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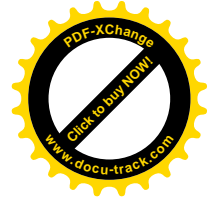
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**The challenge of diversified development in  
Metropolitan region' growth in Central Europe**

Paper prepared for the International Conference



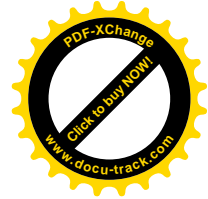


## Past experience and involvement in the international projects of the **Department of Urban and Population Studies**

- **The Social and Economic Consequences of Privatisation in Central and Eastern Europe** (project founded by the EU programme Cooperation in Science and Technology with Central and Eastern Europe – CIPA CT93 0082)
- **The North European Trade Axis** (in cooperation with Manchester University)
- **RESTATE, Restructuring Large-scale Housing Estates in European Cities: Good practices and new Visions for Sustainable Neighbourhoods and Cities** (European 5th Framework Program)



- **The Guideline Study of Spatial Development Alongside the Polish-German Border** (project PHARE ref. PL2002/000-606.21.02)
- **Dynamiques des espaces metropolitains. Le développement périphérique des grandes métropoles européennes. L'exemple de Paris et de Varsovie.**
- **Socio-spatial consequences of demographic change for East Central European cities.** (Sponsored by initiative of VolkswagenStiftung)
- **PLUREL, Peri-urban land use relationships – strategies and sustainability assessment tools for urban-rural linkages.**  
(European 6th Framework Program)



**On the „domestic market” Department of Urban and Population Studies has prepared, as a coordinator and the main contractor, two basic national documents:**

**Report about:**

**„The state of Poland’s Space”**

**and new strategic planning document:**

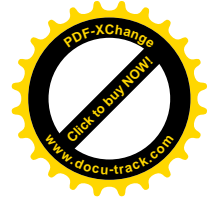
**„Concept of the spatial organization of the country”**



## **Current subject of research:**

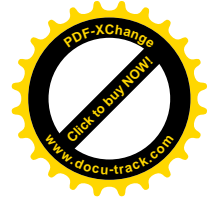
### **Mechanisms of transformation of cities and metropolitan areas in Poland and Central Europe, theoretical and empirical attitudes**

- Social and demographic change**
- Housing and living conditions**
- Sustainable development in the urbanized areas**
- Migration and residential mobility**
- Metropolitan developments and urban system**
- Changes of Poland's transportation system**
- Economic control functions in Poland's space**
- Spatial development of the Polish border regions**



**The project will contribute to the priority 4 “Enhancing competitiveness and attractiveness of cities and regions”. The area of intervention 2, named: *“Addressing the Territorial Effects of Demographic and Social Change on Urban and Regional Development.”* (P4.2.)**

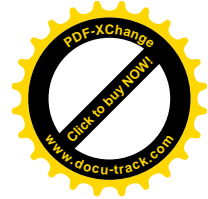
**Proposed project can also contribute and addressed to: the priority 4 *“Enhancing competitiveness and attractiveness of cities and regions”*, and area of intervention 1, named: *„Developing Polycentric Settlement Structure and Territorial Cooperation.”* P2.1.**



**Current prosperous development of Warsaw Metropolitan Area will be constrained by the its delay development and backward situation of a adjacent region, growing intra-urban disparities and urban sprawl damaging sustainable regional planning.**

**The basic question is: how surrounding regions can increase there share in the wealth of the booming metropolitan areas? Or, how metropolitan areas profit from the social and economic strength of surrounding region (urban or metropolitan)?**

**We need the transnational experiences in urban-regional cooperation and solutions for the formation of a more balanced settlement structure of the wider metropolitan regions in Central Europe.**



**The exchange of experience at least between capitals of the Metropolitan Regions of Central Europe or the largest cities will be the added value in terms of:**

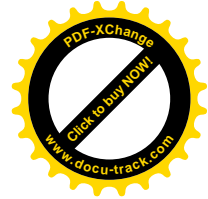
- Proposal of a new urban and regional policy together with the modification of metropolitan and urban governance aimed to reduce the speed of the augmented disparities**
- New spatial and social policy, with much stronger urban dimension, in order to achieve not only the large competitiveness but also the social cohesion.**



## **What we expect from the project:**

### **Learning from international metropolitan and regional policy**

- How to mobilise civic society and introduce political settlements?**
- How provide ideas for local authority?**
- How discourage suburbanization?**
- Affordable accommodation?**



# Thank you for your attention

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