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Preface

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The original concept of entrepreneurial tissue was used in order to analyze the influence of entrepreneurship on the regional economy. Two Polish, Pomorze and Wielkopolska, and two Spanish, Seville and Barcelona, regions were objects of case studies. Research data was derived from regional statistics and from empirical studies conducted upon the representative samples of enterprises in each region.

The research results prove that the impact of the entrepreneurial tissue on regional economy is significant. Comparison of the two Polish and Spanish regions demonstrates that higher level and quality of the regional entrepreneurial tissue contributes to the higher level of development and faster growth of regional economy and to lower unemployment. Also, the concept of entrepreneurial tissue proves to be a useful methodological instrument in research studies on relationships between entrepreneurship and regional economic development.

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