in the EU policy process have predominantly concentrated on policy formulation and implementation of the regional funds. In this article, we redress this bias by investigating the role of subnational authorities in the implementation of EU regulatory policies, specifically in the transposition of directives. Subnational authorities play a secondary but increasing role in the implementation of these measures. Their presence is greater in environmental and social policies but also in public contract legislation. More decentralized states display higher levels of subnational involvement but, in these states, regional participation in national policy-making and a high number of regional authorities decrease the likelihood of finding subnational measures of transposition. There is also more subnational involvement in states with territories that have both an elected government and special arrangements regulating their relations with the EU. Finally, subnational involvement tends to lengthen the process of transposition.

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