ESSENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AS ENTITIES PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES

SUMMARY

In Poland, the legal regulations of the system transformation period, aiming at economy liberalisation and wider scope of civil rights, have caused the change of activity of the entities delivering social services. It resulted in enriched institutional structure of organisations delivering such services and the increasing competition. Non-governmental organisations have private character and created on the society’s initiative to deliver socially important services being alternatives to the public sector and non-attractive for commercial companies. In this paper we present the role and function of NGOs as an enterprise of providing social services.

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