

URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS CENTRAL EUROPE AND BEYOND WERE UNABLE TO AVOID THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM. DECREASED LOCAL PERFORMANCE AND THE CLOSURE OF NON-COMPETITIVE COMPANIES WERE SYMPTOMS LEADING TO HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND LONG-TERM AND DEEP SOCIAL DYSFUNCTION. MANY LOCAL ECONOMIES HAVE REMAINED MORIBUND SINCE, DESPITE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN PROMINENT ON THE AGENDA OF INTERNATIONAL DONORS AND THIS VOLUME TAKES A LOOK AT WHAT THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN. HUGE DIFFERENCES STILL ARE PRESENT ON THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL DESPITE A PERIOD OF STABILIZATION IN THE LABOR MARKET, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT.

THIS LAST AND FINAL VOLUME OF THE LGPP SERIES EDITED BY SOŇA ČAPKOVÁ, *LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*, TAKES STOCK OF THE ACTIONS AND TOOLS USED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO SPARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CRUCIALLY BY PROTECTING EXISTING JOBS AND BUSINESSES AS WELL AS BRINGING NEW JOBS AND NEW BUSINESSES TO THEIR AREAS.

THIS VOLUME INCLUDES REPORTS ON: BULGARIA, LITHUANIA, POLAND, RUSSIA AND SLOVAKIA, WITH A SPECIAL CHAPTER ON URBAN LAND DEVELOPMENT IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE. EACH COUNTRY REPORT IS AVAILABLE IN MORE DETAIL ON THE ACCOMPANYING CD.



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