

The classification of European capitals

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Research Methodology. Using the method of comparative law analysis of the legal framework of the European countries to their capitals (Moscow, Paris, Riga, London, Budapest), is possible to examine the experience of these countries in defining the legal status of capital cities. The method of deduction and induction method are allowed to separate criteria for classification of capitals.

Results. The article is classified capital cities of European countries by different criteria such as the level of global importance, the geographical relationship between the European capitals, the geographic and organizational criteria.

Novelty. There is a different approach to the classification of capital cities in the article. The article is classified European capitals, depending on how the national law of European states is determined the capital city status.

The practical significance. Based on the formulation of criteria for the classification of capital cities of European countries, there have been grouping them and define their common features. This will facilitate the understanding of the role the capital city played in a state and will allow to explore the major global trends in these cities.