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Cross-country income inequality has declined in the last decades, but it has been paralleled by an increase in within-countries inequality. At the same time, many governments have implemented fiscal decentralization policies, devolving increasing decision-making powers on expenditures and revenues to sub-national governments. In this paper, we provide empirical evidence on the relationship between expenditure and revenue decentralisation and intra-regional income redistribution, based on regional level data on inequality and government expenditure for 187 regions of 15 OECD countries. Our results show that income redistribution within region is negatively associated with revenue decentralization while it is positively associated with spending decentralization.