



Information system of the official statistics – regional approach

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With the approval of the Lisbon Treaty the scope of cohesion policy has changed — social and economic issues have been complemented by a territorial aspect. During the ongoing discussion on this topic it is necessary to more strongly emphasize the role of public statistics as a data source, essential for the policy objectives' creation, monitoring and evaluation. The presentation outlines the key directions of Polish regional statistics development — from organizational change to actions and initiatives. Organization of regional statistics in Poland constantly adapts to the changing needs of stakeholders. The basis for providing effective information services is the integrated co-operation of many public statistics service units. Therefore, Voivodship Centers for Regional Surveys in all Polish regions were established. The methodological works undertaken in the field of regional statistics should also be mentioned. In the context of monitoring and implementation of development policy strategic objectives an important initiative is developing a new typology of communes, already in the final phase. Other works concern the development of indicators. Constant improvement of publicly accessible databases like Development Monitoring System (STRATEG) and Local Data Bank should not be forgotten. The summary of the presentation will be an attempt to reflect on the challenges determined not only by changing of socio-economic or political issues, but also resulting from new technical possibilities (GIS tools).

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