

ASPECTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC HILLY AREAS OF THE TIMIS COUNTY

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Abstract

Timis County's hilly area is located at a junction of influences that could be fructified in its benefit, influences that are carried out by some of the important cities in the county, like Timisoara and Lugoj, cities that are located at relatively small distances from the studied communes.

In the present paper, the authors achieve a diagnosis analysis of Timis County's hilly area, aiming to point out its socioeconomical potential. The studied area is formed from 27 administrative units (communes, cities), which occupy 30.4% of Timis County's total surface and where 72.186 inhabitants live, this representing 10.6% of Timis County's population. From an economical point of view, like the entire rural space, the hilly area of Timis County is featured by a lack of diversity in economical activities, which determines an excessive dependency on agriculture, a diminished economical efficiency of agricultural activities, a defective way of exploiting the land and turning to profit agricultural products. In terms of infrastructure, concerning urbanistic facilities, the studied area is slightly inconducive, considering the fact that many communes have known a rapid development, due to access to European funds and approaching urban centres, which offered them the opportunity to become a habitat for a large part of the city inhabitants.

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