INFLUENCE OF REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL CENTRE TO RURAL AREAS

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In Hungary, as well as in Central Europe, the regional industrial-service urban centres play a significant role in the development of the rural settlements and in the shaping of the rural life quality. These centres ensure enough workplace, adequate income and different services, which contribute to the stop of emigration from the nearby villages and to the improvement of the income, therefore even the own (local) economy of a rural settlement is able develop on a suitable basis. It is unambiguous in Hungary that city-linked developing villages can be found farther on the regional centres, beyond the suburban areas and the agglomeration. At the same time, in the distant areas without a city, the poverty is concentrated and the image of the villages is deteriorated. The question is how far the urban industrial-service impact can expand, how it is changing concerning the economic transformation, and what kind of spatial structures, specific types of settlements evolve in the catchment area and beyond.

Authors have examined their assumptions on the example of a north-west Hungarian, growing industrial centre (Győr), using the following empirical methods.

Interviews were made in 142 rural settlements, in order to determine the types of these settlements in the spatial structure and to reveal the spatial relationship regarding the different service fields.

1. Comparison of gravitation models and space-time maps.
2. Census-based examination of the transformation of labour commuting zones.
3. All of these examinations have been compared with demographic, income etc. data.

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