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Group Assignment

 “The positive performance of Portuguese exports in 2016 emphasizes the competitive capacity of Portuguese businesses in international markets. The gradual orientation of the Portuguese economy towards the production of tradable goods in external markets is a very positive feature of the country’s productive structure adjustment, which started before the last international economic and financial crisis.”

BANCO DE PORTUGAL (2017), Boletim Económico, Maio 2017, pg. 8.

“They were the major driver of the recovery of the Portuguese economy in the post-crisis, but national exports have lost momentum in the past two years and may lose gas again this year, despite efforts to diversify and some optimism in various sectors.”

EXPRESSO, 22 Feb 2020, Caderno Economia, pg. 12

Suppose you want to investigate the evolution of the exports of goods and services in one of the European Union (EU) countries, during the period between 2008 and 2018. Search for relevant literature and also for quantitative data on the variable / indicator of interest for the country you selected and for the global EU and perform an analysis using instruments learned in class.

Description of the group assignment:

The purpose of this group assignment is to use the scientific research method to investigate an economic topic and to prepare a short report based on that. The group must precisely identify the research topic, elaborate a literature review, collect relevant data, describe the data collected and apply basic statistical methods to extract information from the data and describe the evolution over time of the variable(s) under analysis. Use Tables and/or Graphs to present information.

 The report should:

* be divided in sections,
* apply correct and consistent formatting rules to the Reference List,
* have a maximum of 15 pages (excluding Title Page and Reference List),
* use a font of size 12 and 2.0 line spacing,
* have page numbers.