Analysis of the Performance of a Private Entity as Agent of Governance in a Local Productive Arrangement of Information Technology

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Abstract

This paper analyzes the performance of a private nonprofit entity, called Serratec, a member of the Local Productive Arrangement (LPA) of Information Technology (IT) in the mountainous region in Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil, which exercises the governance of it. This article shows a single case study based on bibliographical research and unstructured interviews with managers of Serratec. The geographic region of this LPA involves four cities and around four hundred companies of software development, mostly small and medium sized. Sixty-three of those companies are associated with Serratec, contributing financially and benefiting from it. Besides economical results, this LPA acts an important social role, training and offering first job opportunities to young people or people under social vulnerability conditions. These cities and companies of this LPA are officially part of another productive arrangement of IT that involves nineteen cities in a large geographic area, including the capital of the state, which makes this arrangement unable to meet the demands of companies and society of the mountain region. Despite being just three years old and did not take part of the genesis of the LPA, Serratec inherited and reactivated a thirty-year history of alternating expansion and contraction phases, motivated by planned actions by the government and business representation bodies, promoting technology and innovation in the region. The LPA is classified as "in development" and the governance is called "soft". Serratec is focused on creating conditions for companies and society to develop themselves in economic and social aspects with low environmental impact.

Keywords

Industrial Engineering, Local Productive Arrangement, Petrópolis, Brazil, Information Technology.

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