RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CONVERGENCES PROCESSES
AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

SUMMARY

The theory of convergence, also called as the „catch-up effect“, generally states that poorer economies (regions) tend to grow at faster rates than the richer ones. Economic convergence assumes that all countries or regions are growing, but at different speeds. The significant role in real and regional convergence processes belongs to transport, especially transport infrastructure development.

The paper presents relations between economic convergence and transport infrastructure development. The accession of Poland to the European Union creates new possibilities through the EU structural funds, which has a positive influence on acceleration transport infrastructure development in Poland. Even though poor quality of transport infrastructure slows down economic convergence between Poland and the EU-27.

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