

## SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SUPPORT OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Summary

The local and regional development can be considered in different planes and could depend on many factors. The public regional policy can apply the different instruments regulating the development of individual regions. Such as Special Economic Zones. Those zones have been established all over the world to stimulate employment, new investments and to attract foreign capital in selected regions. The paper describes legal solutions regulating the operation of Special Economic Zones in Poland and analyses their efficiency in 1996–2004.