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Regional policy

The main attention of this module is devoted to the new development in the area of regional policy, regionalism and regional development. Regional policy itself nowadays faces the challenge of globalization, regionalization, and sustainable development as well as of forms of political and governing structures. The module aims to answer the issues of current challenges of regional policy taking into account their imperative and up-to-date character. Another aim of the module is to analyze the problems of regional policy in Central European countries after 1990. Recently, it is to note that there is a significant diversion from the classical approach to the issues of regional policy. However, the issue of growth and regional development still remains the priority. Within the context of ongoing transformations, we note a diversion from the traditional economic theories of regional development towards the theories based on the concept of endogenous development. Some authors envisage the opportunity to form a new paradigm based on the mixture of these theories (theory of flexible specialization, theory of learning regions, theory of innovative systems, and theory of regional clusters...). The main task of such a new paradigm is to activate internal resources and subjects in every region, highlighting mainly the task and character of human factor in this process.