

FROM THE EDITORS

In the volume 4 No. 2 of – TRANSBORDER ECONOMICS International Journal on Transborder Economics, Politics and Statistic we would like to draw the Readers' attention to the transborder problems that are so different for the economies under analysis. Issues related to the labour market, entrepreneurship and many other pressing socio-economic problems. Macroeconomic aspects of the economy in the perspective of transborder integration will be covered as well.

The article by Józef Oleński entitled *Impact of asymmetry of potentials on sustainable development of transborder economies* has the main thesis: main driving forces of development as well as economic stagnation, crises, shocks or catastrophes in transborder economies are the asymmetries of resources, capitals and potentials between neighbouring regions or small areas belonging to different countries. In modern economy most important are the asymmetries of institutional regulations, laws and procedures binding different countries. The asymmetry of power of influence of some countries on other countries can be strengthened or weakened of national laws and institutions. Nowadays the institutional asymmetries are deciding how the transborder asymmetries between other resources, capitals and potentials – demographic, social, infrastructural, industrial, natural, e.a. – influence the sustainability of development of transborder economies.

The paper by Carola Bader examines the pivotal role of Kurdish women in the Middle East, highlighting their resistance to anti-feminist Sharia currents and their commitment to promoting feminist revolution and political self-determination. The findings of this article underscore the transformative potential of Kurdish Women activism. Their efforts have profound implications for the advancement of gender equality and political empowerment in the region and offer valuable insights for policymakers and civil society organizations committed to advancing women rights and promoting greater political engagement.

Maximilian Farnung's paper *Problem of state aid in Spanish football – case analysis* is a case study of state aid in Spanish football clubs. In the recent past, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) issued two judgments concerning state aid

granted by the Kingdom of Spain to Spanish football clubs. The outcome is that, after the conclusion of the proceedings, the aid granted to FC Barcelona has to be reclaimed, while Valencia CF can keep the state aid granted to it respectively, it has not to be reclaimed. This raises the question of whether equal constellations exist and were judged differently, i.e., whether there is unequal treatment in this regard. Furthermore, whether there is no uniform line at EU level in this respect and in such constellations, and thus whether there is legal uncertainty. This article aims to answer these questions.

In the paper *Macroeconomic determinants of international development of Poland, Moldova and Ukraine 2011–2021* the main similarities and differences between economics are considered by Hubert Leśniak, Ana Nemerenco, Daria Kulcha and Jeremi Ćwikliński. The paper presents the macroeconomic situation of Poland, Ukraine and Moldova during periods of change related to the pandemic and the armed conflict, which already began in 2014. Such an analysis will allow noticing analogies in the studied economies and will be a starting point for further analyses. It will be possible to note points of commonality but also those that represent differences.

In the next paper *Socio-economic context of Poland and Spain with an overview of the unemployment phenomenon* the problem of unemployment is considered by Nuria Real, Joanna Mulińska and Radosław Rokosz. Changes like the economic transition at the turn of 1989/90, and also joining the EU were crucial for the formation of the Polish market economy. In the later part, the unemployment figures of both countries for 2016–2021 were analysed. The trends of the indicator values were highlighted and compared with the other country.

Alejandro Reyes, Wojciech Skuza and Hubert Leśniak in their article *The differences in the development of the entrepreneurship between Poland and Spain*. The main goal of the paper is to explore the situation of the business activity in Poland and Spain in recent years. Entrepreneurship is an important factor for economic growth and competitiveness. The changing socio-economic reality forces entrepreneurs to search for new solutions in order to maintain its position on the market. The implementation of new policies or programmes by local or national authorities also remains the key instrument to stabilize the business environment.

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