Business Environment as an Indicator of Regional Disparities

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***Abstract*—In the current process of globalization, the merging of countries in the social, cultural, political as well as economic matters is taking place. Economic area is mainly represented by the legal units that generate profit. These units bring along creation of jobs, reduction in unemployment, increase of the living standards of the population and thus also increase of the purchasing power of population and related development. EU cohesion policy is aimed to support the least developed regions in the European Union in order to ensure their growth, competitiveness and elimination of regional disparities. One of the tasks is to promote a business environment, which is one of the most important indicators of regional development. The paper deals with the analysis of statistical data of the business environment in the context of regional disparities. The aim of this paper is to analyze the structure of the business environment in Slovakia and examine trends in the number of legal units of individual forms. Through findings it is possible to identify changes among socio-economic situation in regions.**

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