

Summary

The subject of this doctoral dissertation is the management of the economic development of a region, treated as a territorial area identical with a voivodeship. According to the approach adopted in the dissertation, the management of the economic development of a region (voivodeship) is an action consisting in directing the efforts of structures, entities, stakeholders as well as the cooperation of these entities towards the achievement of specific objectives related to economic development, coordinated by the self-government of the voivodeship. The theses of the dissertation have been developed and should be seen against the important context of the EU cohesion policy, which Poland and Polish regions have been participating in since their accession to the European Union in 2004.

The main thesis of the dissertation is that it is possible to develop and apply a model of the economic development management of a region, which will be based on the coordination of activities, cooperation of stakeholders and use of synergy effects of all elements of the regional economic development system. The topic of the study was therefore the search for a model of the economic development management of a region (voivodeship), as a model that could be adapted to the activities serving the development of a particular voivodeship.

Used to structure the model were the conclusions from the analysis of different management systems and models, including those relevant to regional development, among them a comparative analysis of models used in different countries as well as the conclusions from the analysis of case studies of the few economic development management systems of the region. The conducted analysis and expert verification resulted in distinguishing the following components of the model of the economic development management of the region:

- Actors (entities and stakeholders involved) necessary for the functioning of the target model of the economic development management of the region, each of whom has assigned roles and defined responsibilities for the functioning of the system.
- Linkages which determine which factors are responsible for the functioning of the system, for ensuring the coordination and cooperation of all the components. These include: legal regulations, development strategy and programs, institutional structures and model, processes and procedures.

- Objectives, which determine the purpose of the system's functioning and answer the question "why" the system functions, what goals it is supposed to achieve and what state (vision) it aims to realize.
- Mechanisms shaping the model, such as leadership, partnership, dialogue, cooperation, trust, creativity, multi-level management, organizational culture, modern IT tools and others.

Improvement of the management model can be considered at two (integrally related) levels, i.e. improvement as a natural process of "learning" of the model and improvement understood as adaptation to the specificity and conditions of individual regions, which will demand continuous adjustments to and development of the general model and the specific (local) development of the management solution in a given region

The author hopes that the analyses and conclusions contained herein will prove helpful and will be used by entities responsible for the economic development systems as well as by other entities being involved in the regional economic development support systems now in the process of development or those already in operation.

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