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**SPATIAL DIFFERENTIATION
OF THE FINANCIAL SITUATION
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP OF COMMUNES
IN THE ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKIE VOIVODESHIP IN 2010–2019**

The development of communes is multidimensional. It is shaped by many different factors, the most important of which are the financial situation and entrepreneurship. A good financial situation is, on the one hand, the goal of the commune, and on the other hand, it is the result of earlier decisions and related development opportunities. The development of the commune also involves large costs, especially financial ones. Financial resources are the priority of the commune and the priority of the implementation of tasks, incl. related to innovation, local development or meeting the needs of residents. Entrepreneurship is also becoming the basis for the socio-economic development of the commune. It contributes to the emergence of new economic entities, directly influencing the improvement of the level and quality of life of an individual as well as an increase in the welfare of society. The aim of the study is to join the scientific discourse

related to the issue of the impact of the financial situation and entrepreneurship on the development of municipalities.

The authors are interested in the communes of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship. The analysis of the spatial differentiation of the financial situation and entrepreneurship in terms of the development of communes was made with the use of a synthetic measure. The analyzes were carried out in the system of 102 communes of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship. Data from the Local Data Bank of the Central Statistical Office from 2010 and 2019 (Dziekański, Pawlik, Wrońska, Karpińska, 2020) were used as the source material.

An important feature of the commune self-government is meeting the needs of the local community. Its development depends on resource management skills and how the commune will use its opportunities. Each commune is obliged to carry out the same tasks imposed by law. The factors that differentiate the way of performing individual tasks are the financial capacity of the commune and entrepreneurship. The evaluation of the commune's potential is an element of support for the management process.

The two main factors that characterize development opportunities are capital expenditure and municipalities' own income (Sobczyk, 2010). The size of the local government's own income, and a particularly high share in total income, proves the wealth of local government units, as well as high financial independence and independence from transfers from the state budget. The expenses prove that communes strive to increase their ownership status, contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of the inhabitants and to the general socio-economic development (Sobczyk, 2009). The persistent differences in the level of investment expenditure of municipalities are determined by the nature of individual regions, result from the financial possibilities and obligatory current expenditure or the need to maintain them at a level that ensures the minimum satisfaction of social needs.

Finance allows for a comprehensive assessment of the operation of a local government unit and its development opportunities (Wojciechowski, 2012) or the implementation of public tasks,

and determine the conditions for local economic development (Zawora, Zawora, 2014). It is worth emphasizing that the analyzes conducted by P. Churski and his co-authors as well as M. Stanna and P. Dziekański show that the most important factor of development is precisely finance. The indicated authors focused in their research on the income of municipal governments and investment expenditure, emphasizing their importance from the point of view of the potential financing of pro-development tasks of local governments (Stanny, Strzelczyk, 2015; Churski et al., 2013; Dziekański 2016, 2018; Pawlik, Dziekański, 2020).

Entrepreneurship is also becoming the basis for the socio-economic development of the region in the conditions of transformations and the implemented market economy. The distinguishing features of entrepreneurship include: the ability to use ideas and opportunities, dynamism, activity, tendency to take risks, and the ability to adapt to changing conditions (Pawlik 2016). Entrepreneurship influences the processes of economic growth and the social sphere. Entrepreneurship development should be considered in a broader context of the various elements that make up the overall effect of local development. The importance of entrepreneurship in the socio-economic regional development is undeniable (Szot-Gabryś, 2008).

The communes of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship are spatially polarized, and the financial situation and entrepreneurship shape the processes of their operation and development. In 2010, according to the measure of financial situation, the best communes were: Sitkówka Nowiny (2), Połaniec (3) and Kielce (1), and the weakest ones were: Gnojno (2), Opatowiec (3) Słupia Konecka (2). According to the measure of entrepreneurship potential, in 2010 the following communes were the best: Sandomierz (1), Kielce (1) and Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski (1), and the weakest ones: Imielno (2), Szydłów (3) and Waśniów (2).

In 2019, according to the measure of the financial situation, the best municipalities were still: Sitkówka Nowiny (2), Kielce (1) and Połaniec (3), and the weakest municipalities: Mniów (2), Smyków (2) and Wiślica (3). According to the measure of entrepreneurship

potential, the following municipalities were the best in 2019: Kielce (1), Sandomierz (1) and Sitkówka Nowiny (2). The results of the research conducted give communes the opportunity to compare the financial situation and entrepreneurship with the situation of neighboring communes or communes with similar economic and social conditions. Conclusions drawn on this basis may allow local authorities to recognize the financial situation and entrepreneurship as determinants of their development, which is confirmed over the years by the position of Kielce, Sandomierz and Sitkówka.

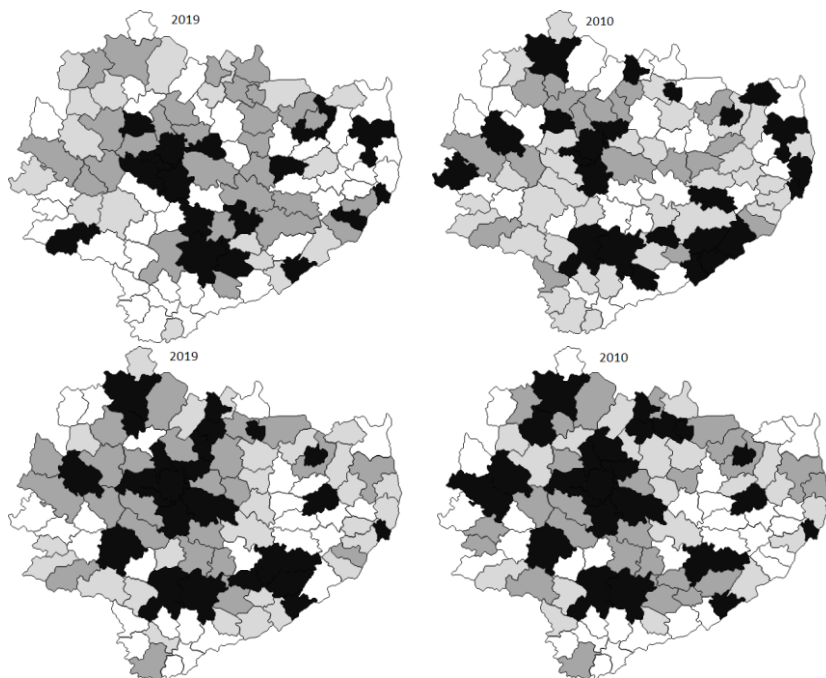


Figure 1. Financial situation and the entrepreneurial potential of the Świętokrzyskie voivodship communes in 2010–2019

Source: own study

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