

## **Abstract**

The PhD dissertation has been devoted to innovation in the management of the municipal housing resources of the city of Częstochowa. The issue of innovation implemented in resource management has not been discussed in detail in the literature so far although it requires the attention and relevant presentation. Innovation has a significant impact on the accomplishment of one of the basic tasks of municipalities - satisfying housing needs of the self-government community.

The accommodation plays the key role in human life. People spend about 80% of their lives there, fulfilling the most important functions and needs, including protective, biological, social and living, as well as higher-order needs (concerning family, emotional and intellectual development).

The implementation of innovation in resource management allows municipalities to deal with changes in the demographic structure of residents and in the substance of real estate. Moreover, the introduction of innovation enables the satisfaction of the needs and expectations of the inhabitants of the resource, among others, resulting from the development of information techniques and technologies. Furthermore, it also ensures the accomplishment of other tasks imposed on municipalities, e.g., in terms of fostering intergenerational solidarity.

Consequently, the objective of the dissertation was to fill the research gap relating to innovation implemented by entities managing municipal housing resources, including their impact on the improvement in the living conditions of the inhabitants.

The theoretical part of the dissertation was based on the analysis of the state of knowledge in that regard. On the other hand, the empirical part was based on the results of the empirical research carried out using research techniques such as: the study of documents and web sources, personal interview, survey.

The research was carried out on a precisely selected research sample, including 540 inhabitants of the resource of Częstochowa and its management staff, i.e. ZGM TBS Sp. z o.o. in Częstochowa.

The dissertation consists of 5 chapters. The first one was devoted to general aspects concerning the resource. The concept and structure of the resource was analyzed, the objective of its creation and possession, the principles for management as well as the principles for financing the resource economy.

The issues on resource management were presented in the second chapter. The essence of management, the role and place of the municipality in this process were indicated as well

as the existing models of resource management. The attention was also drawn to the differences between managing and administering of the resource.

In turn, innovation implemented in the management of municipal real estate was discussed in the third chapter, including their impact on resource management. The definitions of the concept of "innovation" were cited, their sources and types were indicated, and the objective and process of its implementation was discussed. The measures of innovation were also presented.

Another chapter was devoted to the practice of innovation implementation in resource management in the light of the own research. The beginning of the chapter was the discussion of the methodology of the own research. Subsequently, the development of innovation in the face of changes taking place in the resource and in the face of the development of information techniques and technologies was indicated. The impact of innovation on housing management and the most important areas of the functioning of resource that require the implementation of innovation was also presented.

The impact of innovation on the improvement in the living conditions of the inhabitants of the resource in the light of the own research on the example of the city of Częstochowa was presented in the last chapter. The research sample was characterized, the innovation implemented by ZGM TBS Sp. z o.o. was discussed and the research results in that regard were analyzed. The key areas of the functioning of the resource requiring the implementation of innovation were also indicated. The summary relates to the assessment of the impact of innovation on the improvement in the living conditions of the inhabitants.

The summary of the dissertation includes the conclusions concerning the issues discussed in the study. The positive impact of innovation on the quality of life of the inhabitants was analyzed, including housing according to the needs of residents, the amount and method of rent payment adequately to their possibilities, the quality of space between buildings, and finally the impact of innovation on the creation of strong and supportive community.

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