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EDUCATIONAL THEMATICS

Regional policy and development

Academic year: 2015-2016. I. semester

Number of class: 4+0 class hours

Credit: 5

Form of education: lecture

Form of group: whole study group

Form of rating: 3 pages

Number of pages:

Name of the course leader: DR. MEZEI CECÍLIA

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Detailed course description

The course is dealing with the operation of the European regional policy. We analyse the impacts of European regional policy and the Structural Funds supports on development and regional policy and spatial development institutions of the Central and Eastern European countries. We will analyse the preconditions of successful absorption of EU transfers, like national regional differences, national regional policy development processes, institutional background and financial resources. We will focus on the Central Eastern European aspects of implementation of EU supporting system, and the content and the targets of national development plans.

WEEK	DATE (MONTH.DAY)	PROGRAM	
		TOPIC	LECTURER
1.		Regional policy definitions, theoretical background	
2.		The history and development periods of European regional policy	
3.		Tools of European regional policy	
5.		Financial background of European regional policy	
6.		European development strategies	
7.		The “Eastern” policy of EU	
8.		Regionalism and public administration reforms in CEE countries	
9.		The transition in the CEE countries	
10.		Development of regional policy in CEE countries	
11.		Building of regional development institutions in the CEE countries	
12.		Best practices from CEE countries	
13.		The future of the European regional policy	
14.		The enlargement of EU	

Requirements

Students have to write a test and make a case study about a selected country’s regional policy practice.

Required literature:

- Horváth Gy. 2014: Space and Place in Central and Eastern Europe. Historical Trends and Perspectives. Routledge, 2014.
- EC, 2014: Investment for Jobs and Growth. Sixth Report on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion. European Commission, 2014.

Recommended literature:

Horváth, Gy. 2012: Regionalization in Eastern and Central Europe: obstacles and perspectives. *Geography, Environment, Sustainability* 2.pp. 4-17.

Horváth Gy. 2004: Regional challenges and policy responses in Central and Eastern Europe. In: Enyedi, György.–Tózsai István (eds.): *The Region: Regional Development Policy, Administration and E-government*. Budapest, Akadémiai Kiadó. 2004. 149–191. o. Transition, Competitiveness and Economic Growth 5.

Horváth Gy. and Hajdú Z. 2011: *Regional Transformation Process in the Western Balkan Countries*. Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Regional Studies, Pécs, 2011.

The ESPON website

The website of the European Commission

Kaposvár, 24th August 2015

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