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**LE FINANCEMENT DES COMMUNES CENTRES
ÉCLAIRAGES DE LA THÉORIE ÉCONOMIQUE
ET PROBLÈMES FISCAUX**

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Abstract

During the last twenty years, the mean income per capita of the main Belgian towns decreased with respect to the one of the corresponding agglomeration or district. Often their population decreased too. Hence, citizens leaving the towns had an income above the mean. In order to explain these facts, we retain a Fiscal Federalism-based approach that emphasizes on the growing mobility of agents across local jurisdictions. This leads to a rising exploitation of urban centres by the suburbs implying financial problems for large cities.

Given this evolution, some general questions about financing urban centres are conceivable. Moreover, one should think about the policy of large cities.

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