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The study provides a detailed overview of both the institutional and financial organisation of local governments in the European Union. The first part presents in the form of a comparative analysis the organisational modes, expenditure and financial resources of European local governments. The second part approaches each country's local sector characteristics in a monograph form and according to a similar diagram: the local government organisational and operational modes (practice of democracy at local level, responsibilities, local staff status, control mechanisms), along with their expenditure and revenue (tax revenue, transfers, borrowing).

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