

# Doing Business in the European Union 2020: Greece, Ireland and Italy

*Comparing Business  
Regulation for Domestic  
Firms in 24 Cities in  
Greece, Ireland and Italy  
with 187 Other Economies*



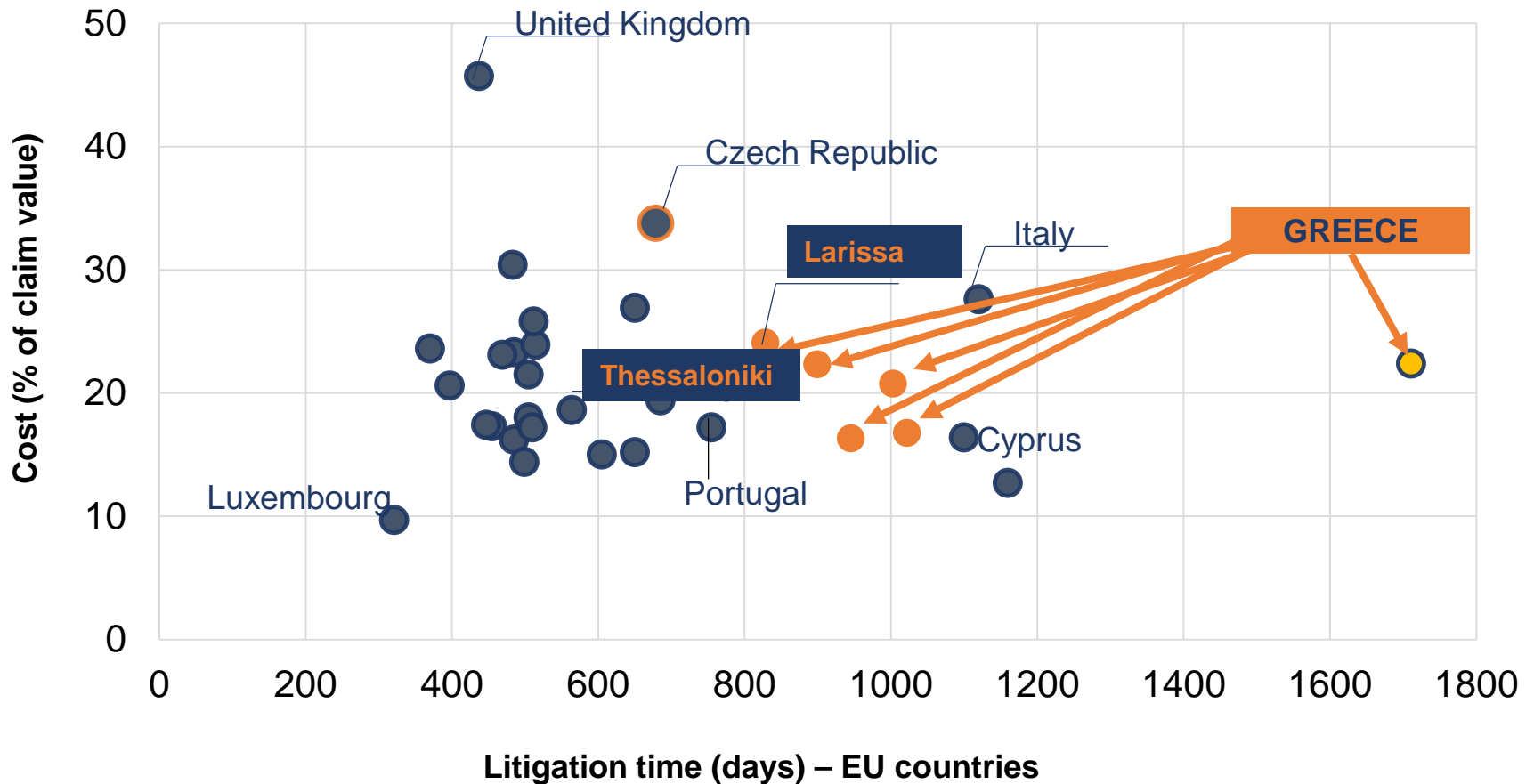
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Subnational Doing Business

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# Resolving a commercial dispute through the courts: also Greece



# "Global" and "Subnational" *Doing Business*: what are the differences?

- Demand driven
- Go beyond the largest city
- Selected DB indicators relevant at subnational level
- Replicable local good practices
- Tailored reform recommendations
- City stories
- 500+ cities in 76 economies

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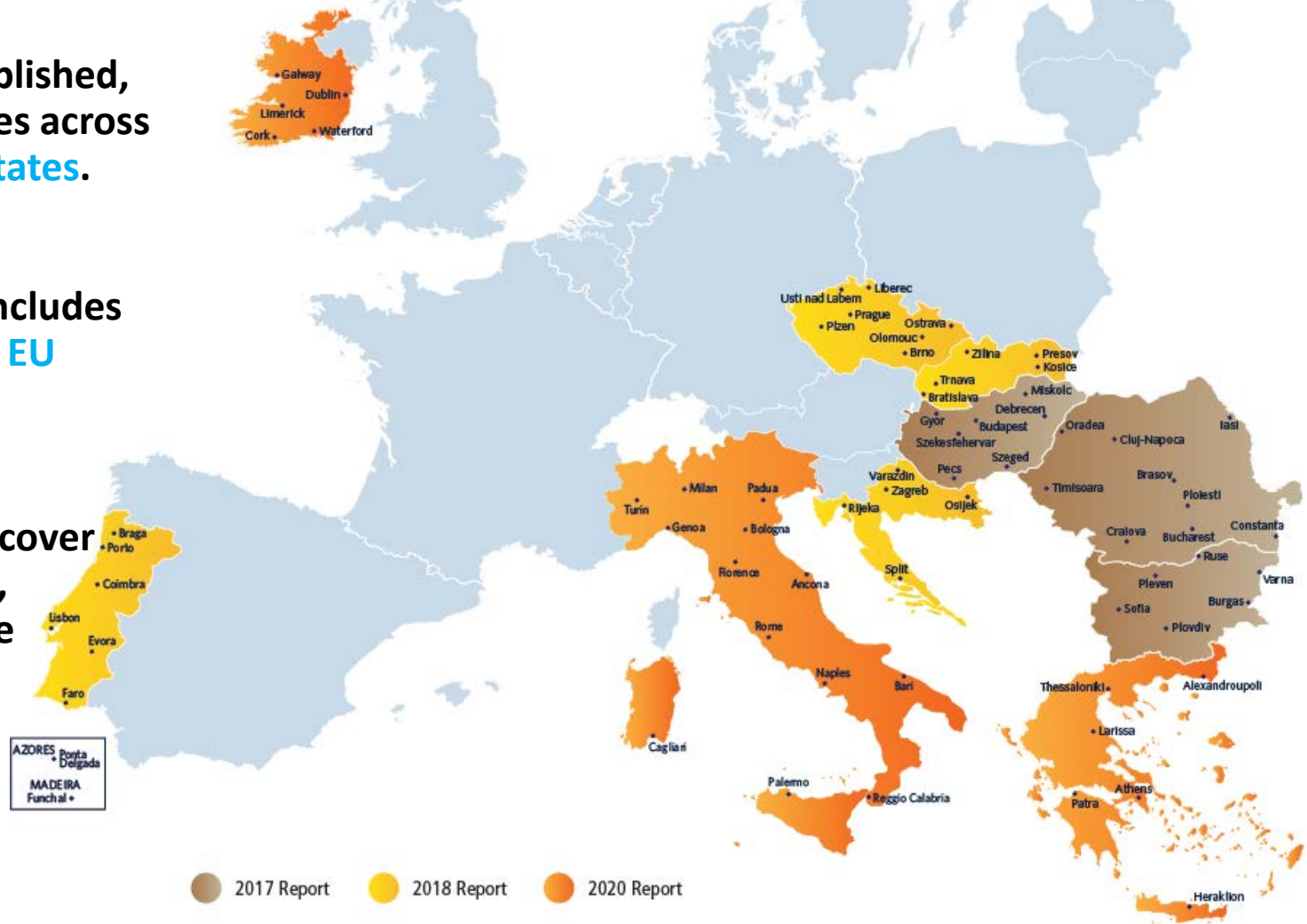


