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Dear scientists and experts, rural development policy makers and colleagues

We are pleased to invite you to participate already in the 8th International Scientific Conference 'Rural Development 2017: Bioeconomy Challenges'. It already became as biannual tradition to meet colleagues all over the world here. In addition, we are pleased that this event became a common area for international scientific interdisciplinary discussion on rural development and innovations.

It is a pleasure for us to welcome you at Aleksandras Stulginskis University, which is developing due to the challenges of smart growth and bioeconomy. The University is becoming more and more advanced in science and more open to society for cooperation and sharing knowledge.

The Mission of University reveals our main aspiration: to develop and disseminate scientific knowledge and sincerely strive for save and healthy food and ful-fledged living environment for all citizens of Lithuania.

We are able do more "step by step" with global changes and innovations by sharing innovative ideas, experience and results of our researches.

The existing and rising challenges of bioeconomy will be discussed in different Conference sections:

- Biosystems Engineering and Environment Integrity;
- Agro-innovations and Food Technologies;
- Multifunctional Approach for Sustainable Use of Natural Bio-Resources;
- Social Innovations for Rural Development.

Together we can create synergy from broad participation from different sectors of the society, the scientists, practitioners, policy makers, private sector actors, NGOs, even young researchers and students. All the participants will be awarded the possibility to express their attitude towards the scientific issues related to rural development, especially in the focus of bioeconomy challenges.

Prof. dr. Antanas Maziliauskas Rector of Aleksandras Stulginskis University, Chairperson of Scientific Committee the voivodship. The temporal range of the study included the years from 2007 to 2015.

Keywords: cultural assets, EU funding, Northern Poland, rural areas

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Payments for Public Goods Under the Common Agricultural Policy *Versus* Market Failures

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Abstract

In the reality of the market, a situation often arises where an economic surplus achieved by agricultural producers is partly taken over by related nonagricultural sectors. In this sense the category of economic rent embraces market failures related to such factors as price flexibility, and thus represents an effect of the misallocation of resources in the agricultural sector. The question therefore arises of whether there exists a developmental model of agriculture in which such market failures would be reduced. The article addresses the question of whether CAP payments for public goods are a desirable systemic solution serving to reduce market failures. It is hypothesised that the financing of activity relating to the supply of public goods lessens the negative impact of the "market treadmill", since it reduces the unexpected outflows of economic surplus away from farms, caused by agricultural prices. To verify the hypothesis, a panel regression analysis was performed on three sets: the EU-15 countries, the EU-12 countries, and - within Poland subsectors of farms from six standard output classes. The analysis covered the years 2004–2012. The results of the computations provided confirmation of the hypothesis. It may be stated that an increase in the level of payments for public goods, as a percentage of total subsidies to agriculture, leads on average to a reduction in the drainage of economic rents through prices. It was also

found that the financing of public goods under the CAP is more effective in reducing market failures in the EU-15 countries than in the EU-12.

Keywords: public goods, Common Agricultural Policy, market failure

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Analysis of Factors of Implementation of Social Innovations: The Case of Lithuania

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Abstract

Government officials, policymakers and academicians express their concern about creating and developing social innovations according to the programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI). According to European Commission, social innovation is used as social business model (SBM) Despite the increasing attention in global context to create SBM, the expansion of this complex phenomenon is minor. The main benefit of SBM is collaboration between non-profit, non-governmental organizations, consumer organizations and other social actors from rural or urban areas to maximize social value. The object – factors which have influence on development of SBM. The goal of research is to carry out orthogonal factor analysis using statistical package IBM SPSS version 20 and MS Excel 2012. The results are based on the data, which collected by conducting unique questionnaire survey in 2016. The study provides a comprehensive analysis of external, internal, social and governmental factors, hindering cooperation among institutions and affecting creation of SBM. The factor analysis and hypothesis-tested for the