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ABSTRACT

Title: Productivity labour disparities: A disaggregated analysis for the Spanish regions, 2000-2015.

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Abstract:

This paper confirms that the Spanish regions are in 2015 closer to the EU average in labour productivity than in 2000, but further away from the richest regions, such as Île de France. A dynamic shift-share analysis at 10-industry level of disaggregation shows that the main driver of convergence with the EU average is catching-up in labour productivity within the same industry, while disparities with the top regions (especially Île de France) rely mainly on differences in the pattern of specialization (between-industry divergence), followed by technological divergence (within-industry effect). The industry-mix of the regions reveals that a new pattern of specialization is conforming in Europe, pushed by those services more prone to benefit from the information and communication technologies. The location of such services in the best-off regions is a thriving source of regional disparities to consider in the design of regional policies. Inside Spain, these sources are also present when observed the pattern of specialization developed by the most advanced regions.

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