

FROM THE EDITORS

In this issue of TRANSBORDER ECONOMICS we would like to pay the attention of our Readers on following new aspects of transborder phenomena and processes that need deeper scientific diagnoses and analyses:

- institutional prerequisites and forms in transborder economies – role of local government and transnational corporations as important institutional forms of economic activity and development in transborder economies;
- transborder cooperation in fragile regions and its importance for stabilization and economic integration;
- role of human and social capital in the development of transborder economies and the need statistical standards.

The processes of deeper liberalization of international cooperation and trade in many regions of the world are stimulating the development of specific institutions and institutional forms of transborder cooperation of businesses. These processes shall be analyzed from the sides of two stakeholders – businesses and local governments. On one side of the coin of institutional forms are transnational corporations operating in the spaces of transborder economies. This new phenomenon of *transnational* - and at the same time - *transborder* corporations is analyzed in the papers of Oksana Bentsak, *Transnational Corporations in Ukraine as the Factor of Development of Cross-border Cooperation* and Heorhyi Cherevko, *Transnational Corporations as the Form and factor of Transborder Economic Integration*.

The other side of the coin of institutional forms in transborder economies is the policy of local governments aiming to create favorable conditions for the use endogenous conditions and development challenges by businesses and society in transborder economies. This problem is discussed on the basis of Brazilian experiences by Cleuber Veira dos Santos da Silva e.a. *Quality Indicators of Public Financial Management: the Case of the Minicipalities of Northern Region of Minas Gerais*. Institutional aspects of prerequisites of cooperation between Slovakia and Ukraine, with reference to transborder processes, are also analyzed by Aliaksei Zhurauliou and Sergii Gerasimenko, *Bilateral Economic Relations between Slovakia and Ukraine: Modern Stage and Future Trends*.

We would like to pay your attention also on the paper of Oleksandr Osaulenko and Nataliia Reznikova, *Analysis of tendencies in the Development of Trans-Regional Integration Processes of Jordanian Basin Countries* in which the specificity of transborder economy and development of international cooperation in fragile regions of Jordanian Basin countries is analyzed. This paper may inspire scientists and politicians interested in the identifying and solving very actual and important problem – if and how the development of transborder processes may help to stabilize social and economic life in fragile regions of the world. We encourage our potential future Authors to take phenomena of transborder processes fragile regions into account in their scientific works as important scientific and practical problem in many countries of the world.

The role of knowledge, social and human capital is the leading topic of the paper of Sara Goncalves Antunes de Souza and Sarah Dantas Rabelo Mota, *Knowledge Produced by Unimontes Research Groups*. Complementary to that is the analysis of methodological approaches of statistical measuring of social processes and the proposals how to develop integrated standards for social statistics relevant for transborder economies in post-transition countries, presented in the paper of Jozef Olenski, *Standardization of Monitoring of Social Processes in Post-Transition Countries – Transborder Perspective*.

Last but not least we would like to pay kind attention to our Readers to our Book Review where you will find the review - elaborated by Stanislaw Wydymus - of interesting publication of Roman Chorób, *Determinants of Development of Innovative Integration Links between Agriculture and Food Industry*. We do hope that this book will inspire the researchers to deeper studying of the impact of integration on detailed levels of complementary sub-branches and technological links between economic processes, taking into account the value added of advantages given by transborder cooperation.

We do hope that this issue of TRANSBORDER ECONOMICS contributes to the development of transborder economics - new domain of economic sciences - as well as it extends our knowledge and better understanding of political, social and economic transborder phenomena and processes in more globalized and more institutionalized world.

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