

Country size and growth strategy

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We present in this article a summary of our work on the relation between country size and growth strategy. We begin by reviewing the major steps in the literature on the economics of country size, focusing on contemporary contributions, from the Robinson volume (1960) to Alesina and Spolaore's book (2003). We then present the theoretical and empirical results we have developed within the ANR project "country size and growth strategy", results that allow us to highlight, using the European Union as a reference case, an "institutional macroeconomics of country size". We finally draw a number of implications of this work for the European Union, the euro area and beyond.

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