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## **Summary**

Without doubt regional development is one of the fundamental objectives of every state. It can be defined as a specific category of public administration activity, which involves the elaboration of an appropriate institutional system to manage public policies at the local government level. Regional public governance refers to the implementation and execution of public policies (in the case of the employment policy) involving delegated public institutions and regulatory modes. Governance includes programming, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of public action. The effectiveness of the entire process is determined by the activities of all four components of the model that are dependent on each other. As an example of public policy in regional public governance in Poland, employment policy directly fits into the framework of this concept and refers to social – economic cohesion of European Union.

The main objective of this thesis is to present the activity of a public institutions on national and regional level in Poland (ministries, provincial marshal offices, public employment services and other specialized agencies) on the example of the employment policy. Analysis focuses on the case of three polish provinces: Lower Silesia province, Opole province and Silesia province. Employment policy in this paper is treated primarily in terms of the activities carried out by certain public actions which lead to the creation of new jobs, increase employment rate and actively counteracting unemployment. In Poland, employment policy and its effective implementation at the regional level depends largely on the activity of public institutions and cooperation between them. This activity is related to: the level of specialization and the division of competences organization, scope and type of activities undertaken, the implementation of programs and strategies, appropriate methods of governance and multi-level cooperation. The effectiveness of the implementation of the EU level and the so-called “active employment policy” in the context of regional development is highly dependent on the degree of activity of public institutions responsible for its execution. Any weaknesses or deficiencies in the operation of public institutions affect the final efficiency in the implementation of european policies at national and regional level.