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Participation in projects in last 5 years (chronological; with distinction into PI (kierownik) and RF (wykonawca)):	<p>[2022 – 2024] Community power structures and styles of political leadership in Polish local governments Grant from the Polish National Science Centre</p> <p>[2018 – 2021] Territorial Reforms in Europe: A Comparative Perspective Grant from the Polish National Science Centre</p> <p>[2017 – 2021] COHSMO - Inequality, urbanization and Territorial Cohesion: Developing the European Social Model of economic growth and democratic capacity Coordination of the Polish team in the Horizon 2020 project coordinated by University of Aalborg</p> <p>[2016 – 2018] Local Policies on Tariffs for Local Public services in Poland Grant from the Polish National Science Centre, PI</p>
PhD topic:	Impact of depopulation in rural areas on local government functioning
Research discipline in Doctoral School:	Social and Economic Geography and Spatial Management

<p>Short description of the research problem to be solved in the PhD (minimum 1000 characters):</p>	<p>The main research question is on the impact of depopulation in rural areas on functioning of local governments. There is a rich academic literature on shrinking cities in Europe, but studies of depopulation of rural areas are less common. Those existing focus usually on economic development and sometimes on access to services. This ph.d. research will ask how depopulation in areas which are usually sparsely populated influences operation of public administration and local democracy. More specific questions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•How depopulation influences costs of provision of services local governments are responsible for? Together with impact on local tax base (and consequently: revenues from own sources of local government budgets) it may change the ability to provide services of considerable quality•How it impacts administrative capacity to manage local governments' businesses. Depopulation, co-existing often with ageing of local population may produce difficulties in recruitment of qualified staff. To what extent this issue may be found in reality of everyday operation of local governments and what are its consequences for management of local public services?•How depopulation influences democratic performance of local governments? The impact may concern several dimensions. One may expect problems with recruitment of candidates in local elections, so election may become less competitive. Another consequences may concern community involvement of ageing and shrinking population in various forms of participatory democracy, but also trust and satisfaction with local government operation. <p>Methodologically the project would combine different methods, including econometric modelling (e.g. impact of depopulation on unit costs of local public services) and selected case studies (of selected localities) which would be based on quantitative local data collection and interviews with various stakeholders.</p> <p>Empirically the study will focus on one of the following list of countries: Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, North Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro</p> <p>At the moment there is no supporting research project offering supplementary financial resources for ph.d. student, but appearing of such a project in 2024 or 2025 is possible.</p>
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Professional skills for PhD candidate (e.g. master program, specializations, softwares, language, analytical techniques, minimum 500 characters):	Master in one of following disciplines: (human or economic) geography, spatial management (gospodarka przestrzenna), economics, political science, public administration, sociology. Working knowledge of English is required. Basic knowledge of statistical methods including regression analysis, readiness to work with data bases. Knowledge of Excell is required, while basic knowledge of one of statistical programmes (e.g. SPSS, stata, statistics) would be an asset. Experience in using qualitative methods in social sciences (e.g. in-depth interviews, focus group interviews) would be an asset as well.
a) Project title:	0
b) Agreement number:	0
c) Number of months in the project to support PhD student (in months; starting from 1st of October 2024):	0
Project website:	