

Statistical methods in assessment of the European Structural Funds impact on standard of living in Poland - regional approach

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In recent years Poland became one of the most supported countries by the European Structural Funds (ESFs). The aim of the ESFs was to improve social and territorial cohesion of the EU Member States. Administrative units like regions, districts and communities apply for money from the ESFs to carry out projects aimed at improvement of their standard of living.

The aim of the paper is to provide evidence whether contribute to rising standard of living in Poland , using cluster analysis to present the rank of regions by standard of living calculated on the data:

1. omitting monetary contribution by European Structural Funds
2. including monetary contribution by European Structural Funds.

The Bank of Local Data of Central Statistical Office in Poland will be the main source of data covering 2008-2011.

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