



17th International Input-Output Conference

TITLE: POLICY SCENARIOS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS IN BULGARIA

AUTHORS: GOLEMANOVA, ANTOANETA ; KOLEV, MILEN; KUCHAR, ALES

EMAIL: golemanova@yahoo.com

COUNTRY: BULGARIA

KEYWORDS: RURAL AREAS IN BULGARIA ; EU-ACCESSION ; REGIONAL I-O MODEL ; POLICY EVALUATION ; SCENARIOS

PAPER CONFERENCE CODE: 178

FULL PAPER IN CD?: YES

ABSTRACT:

Bulgarian rural areas' attributes are: high unemployment, lower incomes, bad functioning public utilities and infrastructure. Their economic development is mostly dependent on the agriculture. Despite the significant natural resources potential, the environmental programmes and regulations are rather accepted as rules and restrictions than practices for sustainable development. The EU accession is expected to contribute in terms of decreasing inter- and intraregional disparities. Therefore it is of a great interest to assess the quantitative impacts of the relevant rural development policies for the period 2007-2013. For this purpose two scenarios are created, rural development and environmental, and tested on regional input-output model for South-east region in Bulgaria (Golemanova, 2008). The applied methodology for the regionalisation is GRIT; for the input-output analysis are used backward linkages and Mattas & Shrestha elasticities. Both scenarios proved that the importance of the agricultural sector is going to be blurred and industry is becoming the driving force for the development of rural regions in the country.