

Review of: "Developments in Regional Inequality in Greece"

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The article is short and concise, and thus easy and a pleasure to read and review. Methods and data are clearly explained. However, a more detailed explanation of the less well-known indicators used, in particular ATKO.25 and ATKO.75, would be helpful. The findings are quite interesting but raise questions that are not addressed in the paper, in particular:

Why did overall inequality decline? What explains the rise of the contribution of between-regions inequality to the nation-wide value? Two possible answers could be examined:

1. Inequality has declined in many countries during the pandemic (see my papers <https://library.fes.de/pdf-files/international/20162.pdf>; <https://www.socialeurope.eu/europe-wide-inequality-during-the-pandemic>) due to compensatory income support programs. Is this true for Greece, too?
2. Did regions grow at different speeds because they were affected by the pandemic in different ways? Tourism-heavy regions probably were affected more than regions with higher shares of agriculture, mining, or manufacturing.

Of course, the author is entitled to leave these questions to further research after having pointed out the facts to be explained. But the reader remains a bit disappointed. At least, the conclusions could be somewhat more elaborated to discuss these interesting findings.