

TRANSPORT ECONOMICS AS THE RESEARCH DISCIPLINE OF TRANSPORT SECTOR AND ITS RELATIONS WITH ECONOMIC SURROUNDINGS

Summary

Transport economics focuses on researching of economic activities carrying out in transport sector and the development of the transport systems, influenced by a great deal of internal and external factors as well as many economic, spatial, social and environmental constraints. It faces many challenges since the process of globalisation and integration of the world economy has begun and new technologies of the carriage of goods, innovative forms of transport chains organisation as well as methods of supply chain management have emerged.

However, due to the well worked out methodological tools and instruments, based on macro - and microeconomic, as well as strategic management and systems theory, transport economics sufficiently fulfils contemporary expectations, both theoretical and practical ones. It is nowadays regarded as an efficient, useful and attractive research discipline with huge scientific potential, able to solve emerging transport problems and indicate optimal forms and directions of transport systems development. Transport economics is necessary to serve contemporary societies in enhancing their mobility and advice them how to improve their living standard and a way of living of the next generations. As a result, it will enrich macro- and microeconomics and other social sciences as well.