

ABSTRACT

Functions of Spatial Policy Tools. The purpose of this monograph is to clarify the formula and scope of selected functions of spatial policy tools at the local level. An attempt was made to interdisciplinary approach to selected issues, to relate them to both noticeable practical solutions and theoretical conclusions. The authors hope that the chapters form a thematically coherent content, but each of them requires consideration of different points of view and approaches. The first chapter (by Prof. Aleksander Noworól) identifies key premises for creating the spatial policy in the context of challenges related to territorial management. In this way, a broader theoretical background was outlined for more detailed considerations contained in subsequent chapters. Among others, management solutions related to territorial challenges were identified, and postulates for ordering the sub-regional and local planning system in Poland were presented. The second chapter (by Barbara Szulczewska, Maciej J. Nowak and Krystyna Solarek) was devoted to the environmental function of local spatial development plans. The focus was put on the theoretical and practical analysis of the “environmental” content of local plans, with particular emphasis on their “principles of environmental, nature and landscape protection”. They were analyzed both from an environmental, a planning and a legal perspective. Similar convention was used in the third chapter (the authors of which are Urszula Myga-Piątek and Maciej J. Nowak), where the “cultural” content of local spatial development plans was verified on an analogous basis (also considering different perspectives). The fourth chapter (by Klaudyna Kojder, Michał Kupiec, Irena Baranowska-Bosiacka, and Maciej J. Nowak) concerns the health function of spatial policy tools. It was not separated in the act on spatial planning and development as an environmental and cultural function, but the authors consider it to be essential and requiring in-depth consideration on the borderline of typically medical, planning and public policy issues. It was possible to determine which elements related to the spatial sphere affect the health activities, as well as to indicate the contact points noticeable in this context and related to spatial policy. In the last chapter (authors: Dorota Sikora-Fernandez, Maciej J. Nowak, Małgorzata Błaszke), issues of the housing function were discussed as part of the spatial policy tools. It was determined how housing policy goals can be translated in individual spatial policy tools and which analyses addressing this problem are the most adequate.