

Review of: "Differences in Regional Productivity and Imbalance in Regional Growth"

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A very interesting and novel approach to regional productivity and its impact on regional growth through two sets of scenarios. The policy implications are also interesting and useful for policy makers. However, I would like to suggest some key points for further analysis and improvement:

1. The literature review of the paper could be further enriched.
2. It would be interesting to apply the scenarios to the furniture industry, which shows a remarkable performance in annual productivity growth after the global financial crisis, and I believe that it is a sector that exhibits equally regional concentrations in all three types of regions in the case of Denmark, like other EU countries.
3. A finding that emerges from the analysis is that rural regions show higher job growth compared to the peripheral regions, which is due to the fact that these regions are located in geographically remote areas. The role of geographical proximity to urban regions on job growth could be further emphasized. The reason is that, based on the map of Denmark, these regions have access to the sea, which is advantageous to economic activities, especially commercial activities, as highlighted by the existing literature, and somebody could assume that it would have a favourable effect on job growth compared to rural regions regardless of distance from metropolitan centers.
4. A comparison of the scenarios' results of this study with the results of previous empirical studies concerning other European or even countries in other continents would highlight whether and to what extent there are differences in regional spillover effects depending on the type of region (i.e., rural or urban) in the case of Danish regions compared to other countries' regions.