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| Sommario/riassunto                 | Global economic integration intensified tax competition and raised<br>concerns about the resulting "race to the bottom", which could<br>undermine public investment and social spending. The aim of this<br>paper is to test predictions that (i) there is interdependence in CIT rate<br>setting in Eastern Europe and that (ii) the recent CIT cut in Moldova may<br>intensify tax competition in the region. It finds that there is indeed<br>evidence that during 1995-2006 countries in Eastern Europe<br>strategically responded to changes in CIT rates in the region and that<br>Moldovan zero CIT is likely to encourage further cuts in CIT. The paper<br>also discusses implications of tax competition for Eastern Europe and<br>finds that FDI flows will not be much affected, tax revenues are likely to<br>decline, the shift in the composition in tax revenue may increase<br>economic efficiency, but decrease equity. Tax coordination, while<br>difficult politically, could help stem further decline in corporate<br>taxation, but any gains might be modest and not certain to exceed the<br>costs of tax coordination. Without tax coordination, however, it is<br>unclear what exactly could stop corporate taxes from falling further. |