

Competition and cooperation of local and regional transport boards responsible for public transport services on the example of the Pomeranian Voivodeship

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Summary

Public transport management by local government is a primary area for properly operation of the cities and regions. Efficient public transport system works for moving citizens, determines spatial accessibility of specific places, cities and regions and shapes their development potential. Uninterrupted transformation processes, which happen in the local and regional areas change the structure of moving destinations and create new connections between them. Competition and cooperation of public transport boards is an important issue that fits into the overall system activities, which are based on interoperability of services and targeted on rising transport efficiency, quality and competitiveness including changes in needs and expectations of passengers.

The dissertation determines the main directions of shaping competition and cooperation of urban and regional public transport boards on the example of Pomeranian Voivodeship. Model solutions of functioning of the transportation market and its specificity were indicated and described. There were also shown the targets and the range of interventionism, the main actions in regulating market by local governments including the current operation of public transport and its future development. Moreover, it was specified how competition and cooperation processes could act for public transport quality improvement.

After a theoretical review of the general conditions and regulations under which the public transport is functioning, a detailed description of every local market of urban and regional public transport system of the Pomeranian Voivodeship was made.

Adopted solutions in terms of organization and management of public transport offer were shown. The interoperability rank of each public transport system was also verified and the local governments activities in the field of public transport services integration were rated.

An integral part of the thesis is a research project, which verifies the transport preferences and behavior of Pomeranian Voivodeship citizens and shows what quality of urban and regional transport services they expect. Based on the analysis of strategic documents and the results of own research, recommendations about shaping the integrated urban and regional public transport services in the Pomeranian Voivodeship, were formulated.