

TAX REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF THE STATE IN SOCIAL BENEFITS.

The case of Bragança and Vila Real Districts.

ABSTRACT

The Portuguese territory is stigmatized by various regional differences, particularly in the distribution of the resident population and earned income.

The districts of Braganza and Vila Real are characterized in socio-economic terms, by having an aging population, growing desertification and low incomes.

In this context, it is important to evaluate the relation of state spending with social benefits in these districts with the revenue that's generated in order to know whether, and to what extent, this correlation tends to decrease, improve or whether it is neutral with regard to regional disparities.

In this study we examined and processed data available on the Internet, from National Statistics Institute (INE), PORDATA, Eurostat, Budget Implementation maps provided by the Ministry of Finance and Public Administration and the values of finances statistics available. The data relating to the distribution of state expense in social benefits, per district, were provided by the Governing Council of Social Security, crossed with the reports and Security Financial Management Institute of accounts.

The conclusions show that the income earned in the districts of Braganza and Vila Real are below the national average and that the distribution in terms of social benefits is less than proportional to the weight of the resident population.