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**SUMMARY
of doctoral thesis entiteled**

**‘The impact of transport accessibility on communes’ development
on the example of Gdynia in the years 2003-2013’**

The dissertation is devoted to resolving the issue of transport accessibility influencing socio-economic development in Polish communes.

The keynote of this work focuses on how transport accessibility affected Gdynia in socio-economic terms of entrepreneurship, population, local economy, mobility and environment in years 2003-2013, by utilising statistical analysis as a method.

Gdynia is an absorbing example when considering transport accessibility as a factor influencing local development. Firstly, Gdynia is a port-city in northern Poland and a vital transport node in Baltic-Adriatic Corridor having a low standard hinterland road connection. Well prospering maritime port located in the city centre has always, on one hand boosted the local economy, and on the other hand, been a source of congestion and environmental problems. Secondly, Poland’s accession to the European Union in 2004 gave a chance to acquire financial means from European funds. The objective of Gdynia’s economic policy was to utilise those funds in order to develop city’s transport system. In consequence, numerous investments have been undertaken in attempt to improve Gdynia’s transport accessibility.

The Author carried out research depicting the correlation between Gdynia’s investment activities fostering city’s transport accessibility and chosen socio-economic indicators. The results of the research allowed to formulate positive findings.

