

The influence of e-supply chain in the transformation of urban space.

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ABSTRACT

Supply chain plays crucial role in the business process as far transportation and store are the most costly business, that add the value of “place” and “time” in product value.

The change of functional structure of a business to become **e-business**, under the use of technologies of Informatics and Telecommunications Systems, has consequences upon the transition of urban space from polis to e-polis.

E- supply chain and its management, logistics, are the systems inside business that create the necessary connections -nods between data, communication network and the effectiveness of business network (supply chain network).

Three steps development of e- supply chain are referred.

In first step, advanced techniques are used to create the suitable electronic network to meet the client /consumer.

A step forward, departments of a business appear as network members begin sharing resources and utilizing joint assets to enhance the network.

Finally, full network connectivity is achieved as use of the Internet is pervasive and the network is prepared to do business in a digital economy.

In this work, we will try to figure out the consequences of the above changes upon the spatial organization of business, focusing on warehouse and distribution network and the following effects upon urban space transformation to become e-polis.