

SUMMARY

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The state as a formalized organization, equipped with public authority institutions, performs its internal and external functions through the machinery of state. Among them, the adaptive, regulatory and innovative functions are particularly emphasized. Different literature also mentions the organizational function of the state authority, including activities in the field of social processes of production, circulation and distribution of consumer goods. The activities of the state authorities in this area are called economic, social and cultural policy. All the functions performed by the state are closely related, while the organizing function, its connections and the consequences of the way it is performed have been discussed in the dissertation. The very important issue of the role of the state in the Polish economy, both during the systemic transformation and in the last twenty years, has been discussed in relation to the development of a market economy, in which the SME sector plays a special role.

The main purpose of this dissertation is to identify the impact of state economic policy on the SME sector and to try to answer the question whether the type of state interventionism has a significant impact on the functioning and development of this sector of enterprises.

In view of the assumed aim of the dissertation, a research hypothesis was formulated: "the state can always intervene in economic policy, but the methods of intervention and its scope are varied, which is influenced by a number of factors, and consequently contributes to changes in the conditions for the functioning of small and medium-sized enterprises." .

The structure of the thesis as well as the consequences of the considerations conducted in it determined the research methods and techniques used to prepare the dissertation. The thesis uses literature analysis, induction and deduction methods, scientific and non-participant observation methods.

The thesis is divided into four chapters. The first chapter focuses on a critical analysis of the literature on the subject in terms of the concept of the state and its role in the market economy. It presents the general characteristics of the state as a political science category, discusses the stages of evolution of the concept of the state and indicates the types of state intervention in the economic system, showing them as the creator of the social economic process. The second chapter is an analysis of the functioning of the small and medium-sized

enterprise sector in the socio-economic and political space, discusses the characteristics and specificity of SME sector companies, and also indicates the importance of the environment for their social development. The third chapter is a description of the Konin subregion and introduces the reader to its specificity and the changes that have taken place in this region due to the changes in the political system. This chapter contains considerations on the socio-economic changes that took place in the years 2004-2020. The fourth and last chapter is methodical and empirical, it is devoted to research methodology and analysis of the impact of various types of state intervention in the economy in 2004-2020, it presents the state's impact on shaping the SME sector in Konin, taking into account individual governance.

At the end of the dissertation, a final analysis of the topic was performed in the context of the research that have been undertaken on the subject.