

## REGIONAL PERFORMANCE IN ROMANIA PRE- AND POST- ITS ACCESSION TO EUROPEAN UNION

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### **Abstract**

*As EU membership raised high expectations in Romania, both at national and regional level, we compared the regional performance in Romania prior the accession to EU and afterwards, covering the period 2000-2010. To this aim we employed a typology of regional economic growth based on the regional output considered from a static perspective – its absolute level– as well as dynamic – its growth pace. Combining these perspectives each region has been ranked into a particular type of evolution depending on its position in relation to both the average national GDP/capita and the average dynamics of GDP/capita. We did not find the expected economic benefits from Romania's accession to EU, which might be, at least partly, explained by the disruptive impact of the recent economic crisis.*

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