

Policy Making at the Second Tier of Local Government in Europe

What is happening in provinces, counties, départements and landkreise in the on-going re-scaling of statehood?

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