Summary

The main objective of the hereby article is to suggest major directions of tourism economy development based on the review of contemporary growth and economic development theories constituting framework for detailed concepts. Additional purpose of discussed considerations is to present general guidelines for tourism policy in Poland resulting from economic theories and concepts dealing with problems of growth and social-economic development. The article results from analysis of literature related to economic growth and development, as well as observations and synthesis in the domain of tourism economy development.

At present endogenic concepts gain in importance, as compared to neoclassical theories of development, which influences changes in tourism economy. One of its developmental directions may become sustainable tourism economy based on knowledge.

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