*Global  
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- **WBG annual flagship**
- **Largest business city used as proxy**
- **11 indicators**
- **International good practices**
- **190 economies**
- **More than 3,000 recorded reforms**
- **Country stories**

# Subnational *Doing Business* studies in EU member states

- Two studies published, covering 47 cities across 7 EU member states.
- Current study includes 24 cities from 3 EU member states.
- Next study will cover cities in Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands.





# Which cities and indicators are measured in Greece?

6 cities

5 *Doing Business* indicator areas:

- Starting a business
- Dealing with construction permits
- Getting electricity
- Registering property
- Enforcing contracts

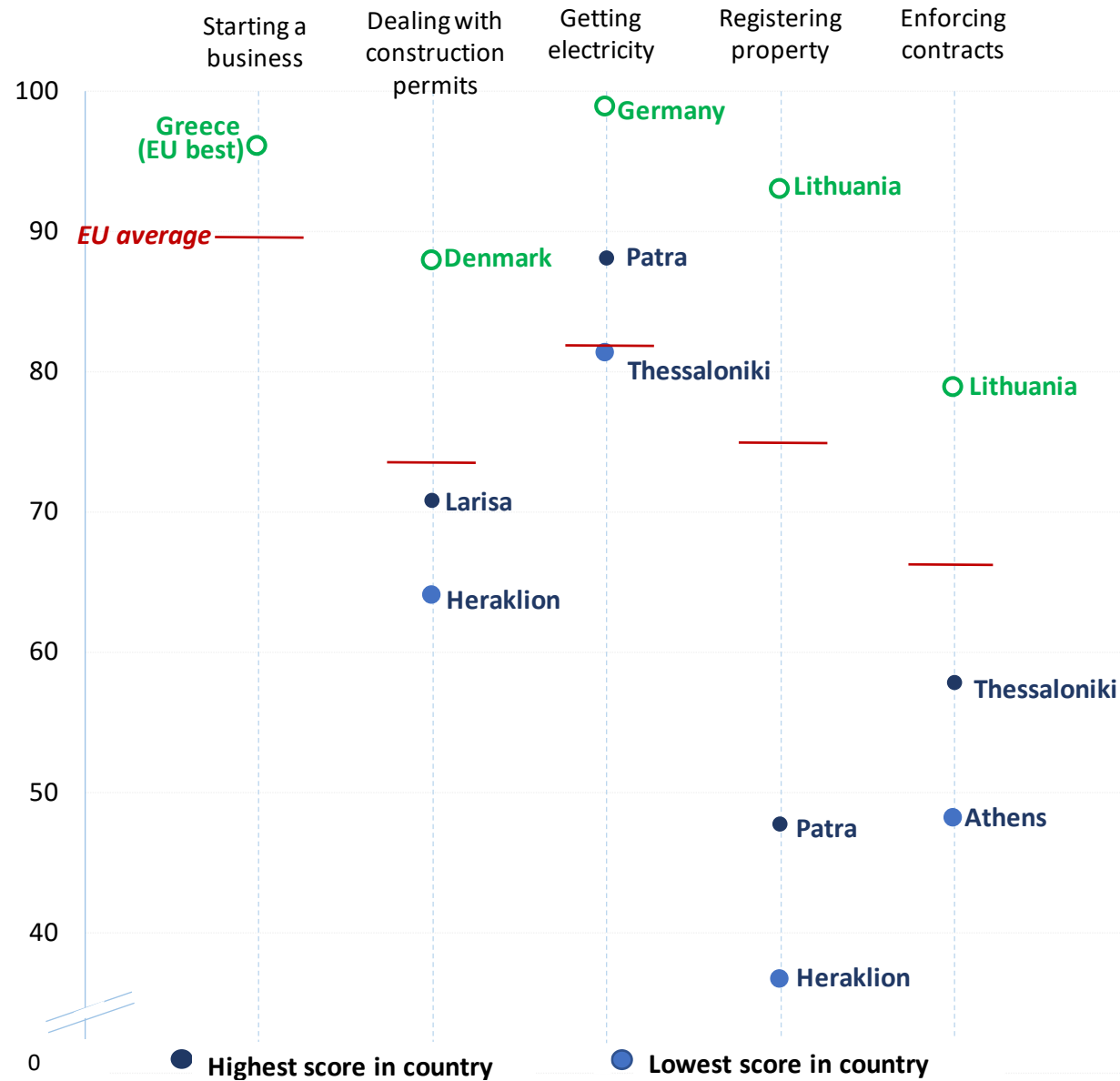


PLUS 5 cities in Ireland and 13 cities in Italy

## Four different cities at the top in the five areas measured

City	Starting a business		Dealing with construction permits		Getting electricity		Registering property		Enforcing contracts	
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<b>Alexandroupoli</b>	1	96.25	5	66.03	2	85.42	3	46.86	3	52.65
<b>Athens</b>	2	96.00	3	69.53	3	84.74	3	46.86	6	48.11
<b>Heraklion</b>	2	96.00	6	63.99	5	82.70	6	36.69	5	50.94
<b>Larissa</b>	2	96.00	1	70.85	4	84.44	2	47.09	2	55.38
<b>Patra</b>	2	96.00	4	69.09	1	88.11	1	47.77	4	51.32
<b>Thessaloniki</b>	2	96.00	2	70.13	6	81.29	5	44.68	1	57.83

