

Programa Regressar — Portugal's Tax Incentive and Support Scheme for Returning Emigrants

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2019, Portugal's Programa Regressar has given returning emigrants a 50% income-tax break for five years plus IEFP grants; applications hit 36,000+ in H1 2025 alone, and Finance Ministry research says resulting spending offsets much of the foregone tax.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-18

[Autoridade Tributária e Aduaneira \(Portuguese Tax Authority\) / IEFP](#) — accessed 2026-08-18

[Programa Regressar — official portal](#) — accessed 2026-08-18

[The Portugal Post — Tax breaks and grants extended as Portugal courts returning expats](#) — accessed 2026-08-18

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