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Participation in projects in last 5 years (chronological; with distinction into PI (kierownik) and RF (wykonawca)):	2017-2021 COHSMO Inequality, urbanization and territorial cohesion: developing the European social model of economic growth and democratic capacity, within Horizon 2020 (PI of the Polish research team in 2017-2019) 2017-2020 Local government policies on user charges for local public services (NCN, Opus, Principal Investigator) 2018-2021 Municipal territorial reforms - international comparative perspective (NCN, Harmonia, Principal Investigator) 2018-2021 2019- September 2022, Getting out of shadow? Polish local government studies in the context of European academic research - evolution of publication strategies and modes of cooperation (NCN Opus, Principal Investigator) 2022-2025. Community power structures and styles of local political leadership (NCN Opus, Principal Investigator)
PhD topic:	Local public services and local political institutions in the realm of rural depopulation - selected country study
Research discipline in Doctoral School:	Social and Economic Geography and Spatial Management
Short description of the research problem to be solved in the PhD (minimum 1000 characters):	While the problems of shrinking cities are fairly well recognised in the academic literature, much less is known about rural depopulation, a problem which affects many rural areas in Poland as well as other European countries (e.g. the Baltic States, the Balkans and the northern part of Scandinavia). Existing studies on rural depopulation focus on the issues related to economic development. But the impact of that phenomenon on the functioning of local government is almost unrecognised. In particular we need to know more precisely how depopulation and low population density affect the costs of service provision the functioning of local government as a political institution (e.g. the issue of recruiting political elites) and administrative institution (the issue of recruiting qualified civil servants). The proposed doctoral dissertation will study those issues in one of European countries (Estonia, Latvia, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Serbia are examples of possible country cases, but other countries may be considered as well). Empirically the study should combine qualitative case study with quantitative modelling of the impact of depopulation and spare population density on the selected aspects of local government functioning or local public service provision. deal with a selected fragment of the topic presented here. It will be based on quantitative methods - their exact selection will be carried out at a later stage, but they will most likely refer to modelling based on quasi-experimental techniques
Professional skills for PhD candidate (e.g. master program, specializations, softwares, language, analytical techniques, minimum 500 characters):	Good command of English (readiness to present conference papers in English and to read English-language academic literature), knowledge of basic quantitative research methods (such as basics of econometric modelling) and willingness to learn new methods. Knowledge of quasi-experimental methods (such as difference-in-difference, synthetic control) in social sciences would be an asset. The candidate should hold degree in geography, political science or economics. Interest in economic and political dimensions of local government functioning.
a) Project title:	none (so far, it may change 2024)
b) Agreement number:	
c) Number of months in the project to support PhD (in months; starting from 1st of October 2022):	
Project website:	