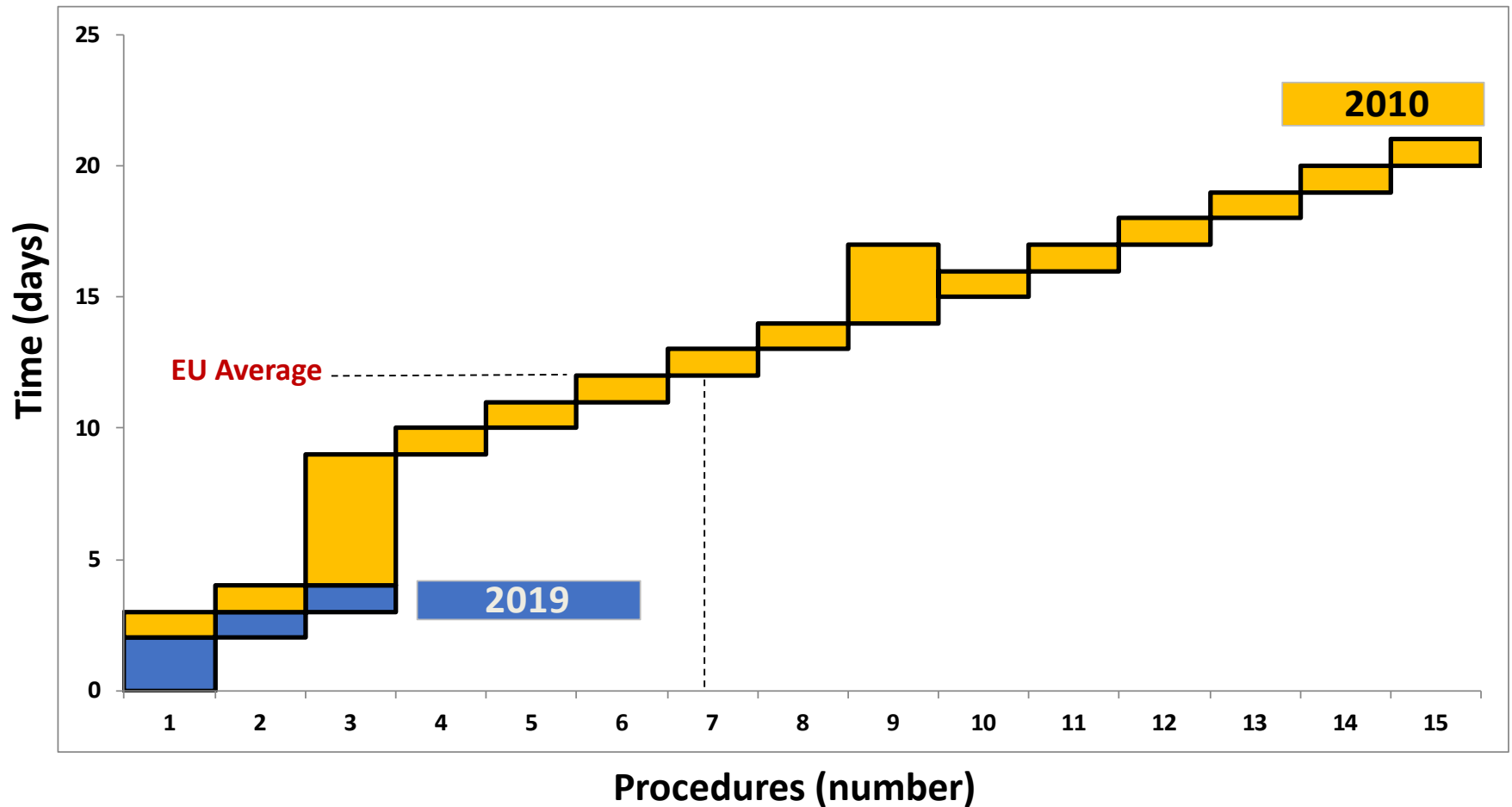
Score (0–100)



There is significant variation in regulatory performance among Greek cities in 4 out of the 5 areas benchmarked

