
The effect of Guaranteed Minimum Income in Portugal

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Abstract

The Guaranteed Minimum Income Programme was introduced in Portugal in 1996 aiming the reduction of poverty and social exclusion.

In this article, the impact of Guaranteed Minimum Income in the distribution of Income in Portugal is studied. Special attention is given to the poorest households. The impact studied separately according to the region (NUTSII) where the household lives, the degree of urbanisation and for the metropolitan areas of Lisboa and Porto. The data used are taken from the Household Budget Survey (2000).