

## Tax authorities and administrative courts during the business cycle - Law & Economics perspective

Interdependences between the performance of public institutions and the economic development are studied within the fast-growing field of Law & Economics. This tradition underpins the proposed research project, devoted to the relations between taxpayers' decisions and the performance of tax authorities and administrative courts over the business cycle.

Analysis covers 2004 – 2019 period, beginning from the implementation of the two-instances administrative courts system in 2004, and covering the recent business cycle. Research will include statistical and macroeconomic data analysis, granular – case level – data on court cases as well as Supreme Administrative Court case files analysis.

The research project includes three problem areas.

The first encompass taxpayer's behavior aimed at effective tax rate reduction. On the macro level, their results are reflected in the dynamics of so-called "tax gaps" – differences between theoretical and actually collected tax revenues.

Second area covers the activities of the tax authorities. Thereby, analysis will include both the growth of the "tax gaps" and measures implemented in order to close them.

The third area includes strategic interactions between taxpayers and tax authorities – namely litigation before the administrative courts.

Proposed research project will provide knowledge on the activities of both taxpayers and public administration in response to the business cycle fluctuations – which is crucial to devise just and efficient tax system. Moreover, it will offer in-depth knowledge on the administrative courts performance over the business cycle. Thereby, obtained results would enhance knowledge base supporting efforts aimed at improving administrative courts efficiency – especially during the downturn, as demand for adjudication increases. Case files research will provide insights on the procedural tools efficiency, whereas statistical analysis – on the organization of the administrative courts.