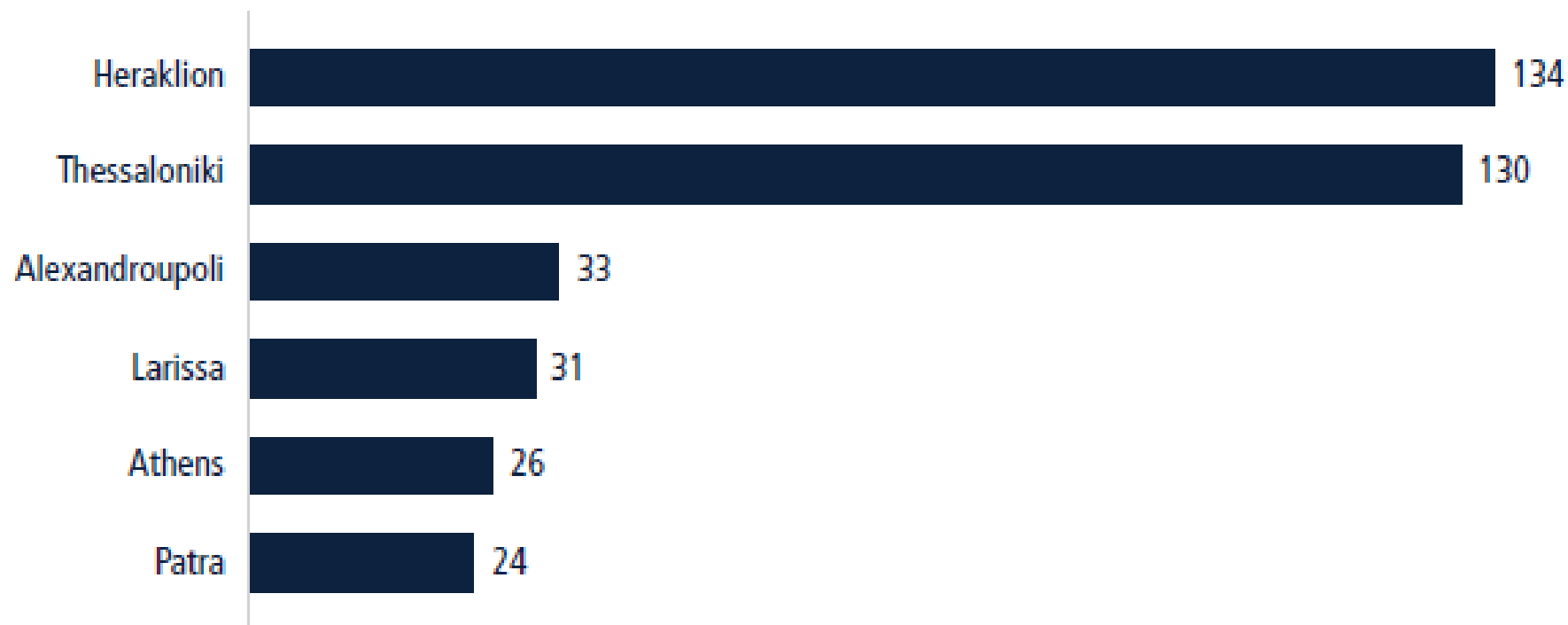


# Recent reforms made Greece the EU champion on starting a business

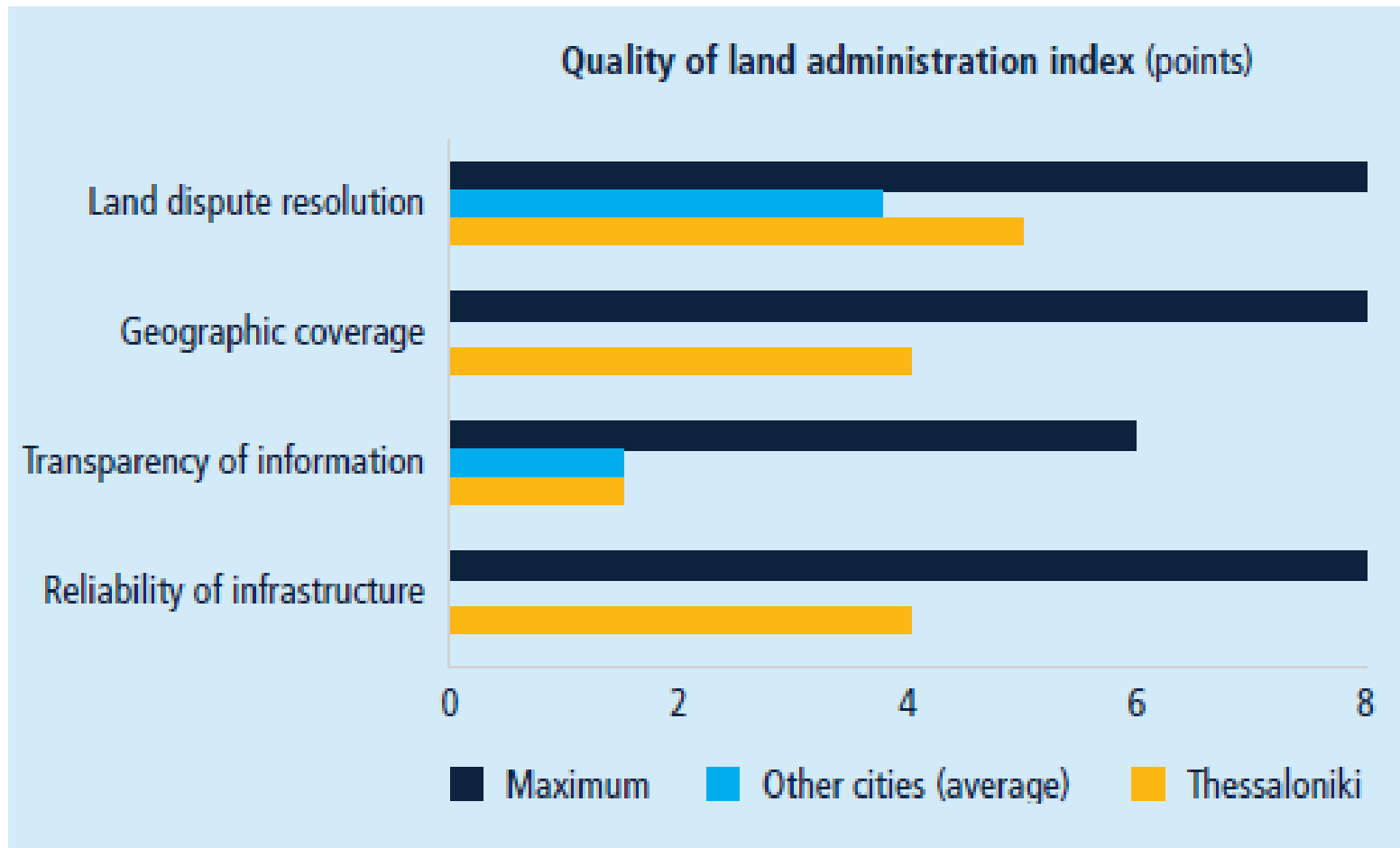


## Transferring a property title is fastest in Patra...

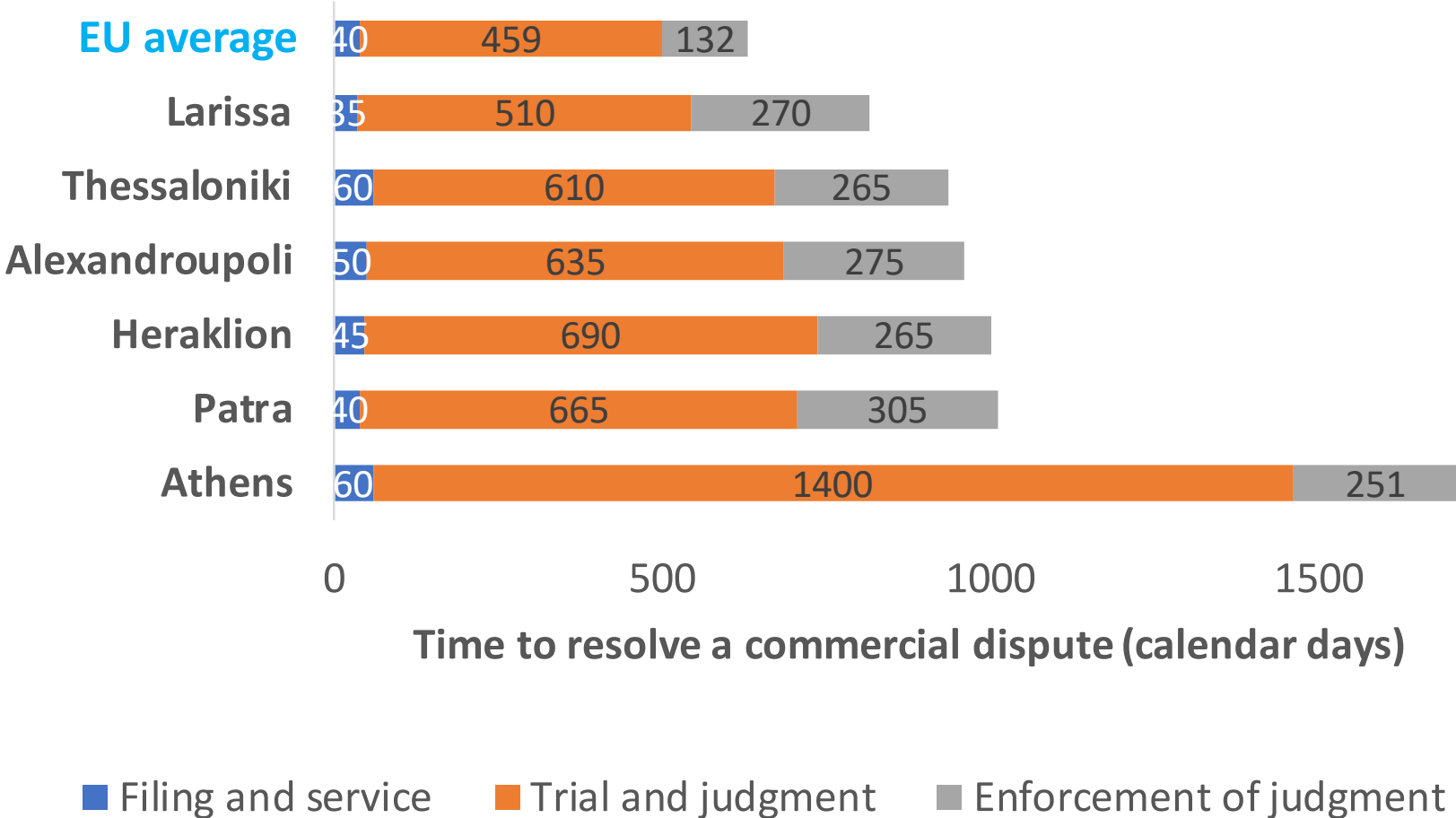
Time to register property (days)



