

SUMMARY

REGIONAL DIVERSIFICATION OF CHANGES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE

The study provides the assessment – using the suggested research procedure – of the employment structure diversification in the European Union regions at NUTS 2 level, in order to identify the scale and direction of sector changes (sectors: agriculture, industry and services) and also the identification of regional groups in similar trajectories of the discussed transformations. The results of dynamic cluster analysis allowed for defining typical employment structures: sustainable regions, service-industrial regions, agricultural regions, industrial regions and service oriented regions, as well as the dynamic and spatial characteristics of regional groups featuring homogenous employment structure. Particular attention was paid to changes in employment structure and to assigning Polish regions to particular groups.

Eurostat database was the empirical data source, which provided information about employment in the activity sections distinguished according to NACE Rev 1 (data from 2000-2008) and NACE Rev. 2 (data from 2008-2012).