

**THE EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL FUNDS AS AN INSTRUMENT
OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
(ON THE EXAMPLE OF KUJAWSKO-POMORSKIE VOIVODSHIP)**

Summary

The regional policy in European Union aims at strengthening economic and social cohesion among its Member States and their regions. It should be a great chance for Poland (as one of the poorest countries). All our regions belong to the first aim of European regional policy. It means that we can have the use of all available instruments of this policy particularly of every Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund. The example of successful investments realized in Kujawsko-Pomorskie voivodship (engaging pre-accession assistance) shows how profitable it can be if we clearly don't waste an opportunity we get.