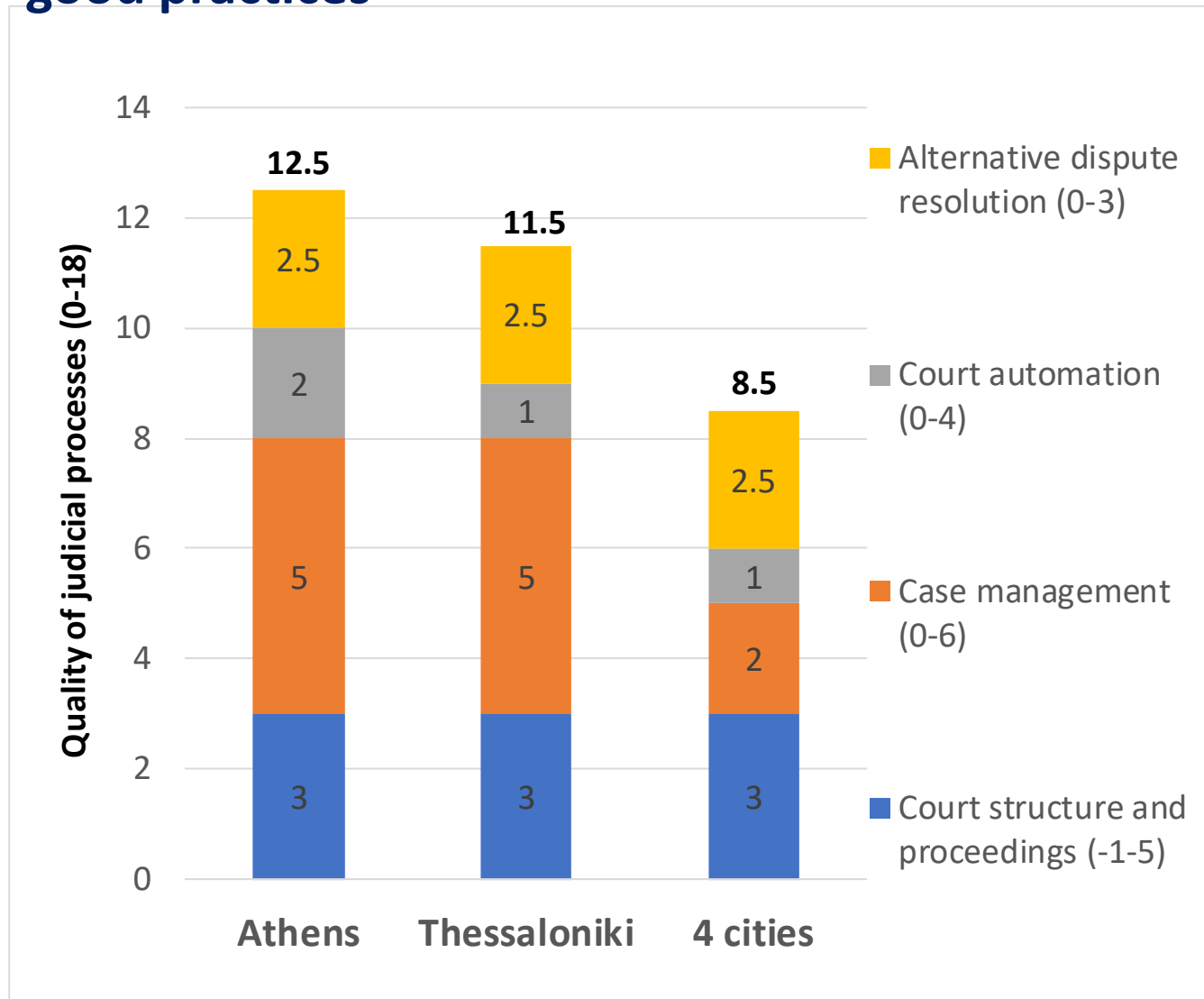
## ...but the quality of the land administration system is highest in Thessaloniki



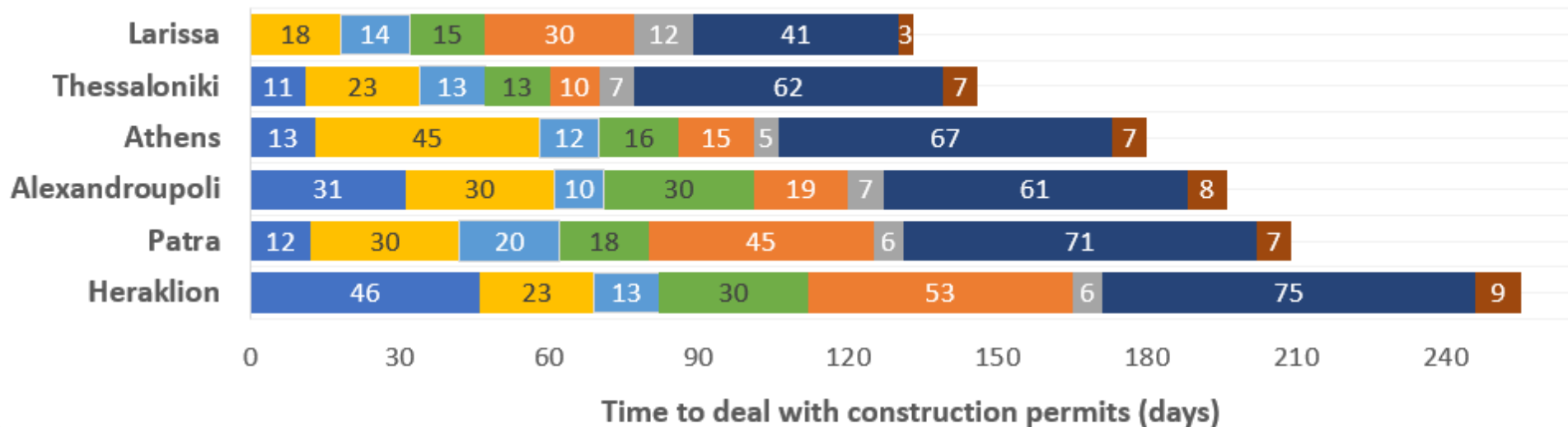
# Trial time varies from 17 months in Larissa to just under 4 years in Athens



