

TÍTULO DA TESE EM INGLÊS: Foreign Direct Investment and the Economic Growth in Cape Verde

ABSTRACT

According to most studies, the impact of FDI in receptor countries is significant and contributes to the creation of conditions that promote national competitiveness. In this context, this paper analyzes the impact of FDI on the Cape Verdean economy and examines the data published by the World Economic Forum on the external competitiveness of Cape Verde. Along the work is intended to gather the data needed to answer a key question: "To what extent FDI contributes to increasing the competitiveness of the Cape Verdean economy in the international context?".

As a result, we find that FDI plays a significant role in financing the Cape Verdean economy, being the main driver of the tourism sector. We note that CV occupies a less favorable position from a set of countries selected as direct competitors and its external competitiveness, overall, is considered low.

Finally, we conclude that there is a positive correlation between FDI, GDP per capita and competitiveness, although it is not possible to quantify the impact of FDI in enhancing the competitiveness of Cape Verde. The positive evolution of GDP per capita coincides with the period of highest expression of foreign investments in CV.

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