

DEVELOPMENT TRENDS OF CO-OPERATIVES IN HIGH DEVELOPED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Summary

Last decades are characterized by quick economic development. It causes the better fulfillment of the society needs. On the other hand it effects the negative phenomena such as unemployment homelessness, poverty e.c. These problems make the government seek new forms of organization to alleviate them. One of the solutions is to develop co-operatives.

A characteristic feature of the developed countries is the speed development of these organizations and their commitment in satisfying social needs like: education, healthcare and all kinds of social pathology.

This paper aims to present and estimate the tendencies in the development of co-operatives in the XXI century on the example of four European Union countries like: Great Britain, Spain, Italy and France. This information give the possibility of comparison with the situation of Polish co-operatives.