# Athens and Thessaloniki exhibit the most judicial good practices



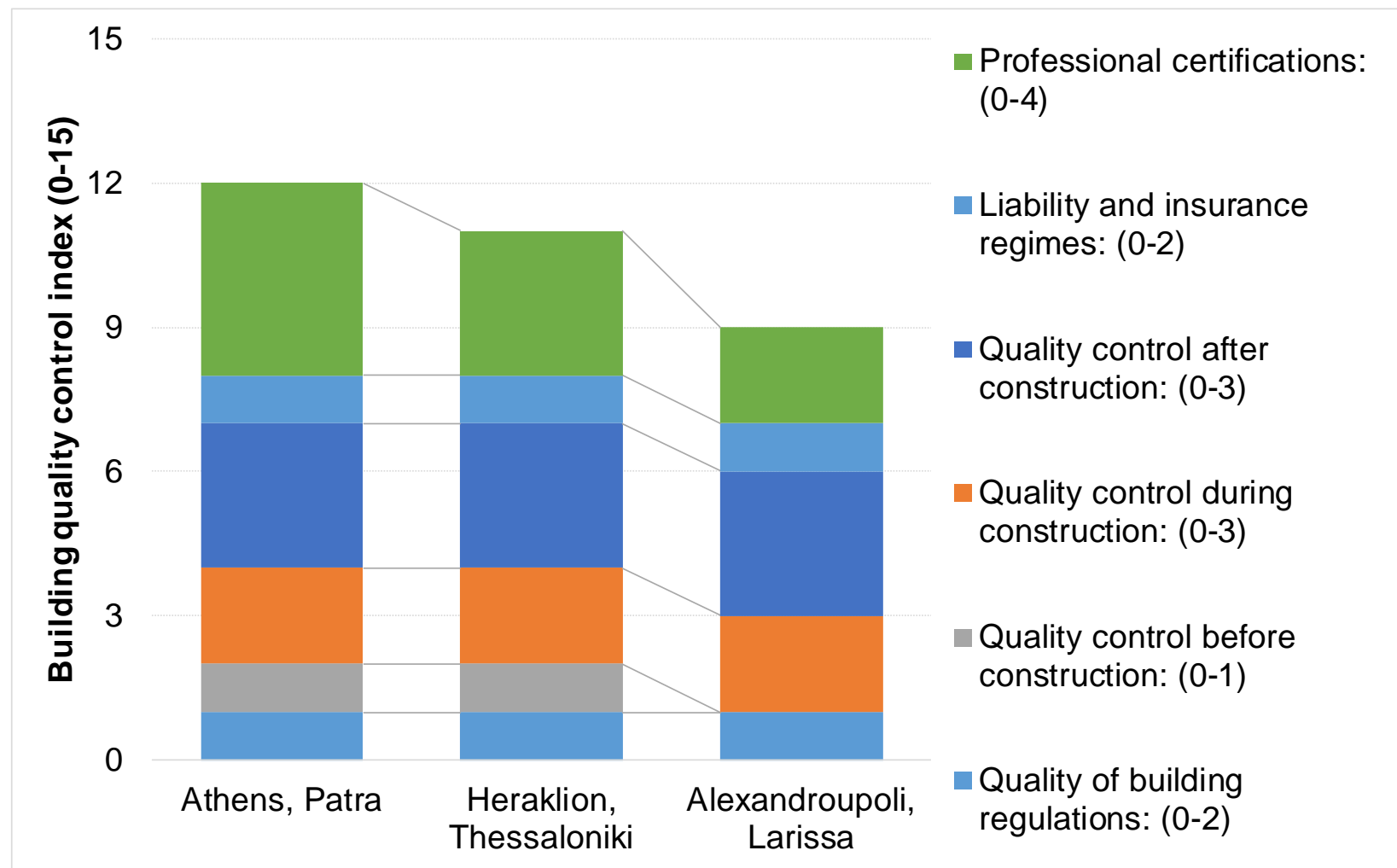
# The construction permitting process can be completed 4 months faster in Larissa than in Heraklion



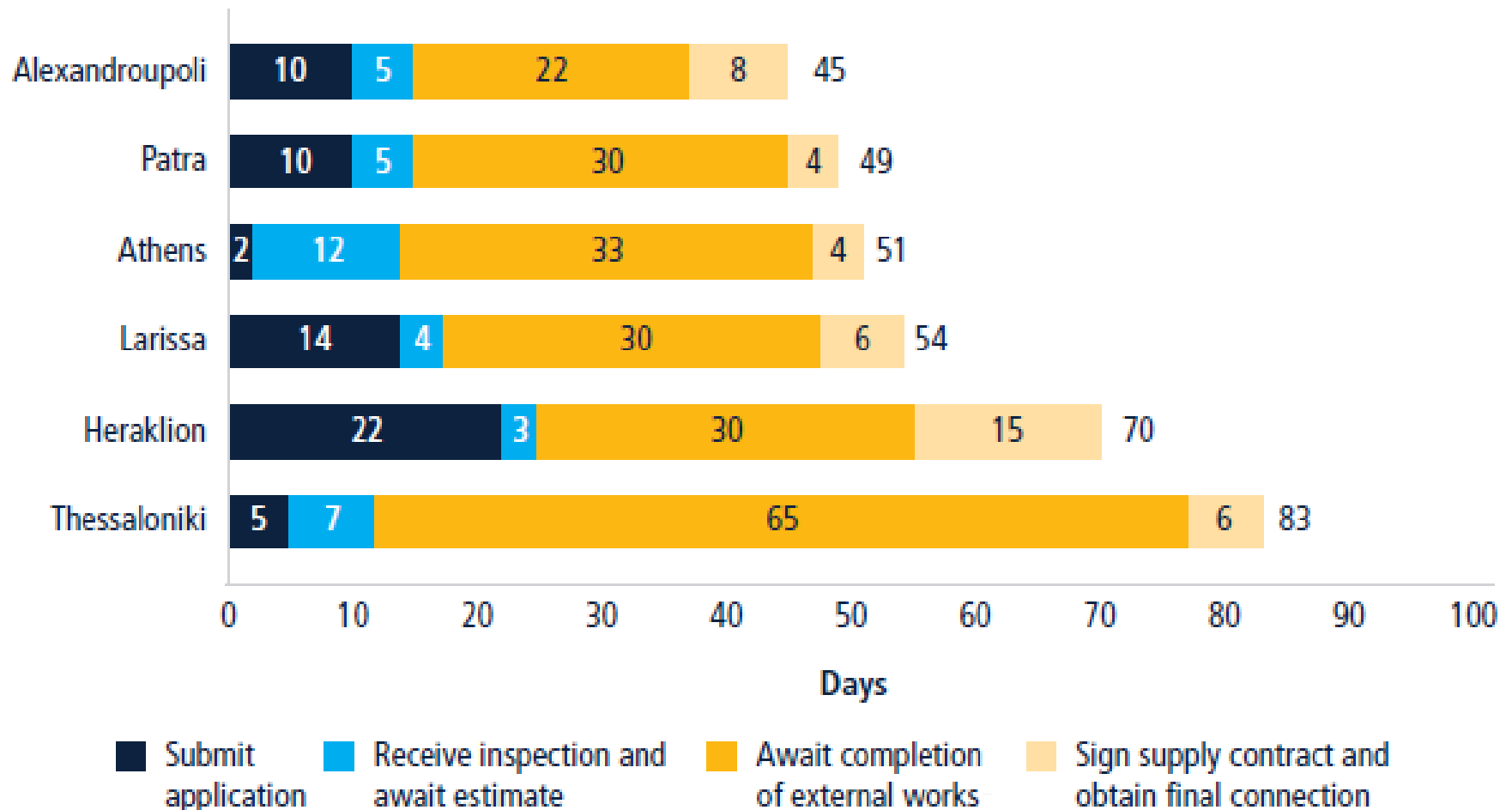
- Archaeological clearance certificate
- Board of Architects approval
- Other prebuilding permit approvals
- Initial permit approval
- Final building permit
- Final inspection and completion certificate
- Water and sewerage connection
- Other



