

## **Processes in transborder areas – significant impact on the economic growth**

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Due to globalisation the economy is becoming a blurred system in many cases. On the one hand we can observe integration processes, with the extended Schengen zone as the most recognizable one in Europe, on the other, disintegration tendencies are visible, such as tightening of rules on crossing the border. Integration and disintegration processes cause failures in the functioning of the information system concerning transborder areas. Therefore, it is essential, in countries in transition in particular, to create a coherent research system that collects, processes and disseminates information for these areas. In response to these needs Polish official statistics initiated works towards such a structure. Results of this research (household surveys, border traffic surveys, entrepreneurship surveys, etc.) turned out to be unexpected. They show that changes to approach to estimate some items in Balance of Payment (BoP), thereby developing the calculation of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), are required. This article presents both methodological aspects and findings of these surveys.

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