

## STRESZCZENIE W JĘZYKU ANGIELSKIM

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**"Innovation as a factor of economic and social development of Polish municipalities"**

The work is devoted to the issues of innovation as a factor for economic and social development of Polish municipalities

The keynote of this dissertation claims the existence of real connection between the scale of interest in the implementation of solutions and innovative resources, and improvement of its economic performance and social and environmental indicators.

The problem of identification of innovative development in the municipalities is a very dynamic subject. There have already been many attempts to evaluate this phenomenon. However, most researches focused on area of single province, which allowed to obtain more specific and detailed knowledge. Presented study is an attempt to examine municipalities from all around Poland.

The work consists of two main parts e.i. theoretical and empirical. The theoretical part includes critical analysis of existing theories of regional and socio-economic development and the importance of innovation. Practical part presents the results of surveys, examination of indicators of socio-economic development in selected municipalities and provides examples of innovative practices in Polish municipalities. Presented research adopted socio-economic development as a result, whereas, innovations are invariable cause of changes. However, it should be pointed out that that relation is not simple and linear. The author focused on the course of events and factors determining the occurrence of cause and effect relation in the context of innovation and socio-economic development.

For that reason, the study aimed to lead induction of how each of the elements, that can be classified as innovation at the level of the municipalities, affected individual factors (indicators) of socio-economic development.

The results of the research allowed identification of weaknesses of the Polish local authorities in the context of the implementation and use of innovation, as well as the creation of recommendations and practical conclusions for future courses of action.