# Athens and Patra have the strictest qualification requirements for professionals that review and verify building plans

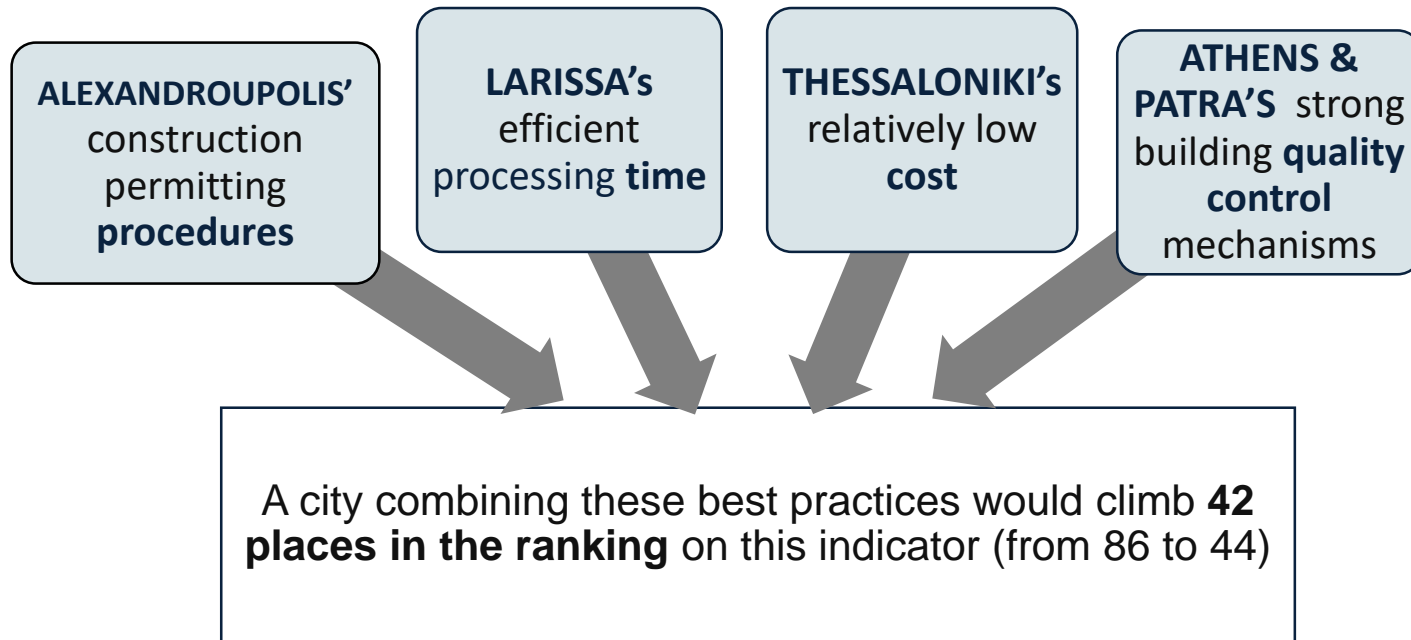


# Getting electricity takes the least time in Alexandroupoli but the supply is most reliable in Patra



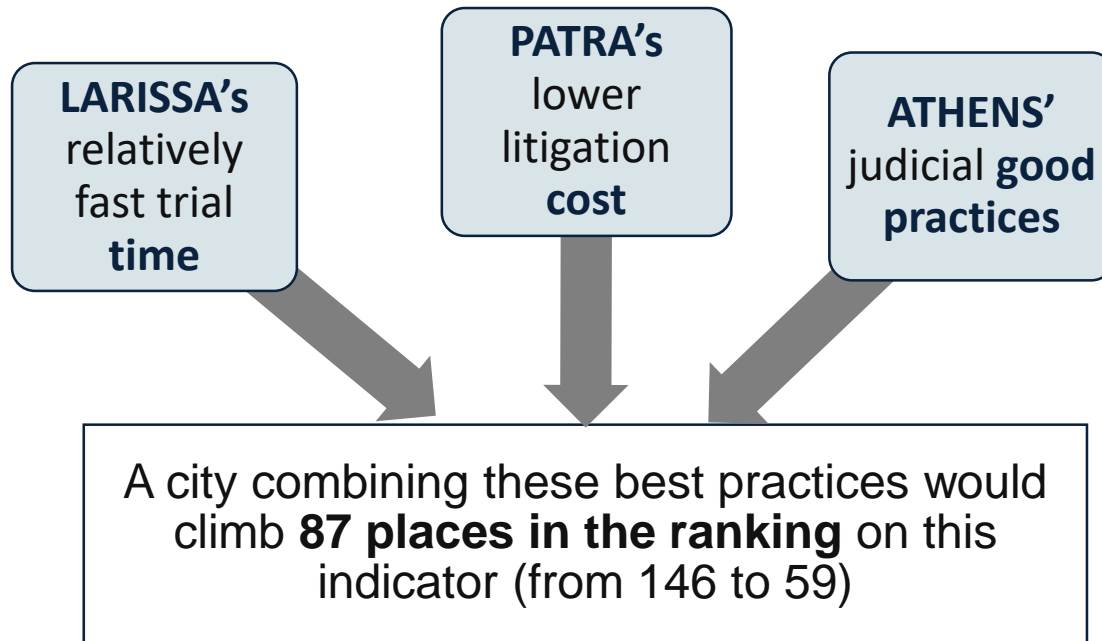
# How to improve? Emulation of local good practices

