

Abstract

Polish postsocialist transformation could have been started due to huge social willingness. In Poland, over the last eighteen years of comprehensive systemic shift, GDP has increased more than in any other postsocialist country. The postponed improvement of growth in terms of quantity was only the necessary condition to maintain the continuity of the transformation process. Without simultaneous progress in other aspects of human existence (openness, democracy, tolerance, security, social mobility, equality of opportunity) on every stage of changes we couldn't speak today even about moderate success of the conducted reforms, if we could have drawn comparisons under the current system at all. It was exactly the maintenance of social cohesion, apart from sooner or later initiated production growth in terms of quantity, which was the crucial factor of postsocialist transformation process' continuity and its achievements connected with the European Union enlargement process.