

The role of local institutional quality for the digital and environmental transitions in Italy

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Abstract:

We analyze the effect of the quality of institutions on the so-called Twin transition at the provincial level in Italy. To analyze the effect of the quality of institutions, we look at two proxies for the ecological transition, namely waste management and air pollution, and two proxies for the digital transition, namely ultra-wide band connections and provincial innovative start-ups. We employ a Spatial Durbin Model to consider spatial dependence across provinces. Our findings indicate that the quality of local institutions can have an important role for the ecological transition, but not for the digital transition.

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