

PHD THESIS AND THEIR RESEARCH RESULTS

EFFICIENCY MEASURES AND DECONCENTRATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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This importance bestowed on services may be explained through many aspects, their development having a purely economic justification as well as a social, cultural one by the activities aimed towards the population, by the protection of the environment and quality of life. On a worldwide level service-based economies are already a reality of present times, the tertiary sector holding, on average, over 1/2 of the employed population and in the formation of the overall gross domestic

product. Within the European Union it is observed a considerable share of the employed population in services and as well as of the contribution of the tertiary sector in the formation of the

communitarian gross domestic product. In Romania, the development of services acquires the attributes of an overall economic development, being able to become the engine of economic growth. Consequently, emphasizing the economic development seems natural and necessary, but essentially in this guidance is to identify different and useful ways of development. To this end we propose to use strategies in the tertiary fields, the services development representing a real base in the strategic guidance. The organizations in the field of public services are influenced in their activity with the macro environment factors, as there the factors of economic environment, demographic environment, social and cultural environment, technological environment and political and legislative environment. Lately, the ecologic factor (natural) has been added to these factors as a result of the growing importance bestowed nowadays to the issues of the natural environment.

The decentralization and development of a local administration system based on local autonomy is a dynamic and continuous process, but this autonomy may be real only on condition of assuring an appropriate financing. In order to accomplish the autonomy of the territorial divisions, it is necessary an increase of responsibilities and to be assumed by the local authorities of each administrative and

territorial division, on the line of discovering new income sources, to mobilize at maximum the existing ones and to spend them with a lot of sense of responsibility and good judgment. From a political point of view decentralization is the expression of "the democracy applied to the administration" ensuring a system in which the citizens participate at the leadership of local public

issues by means of the local bodies chosen by them. To apply the principle of decentralization on services implies the existence of certain specific relations between the local public administration authorities and the public services vouched by them, on one hand and between those authorities and the autonomous administrations or trade companies which vouch the public service of local interest.

The contents of the doctoral thesis has been conceived in such way to show a complex image on the proposed subject, starting with a general presentation of the services' concepts and the stages of the

appearance of strategic guidance, continuing with the analysis of the dynamics and efficiency of, public services in Romania, deconcentration of public services, the role of public finances in the local economic development.