

**Grzegorz Gorzelak is a professor of economics, specialising in regional and local development and policies. Director of the Centre for European Regional and Local Studies (EUROREG) at the Warsaw University, and professor at the Koźmiński Business School (WSPiZ) in Warsaw. He is a president of the Polish Section of the Regional Studies Association. Has conducted research on multivariate statistical comparisons, regional and local development of Poland and Central Europe, post-socialist transition. Advisor of the Polish government during the local government reform in 1990, manager of PHARE program for local government (1991), consultant to several local and regional authorities on development strategies, in Poland and in Ukraine. Member of several advisory councils of the Polish government, and of two committees of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Has co-ordinated several Polish and international research programs on regional development, regional policy and post-socialist transition. Published (as author and editor) over 30 books (several of them in English) and over 200 articles. Editor-in Chief of a scientific journal „Studia Regionalne i Lokalne”.**