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Competition among governments is often seen as the source of all evils. At the national and regional level, competition bears the blame of driving down tax rates and benefit levels and, therefore, of threatening the survival of the welfare state. At the local level, competition among fragmented governments is seen as one of the causes of underprovision of regionally-valued public services, environmentally harmful urban sprawl and unwanted income and racial segregation. However, competition is also considered by some as the best way to reduce waste in government and force politicians to be responsive to the needs and preferences of citizens. Depending on which view prevails, enhanced cooperation among governments will be seen as more or less advisable. These cooperation efforts range from harmonization agreements, centralization or regionalisation, and the use of grants to fund decentralized spending policies. The aim of this workshop is to bring together original research papers that cast some light on these issues. Both theoretical and empirical papers are welcome.

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