

Abstract

Suburbanization in Poland as a Challenge for Development Policy. The publication aims to identify and define the main challenges for development policy that arise from the analysis of the suburbanization process in Poland and to propose recommendations for development policy (including urban policy) on a local and regional scale. The authors made scientific analyses at four levels:

- a critical analysis of the scientific literature on suburbanization, especially pointing to the specificity of this process both in Poland and more broadly in Central and Eastern Europe;
- review of costs and losses related to suburbanization – both on the basis of literature on the subject and on the basis of the author's research carried out for the purposes of the publication;
- determination of optimal directions related to the application of spatial policy tools in areas subject to suburbanization and their critical evaluation;
- analysis of case studies in the context of using planning, strategic, financial and cooperation tools.

Chapter 1 defines, from the point of view of different scientific disciplines, how suburbanisation can be understood and what distinguishes this process in Europe, especially in post-communist countries. The authors also try to define the characteristics of suburbs, indicating those characteristic for Poland.

Chapter 2 contains analyses using the delimitation and classification of suburban municipalities prepared especially for the purposes of the monograph. Five categories of suburban zones were distinguished, which group 601 municipalities around 222 core cities (special attention should be paid to the so-called "big five", i.e. the cores of the five best-developed metropolitan areas - Warsaw and Krakow, Poznań, Tricity and Wrocław). It also analyses demographic, housing and planning conditions related to the spatial policy in those communes.

These issues are continued in Chapter 3. It contains an analysis of local spatial policy tools in the boroughs around the 'Big Five' - primarily local spatial development plans. An attempt has been made to indicate which provisions of the local plans should constitute a particular point of reference in the verification of spatial policies in the

context of suburbanisation. From the perspective of the presented concept, the content of local plans was verified, and broader case studies were included.

Chapter 4 presents the issue of economic consequences of spontaneous suburbanization. It pays attention to the externalities in spatial econopoddanych suburbanizacji

Finally, the publication formulates challenges and recommendations for development and spatial policy, and proposes several new approaches to the problem of suburbanization, including possible further research directions. The authors hope that these issues will become the basis for a wider discussion and will inspire further research.

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