## *Dealing with Construction Permits*

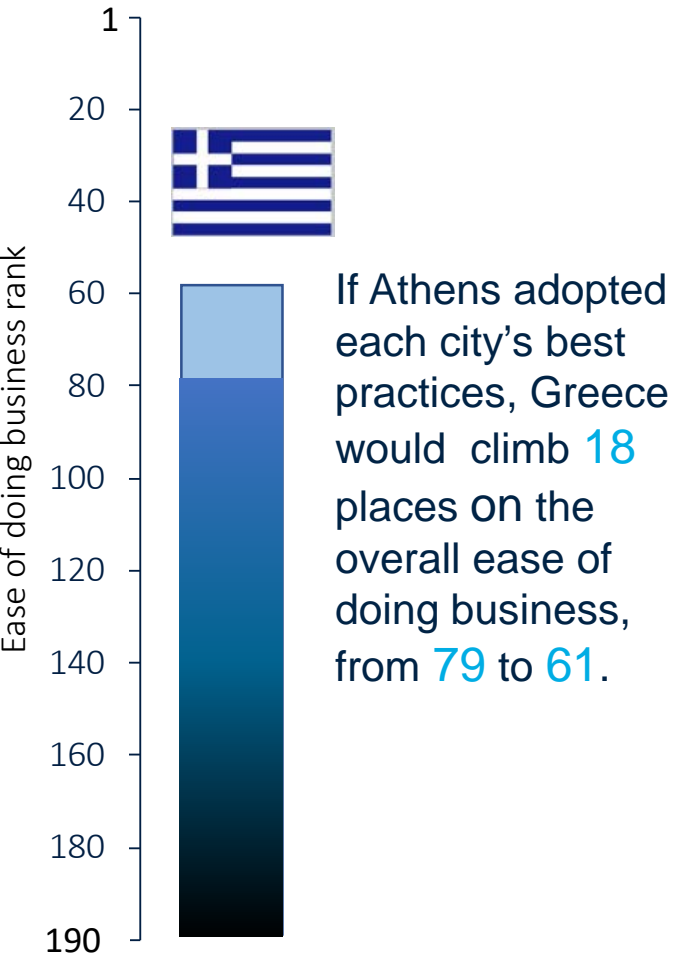


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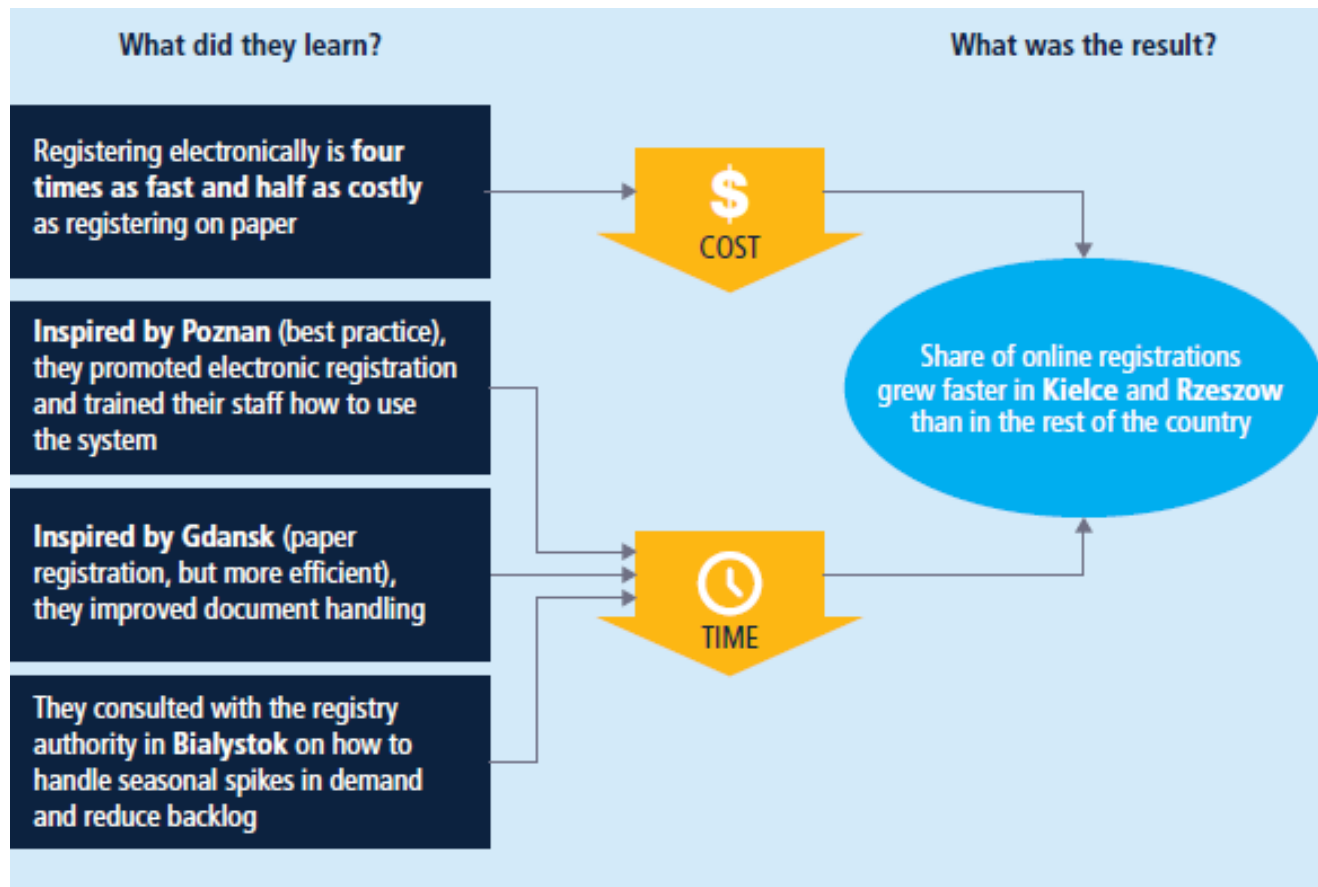
## *Enforcing contracts*



# Significant potential for improvement through the emulation of local good practices



# How has peer-to-peer learning worked in other member states?



*What did the Polish cities with the least efficient business registration learn from their peers with better practices*



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