

SUMMARY OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

1. Title of the dissertation: Revitalization as a stimulant for urban regeneration: the case of major Polish cities
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4. Summary:

This doctoral dissertation addresses the challenges faced by contemporary cities and the interrelated processes that may influence the development potential of urban centers. Particular attention is devoted to the processes of urban revitalization and regeneration, including the systematization of the relationships between them. The dissertation is based on the conviction that revitalization is a component of urban regeneration, yet the relationship between these processes has not yet been described. Hence, the primary objective of this study is to reveal the mechanisms through which revitalization projects and other revitalization-related initiatives undertaken by major Polish cities influence their regeneration process. An important issue discussed in the dissertation is Polish legal regulations regarding revitalization, which form the basis for public intervention aimed at lifting degraded areas out of crisis, and at the same time may serve as a potential impetus for stimulating development on a city-wide scale. A secondary objective was to create a catalog of good revitalization practices, also relevant to the context of urban regeneration, that could be adopted by other local governments. This dissertation posits a main hypothesis stating that measures based on Polish legal regulations regarding revitalization are not a sufficient stimulus for urban regeneration. In addition, four specific hypotheses and seven research questions were formulated, relating to the main hypothesis and the objectives of the dissertation. Research on the impact of revitalization on stimulating urban regeneration was conducted using triangulation of research methods, including analysis of academic sources, collection and selection of documents, analysis of existing data, and a diagnostic survey. The research, planned in this manner, enabled an in-depth interpretation of the results and, consequently, the achievement of the research objective, the verification of hypotheses, and the provision of answers to the research questions. It was demonstrated that the revitalization process conducted on the basis of Polish legal regulations in the field of revitalization is not a sufficient independent stimulus for urban regeneration. Nevertheless, urban regeneration can be partially implemented as part of the ongoing revitalization process.